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God's Work  
 Our Hands

*God is creating  
 in us.....*

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**November 28, 2021**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 am**

**PREPARATION**

Prelude

Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting: Hope

L: Dear God, As we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope. Hope for your presence, Hope for your peace, Hope for your promise.

**C: Amen.**

Candle Lighting Song "Candles Glowing, Promise Showing"

Words by Elana Keppel Levy – to the tune "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

**1. Candles glowing, promise showing the great hope that calms our fear.**

**Darkness scatters, worry shatters, Christ will always draw us near. Calms our sighing, hears our crying, helps our trying, love undying: Christ will always draw us near! Christ will always draw us near!**

\*Greeting & Sharing of the Peace

\*Invocation

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God; Who forgives all our sin, Whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you, and against our sisters and brothers. Our words and deeds have not proclaimed your reign of justice and truth. We have failed to watch and pray for the signs of your advent among us. Forgive our sin, And come quickly to save us. Amen.**

Entrance Hymn "Glory Be to God on High" St. James Music Press

**1. Glory be to God on high, To all people, peace on earth, Angels, shepherds drawing nigh, Join to celebrate His birth.**

**Refrain: Glo- - -ria in excelsis Deo! In excelsis Deo! (twice)**

**2. Jesus Christ, we now declare Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mercy, hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en above. (Refrain)**

**3. Praises to the Holy One, Praises sing in highest heav'n; To the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit giv'n. (Refrain)**

## SERVICE OF ADORATION

### HOLY BAPTISM

#### \*PROFESSION OF FAITH

*(The minister addresses parents, sponsor, and congregation.)*

P: Do you believe in the God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of the Day:

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, **C: and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF INSTRUCTION

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

OT p. 572

Psalms 25:1-10

1) To you, O Lord,

**I lift up my soul.**

2) My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
**nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

3) Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
**rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.**

4) Show me your ways, O Lord,  
**and teach me your paths.**

5) Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

6) Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
**for they are from everlasting.**

7) Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

**remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

8) You are gracious and upright, O Lord;  
**therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

9) You lead the lowly in justice  
**and teach the lowly your way.**

10) All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
**to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

NT p. 161

Children's Message

Anthem 'A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord"'

Senior Choir

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

NT pg. 65

**C: Glory to You, O Lord      C: Praise to You, O Christ**

Sermon

### **SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn of the Day

*'Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers'*

#244

- 1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh. Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**
- 2. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.**
- 3. The saints, who here in patience their cross and sufferings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.**
- 4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, over this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!**

Prayers of the People

P: Hear us, O God,    **C: Your mercy is great.**

Offertory Prayer

**C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

### **SENDING**

Blessing

The God of hope strengthen your hearts. As you await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ With all the saints. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

Sending Song

'Fling Wide the Door" vs. 1,3,4

#259

**1. Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the King of glory comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of this world who brings his great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth and praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.**

**3. Oh, happy towns and blessed lands that live by their true kings's commands. And blessed be the hearts he rules, the humble places where he dwells. He is the rightful Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes his, creator of the world, our only strength for good.**

**4. Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ; our hearts are open wide in trust. Oh, show us now your lovely grace, upon our sorrows shine your face, and let your Holy Spirit guide our journey in your grace so wide. We praise your holy name, from age to age the same!**

Bells

Postlude

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**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Our service today is being broadcast on Facebook Live and KDIO. Visitors are invited to pick up a 'Pocket Prayer Shawl' from the ushers as they leave today. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast is sponsored** by your gifts to the Endowment Fund.

**Congratulations and God's Blessings** as we welcome into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today, Tuesday Louise and Barrett Marvin. Tuesday is the daughter of Ashton and Caiti Conroy. Her sponsors are Shawn and Kristin Taffe. Barrett Marvin is the son of Kirby and Mari Athey. His sponsors are Kyle and Courtney Giese.

**God of all Consolation be with** Ron and Nancie Haukos and family on the passing of her mother, Phyllis Pederson and to Dean and Anita Longnecker on the passing of her father, Alvin Hanson.

**New office hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Thursday: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. If you have any secretarial or youth needs, please try to contact staff during these times.

**Annual reports** are due by December 15 and financial reports by January 4.

**Volunteers needed** for the 3:30 and 5:00 Christmas Eve services. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping. We need, greeters, lectors, acolytes, and ushers.

