

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting One *pg. 151 in the hymnal*

WELCOME

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN “Savior of the Nations Come” #332

INVOCATION + CONFESSION + ABSOLUTION

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Hymn of Praise “Glory to God in the Highest” *Pg. 154*

COLLECT

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 64:1-9**

(Israel pleads with the LORD to come down from heaven and make everything right that sin has ruined.)

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did

awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Epistle **1Corinthians 1:3-9**

(God gives us, as a Church, all the spiritual gifts that we need in order to sustain us as we await Christ’s return.)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus

Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

(Jesus warns us to be spiritually awake and expect

many difficulties before his return.)

L: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Thirteenth Chapter

C: **Glory to You. O Lord.**

"But in those days, after that tribulation, 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. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And 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 out 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 say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. 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 servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning-- lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Ann Gardels

Sermon Hymn "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" #355

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“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

Distribution Hymns

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Benediction

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. David Ohlman

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, Polk

Rev Eddie Mekasha,

Missionary to Sudanese and

Ethiopian Immigrants

Maddison Brandenburgh

Serving as a Missionary

For Our Congregation and Community:

Caroline Heidorn(Healing for her broken leg)

Family of Anthony & Melanie(Erks) Davidson

Bonnie Gudgel

Joyce Schriener(Fighting Cancer)

Allen Klepper

Jason Beck

Corey Luth (brother of Gloria Deremer)

Donna Walgren

Dennis Conell,
Lavona Lanik (Roy Richter's aunt)
Amy Walton (Cristy Richter's sister)
Farmer Bob Brauer
Peg Baylor (Cristy Richter's Sister)
Roger Rhodes
Jenni Conell
Bill West
David Bjerrum
Joan Fiala (Roy Richter's aunt)
Shelley Scheele
Mitch Peeks
Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother)
Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's Mom)