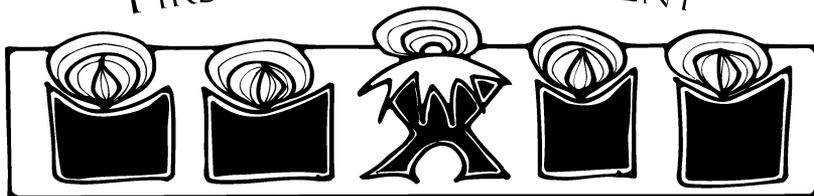


# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



**November 27, 2022 (8:30am)**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”** (LSB344/LW19 4 verses)

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart’s delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast  
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace  
In love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.

You come, O Lord, with gladness, In mercy and goodwill,  
To bring an end to sadness And bid our fears be still.  
In patient expectation, We live for that great day,  
When a renewed creation Your glory shall display.

**First Sunday of Advent: Expectation of Hope**

**Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

“The days are coming, ’declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and

Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.”

**Candle Lighting:** Today, we light the candle of expectation and hope. May it remind each and every one of us of God’s great promise to us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is Savior.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”** (LSB 357 vs 1&2)

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**Prayer:** Father, during the Advent season may we be reminded of your promises to us and your fulfillment of them. Help us to prepare our lives for His Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5**

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14**

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

**Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord** (*spoken*)

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ** (*spoken*)

## THE SERMON

**SONG: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”** (LSB 575, Tune: Magdalen)  
(Verses 1,3,4)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

### Refrain

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

### Refrain

## THE CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

Leader: Let us pray for...in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*(silence)*

That God may strengthen and enlarge his Church and unite all those who bear His name we pray:

**PEOPLE: STIR UP YOUR POWER AND COME!**

Leader: That the Church strive not for its own but for the salvation of all, we pray:

**PEOPLE: STIR UP YOUR POWER AND COME!**

Leader: That the Spirit grant all pastors and ministers of the Church all needful gifts of the Spirit that they may faithfully fulfill their calling and lead the Church with the spirit of wisdom and love, we pray:

**PEOPLE: STIR UP YOUR POWER AND COME!**

Leader: That the Spirit grant that all Christians may show forth Christ in lives of faithfulness and devotion to him as we await His return, we pray:

**PEOPLE: STIR UP YOUR POWER AND COME!**

Leader: That many in this season would receive the gift of peace from the Christ-child and that many hearts would be turned to the Lord, we pray:

**PEOPLE: STIR UP YOUR POWER AND COME!**

Leader: (special intercessions may be added here). . . we pray:

**PEOPLE: STIR UP YOUR POWER AND COME!**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord. . .our Lord.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

(please be seated)

## **THE OFFERING**

### **THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we of-fer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## **THE MEAL**

### **THE PREFACE** (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: IT IS RIGHT AND PROPER SO TO DO.**

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**THE SANCTUS:** *(tune: Thine the Amen)*

**No introduction**

Holy Holy Holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored

Heav'n and Earth with full acclaim

Shout the glory of Your name

Sing Hosanna in the highest Sing Hosanna to the Lord

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

**THE PEACE:**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

(please share that peace with one another)

**“Lamb of God”**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
 Have mercy on us, mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
 Have mercy on us, mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
 Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

**THE DISTRIBUTION****POST-COMMUNION PRAYER****C: AMEN****THE SENDING****A BLESSING**

**P:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
 so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN!****SENDING SONG: “The Advent Of Our God ”** (Tune: LW 12 or LSB331)

The advent of our God Shall be our theme for prayer;  
 Come, let us meet him on the road And place for him prepare.

The everlasting Son Incarnate stoops to be,  
 Himself the servant's form puts on To set his people free.

Come, Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly king,  
 Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace he comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again  
 And all his scattered saints unite With him on high to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sin be put to flight;  
 No longer let the law hold sway, But walk in freedom's light.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
 With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC**

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## Today we welcome

**Rev. Paul Hopkins** leading us in worship. Rev. Hopkins- comes to us from the Fort Wayne area. A 2005 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He served St. Michael -Rogers City MI, St. Paul Mattoon IL, CTSFW- Fort Wayne IN. Married 42 years, 3 children, 8 grandchildren. Served 20 years in Chicago as a Railroad Policeman.

We encourage our visitors to sign our guest book or fill out a contact card, we would love the opportunity to connect with you further.

## Today at BSLC

**Today's Worship Helpers.** *Sign up sheet available on counter in hall*

	8:30 am	11:00 am
Acolyte		
Greeter		
Usher		
Lector		Mark or Amy Newmeyer
Communion Assistants	Mike Rice	Larry Wiech
AV	Cathy Eggleston	Larry & Marianne Wiech

**Online sign ups are now available** for Sunday service volunteers, Sunday school teachers. Links are available on the church app and church website.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Scott Eggleston (11/27), Matthew Olson (11/29), Sophie Hill (11/30), Addison Starr (12/1), Annika Starr (12/1), Isabella De Vargis (12/3) and Stephen Hill (12/3)