**POINSETTIAS:** If you are planning to donate a plant/poinsettia for the Advent Christmas Garden please have names and/or memorial information to the church office as soon as possible so they can be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. If you would like your Poinsettia back, please put your name on it and pick it up after the holiday.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Mary Gustafson; Ken Henneberg; Gerry Nypen; Mark Nypen; Gail Olson; Marlys Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Mick Boone; Henry Domine; Paul Erdman; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Rayonna Johnson; Zane Kilde; Linda Olson; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; Dorothy Tangen; and Terry Ward. **AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS:** Ron Beling; Ruth Hansen; Howard Janssen; Eleanor Nickolauson; & Cheryl Wittnebel. **ALL OUR MILITARY** who are deployed to areas of conflict, especially Sergio Clark-Carbajal and Mallory Roelke. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.*



**Currently seeking real superheroes** Prairie Five Community Action is seeking “superheroes” (volunteers) to help bridge the gaps in our communities and connect our neighbors with the resources they need (food shelves, thrift stores, meals, and rides). To get involved, call 1800-292-5437 or visit [PrairieFive.org](http://PrairieFive.org) today!

**God's Creations Fundraiser Calendars** are located in the narthex for sale \$7.00. Cash or checks (written to *FELC Youth*) can be placed in Nancie's box in the library.

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Amount needed weekly: \$5,500.00. Last week's offering: General: \$3,556.00; Operating Reserve: \$213.26.

**Just a friendly reminder...**Our offering box is located near the sanctuary entrance door at the back of the church. Please contact ushers for help.

**Pastor Denise is available** for pastoral visits, but we need your help. If you or a family member needs pastoral care, please reach out to Pastor Denise (763-516-2026) or the church office (839-2527). We must have family permission to put a person's name on the prayer chain, prayer list, or receive a pastoral call or visit

**THRIVENT: Their Inheritance, Your Legacy.** Learn how to equitably transfer property to your family... Farms, cabins, and other properties can hold special meaning to families. But transferring them to the next generation can be tricky. Attend the free Thrivent workshop, *Transferring Property Across Generations*, and learn how to create a transition strategy that's equitable to you and your heirs. • Learn three key parts to the inheritance process. • See the importance of clear communication. • Get strategies to protect what's important to you. Please join your Thrivent Member Network–Northland Region for this event. Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:00 p.m. CT Online Webinar Thursday, December 9, 2021 6:30 p.m. CT Online Webinar

**Tis the season to be a BLOOD DONOR!** The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at New Life Baptist Church on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm -7 pm; at the Clinton Memorial Building on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm-6 pm; or at the Bellingham Community Center on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm until 6 p.m. Go on line to schedule an appointment at: [redcrossblood.org/](http://redcrossblood.org/) . At this time, masks are still being required to make donations. Make this holiday season bright for someone who needs blood and get that warm feeling you'll have, knowing you helped save someone's life by donating.

**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. Church office number is (320)839-2527.

### **This Week's Ministry Assistants**

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie  
**Greeter:** Keven Berdan and Ashton S.  
**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg and Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Jim Foster and Art Vollmer  
**Lector:** Ellie Helgeson  
**Acolyte:** Raimi and Ashton C.

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan  
**Greeter:** Dick and Marla Strei  
**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz and Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Vern Nickolauson & Warren Wiese  
**Lector:** Barb Wiese  
**Acolyte:** Treshawn and Jasper

## Weekly Calendar

- Sun – 11/28** 9:00 am Worship – Service of the Word – KDIO – Facebook  
Baptism of Tuesday Louise and Barrett Marvin  
10:00 am Fellowship  
**NO Sunday School** due to Thanksgiving Break
- Mon – 11/29** 10:00 Staff Meeting
- Tues- 11/30** 8:30 am- Day of Love  
4:00 pm Evangelism setting up Giving Tree
- Wed – 12/1** 9:00 am Circle #4 Christmas Gathering  
9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
3:30 pm Kids Club; 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmation  
5:30 pm TV Broadcast; 9<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmation  
6:00 pm Youth Group decorate the Narthex with Marilyn H.  
7:00 pm Senior Choir
- Fri – 12/3** 9:00 am Bulletin Printed
- Sun – 12/5** 9:00 am Worship – Setting 10 – Communion – KDIO – Facebook  
10:00 am Fellowship, Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice  
10:30 am Council Meeting