Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church First Sunday of Advent, Year C Sunday, November 28, 2021

Introduction

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Call to Worship (inspired by Jeremiah 33:14-16)

Confession and Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Opening Hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" #436 vss. 1, 3

Use Hymnal

Advent Litanies—A Week of Hope

See insert

(Light the first purple/blue candle as we song the following song)

Hymn "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

#240 vs. 1

Use Hymnal

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads—your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia. (Luke 21:28)

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Pulpit Hymn "People, Look East" #248 vss. 1,4

Use Hymnal

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 257 vss. 1, 2, 4

Lyrics Provided

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer Sharing of Peace

Offering You are welcome to leave your offering as you leave the sanctuary.

Ushers brings the offering to the sanctuary

Offering Prayer

Blessing Closing Hymn

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

#244 vss. 1, 4

Lyrics Provided

Dismissal

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Prayer Concerns: Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Kathrine-Sylvia and Jezel (Pastor Sarras' Family), April, Brieanna, Alice, Charissa, Scott, Phyllis Hustedt, Ashley Nickolai, Laura, David, Sara, Jeff Groethe, Edie Smith, Joan Winterhoff, Pastor Mark (Dixie Burk's Brother), Pat Stolen, Sonya McCutcheon (Jackie's Sister-in-Law), Jim Palmer, Nancy (Reinertson friend), Linda Knott, Tom, Danielle (Reinertson Niece). (Contact ILC office to update.)

Afghan Refugee Support.

"God defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing" (Deuteronomy 10:18).

The church council has voted to start a campaign to collect items to support the Afghan refugees in Wisconsin. Here is the list of items needed:

- Socks and underwear for men, women, and children in all sizes.
- New or very gently used and clean winter coats and hats for men and women, sizes **small and medium**. Please note: we are unable to accept any other clothing at this time. (LSS)
- Toiletries kits*: personal items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes.
- Kitchen kits*: pots and pans, tableware, mixing bowls, etc.
- Cleaning supplies kits*: dish soap, laundry detergent, sponges.
- Linens kits: bath towels, sheets, blankets.

The deadline for collecting the items above is **January 1, 2022**.

*These individual kits will be securely packaged as individual kits.
We will be asking for volunteers to assemble the kits. We will drop them at LSS
Refugee Resettlement Office in Milwaukee, WI. If you are giving a monetary

donation, please make your check payable to "Immanuel Lutheran Church" with LSS in the memo.



ILC is collecting **canned and non-perishable food** during November to donate it to families in need in our community. Please place the food under the **Thanksgiving Tree** in the gathering room.

The Wausau Lyric Choir will perform its Christmas 2021 concert – **Gloria! A Time to Rejoice!** at First Presbyterian Church (406 Grant Street downtown Wausau) on **Friday, December 10 and Saturday December 11 at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday December 12 at 3:00 P.M.** There is no charge to attend instead the Choir will accept free-will donations at the concert.

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will resume collection of 2022 calendars for the residents of area nursing homes. If you have extras, you can bring them to the church office where they will be picked up later.

Worship Assistants – Today		
Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras		
Pianist / Organist	Reader(s)	Usher
Karen Zuidema		Mike Schwede
Video Recorder: Bob Henning		
Altar Guild: Joanne Diestelhorst		

Attendance on 11/21/21: 43

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: nkalesto@gmail.com