



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Aurora, MN**

**First Sunday of Advent
*November 27, 2022***

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN (Sunday School and congregation) WOV # 748

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS LBW pg. 77

HYMN Prepare the Royal Highway LBW # 26

GREETING LBW pg. 78

KYRIE LBW pg. 78

HYMN OF PRAISE "Lord God, heavenly king..." LBW pg. 80

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The four (or sometimes five) candles (and Sundays) each have a specific meaning. The colors of these candles are usually blue but sometimes purple, pink, or white.

First Candle: Hope. Having hope in the coming of Christ. We often relate this back to the Old Testament prophets speak about the coming of Christ.

"Light One Candle....." WOV # 630 (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

R: The word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 122 (please read responsively)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: The word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LBW pg. 83

C: *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...*

LBW pg. 83

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LBW # 25

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God, in your mercy, **C: *receive our prayer.***

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Create in me.....

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **C: Amen**

THE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION		LBW pg. 95
SENDING HYMN	Awake, Awake, and Greet.....	WOV # 633
DISMISSAL		LBW pg. 95
POSTLUDE		

Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Janet Salo

Ushers ~ Ron & Maren Lundquist

Music ~ Diane Boback

Contributions

2021 Total budget \$ 80,533

Contributions needed weekly per 2021 budget \$ 1,550

Given Sunday November 20th ~ \$ 1540.00

~Prayer Concerns~

Elsie Lehtinen and family upon the death of her son Tom Lehtinen,
Joy Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene
Clark, Bill Utley

~Calendar ~

Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
Wednesday	9:00	Quilting
	****	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Next Sunday	10:30	Worship/HC
		Sunday School
	11:30	Coffee an

Next Sunday ~ December 4, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Unknown

Ushers ~ Lorna Kallio & Lorraine Ekman

Music ~ Diane Boback

Announcements

LADIES: Our Christmas Dinner/Silent Auction is back and will be on DECEMBER 12 at our church. Signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Looking forward to a great attendance and silent auction items! All proceeds go to the Aurora Food Shelf and Kids' Closet at Mesabi East.

November and December is a time to focus on being good stewards in our church. Please take this time to examine ways we all can be aware of stewardship in our lives, community and church. Our time, our talents and our money.

Wanted ~ Donated white sheets for the mission project of making bandages for Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jan Moore at 229-3466.

Prayer Concerns ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly EyeOpener.

Prayer Chain ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Lorraine Ekman 229-3328 , Janet Salo 229-2332 or

404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 229-0130, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-1471.

Thank you to all who shovel, you all are very much appreciated!!

11/25 – 12/1

Jon Knapper

12/2 – 12/8

Steve Lafrenier

Annual Report time is quickly approaching. The deadline is December 31, 2022. The Holiday Season is beginning and life usually gets busier than usual, so if you are the committee member responsible for turning in this report this is just a gentle reminder. 😊

We extend our love and sympathy to Elsie Lehtinen upon the death of her son Tom Lehtinen. Tom passed away November 11, 2022 in Omaha of bladder cancer. He is survived by his mother Elsie, siblings Harold, Joan, Nancy, and Michael, his wife Judy and their children Tedd, Rick, and Amy, and their six grandchildren.

Next Sunday, December 4, we will begin the second year of "Grab-N-Go" to collect **winter hats, mittens, and gloves** for Mesabi East elementary students. Please bring donated items to the labeled bin at church. Let's help to keep the heads and hands of young students warm for the winter season.

Celebration of Light and Music ~ Camp Hiawatha, December 11th, 2pm-6:30 p.m. Afternoon activities are free! Space is limited for the meal at 5p.m.

Cost: Activities are Free, Meal Tickets can be purchased online at <https://CLM22.givesmart.com> \$18 (12 +), \$9 (6-11), Free (5 and under)

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS ~*Sliding, Broomball / Ice Skating, Lefse-making, Waffle Making, Music-filled worship, Holiday meal*

EVENT SCHEDULE ~ 2:00 PM-3:50 PM *Outdoor Activities & Snacks – View the lights around camp & enjoy cider, lefse and other snacks and activities.*

3:50 PM-4:00 PM - Hymn Sing

4:00 PM- 5:00 PM - Worship

5:00 PM-6:30 PM - Dinner (Space is limited!) If you have any trouble or would like help in purchasing meal tickets, please call the main office at 800-331-5148 or 218-481-9080.

Mesabi East Ministerial Association(MEMA) MEMA is an Emergency Fund, and is in dire need of donations. Checks can be made out to Interchurch and left in the offering plate or mailed to: Jan Mikolich, P.O. Box 364, Biwabik, MN 55708. The contact for MEMA is Pastor Barns @ Faith Lutheran Church, 218-742-6525 or Church # 218-225-2715.