



Ascension Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29, 2020

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – HOPE

SONG

Away in the Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

PRAYER

A: Let us pray...Lord God, A candle burns, the sign of our hope. God of hope come to us again this Advent. May your hope live within us, burning as a light in our lives. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

READING

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. But let

your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Keep Awake

Pastor Chris

MUSICAL OFFERING

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (v. 1,4)

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1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

PRAYERS & MUSIC**Hallelujah** (*Leonard Cohen*)**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free — free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peace that passes all understanding of our God. May you be strengthened, comforted, and accompanied by the promise of God's love and life. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

MUSICAL MEDITATION**What Feast of Love** (*arr. Ben Janzow*)**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING**Every Move I Make** (*David Ruis*)

Every move I make I make in You
 You make me move Jesus
 Every breath I take I breathe in You
 Every step I take I take in you
 You are my way Jesus
 Every breath I take I breathe in you

**Waves of mercy, waves of grace
 Everywhere I look I see your face
 Your love has captured me
 Oh my God this love how can it be**

FAITH CONNECTION

Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.

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- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

Vanishing Grace -- What Ever Happened to the

Good News? Join us for this small group via Zoom. Our world is desperate for grace, for good news. Explore how people express their faith in ways that are transformative and can make the gospel Good News again. Contact Cheryl Ades Anspach, cherylynnaa@yahoo.com, to participate in this study Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

Blessing Tree: The Thursday Women's Nurture Group is collecting gift cards for Ascension-related ministries. Please purchase a gift card you think would help people this Christmas season. Plan on dropping off your gift cards next week on Monday or Tuesday since the collection only lasts until Dec. 1.

Blessing Box: Our Blessing Box is seeing an increase in use. Please remember to pick up a few extra items when you shop and place directly in the box or bring to the Donation Center during the hours the church office is open. Waukesha Food Pantry: Dec. 1st and 12th are Meijer Double Match Days. Simply purchase a \$10 Simply Give donation card upon checkout. Meijer will donate a double match to the Waukesha Food Pantry. What a great way to help others at this time of the year!

Harvest Blessings: Don't forget your food donations for the Cross Food Pantry during the month of November to complete the challenge grant from Thrivent of \$250. Please purchase food items or make a cash donation this month (mark Cross in the memo line). We need anything canned, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, rice mixes, potato mixes, pastas, pork and beans and more. Donations can be brought to church when the building is open and placed in the West Hall Donation Center.

Mt. Meru Coffee: Email Donna Aschenbrenner, wra@wi.rr.com, to order your Christmas gifts of the new and excellent Makumira Holiday Blend (\$19/bag), a Christmas gift sampler pack of coffees, the high quality Peaberry coffee, or flavored or regular coffees. Regular/decaf coffee is \$10. Peaberry coffee is \$15. See the Meru website for a description of all there is to purchase and help support our partners in Tanzania.

Prayers

Submit a prayer request online ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers), by email to Tamie@ascensionelca.org, or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

Comfort

- For family and friends of Yvonne Dailey, who died last week. Yvonne's obituary is online.

Thanksgiving

- For Jason Birner's successful surgery last week

God's Care

- For all affected by the coronavirus: those who have died, who are hospitalized, who are sick and all caregivers and emergency personnel
- For all affected by hurricanes, tropical storms, and flooding

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