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First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 28, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.

Service of Prayer and Preaching



Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come – Johann Pachelbel

Opening Hymn

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

STAND

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

L Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Make His paths straight.

L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Canticle

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sit

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall

execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 25:1–10

P To you, O LORD,

C I lift up my soul.

P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C let not my enemies exult over me.

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

C they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

C teach me your paths.

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

C for you I wait all the day long.

P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

C for they have been from of old.

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

P Good and upright is the LORD;

C therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P He leads the humble in what is right,

C and teaches the humble his way.

P All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

C for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

STAND

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

P Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

SIT

Recite the Ten Commandments and Pray the Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Sermon

"No Shame in Waiting For the Lord" (Psalm 25:1-3)

Offering

O Lord, How Shall I meet You – John Eggert

(After the offering please pass your attendance card toward the center aisle to be collected by an usher.)

STAND

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy...

L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Cantic

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Postlude

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring – James L. Brauer

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The blue paraments announce a new church year and hope with the coming of the King of Kings – as Baby in Bethlehem, as Savior in Word and Sacrament, and as Judge of all.

Participants

Preacher
Liturgist
Organ
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Pastor Aaron Reseburg
Richard C. Ewert
Doug Greik
John Schaefer
Dan Berry, Aaron DeWitt, Dick Knutson, Caleb Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Athanasius Speck,
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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	8:00 a.m. Worship (SOPP)	7:00 p.m. Ganswindt Barbershop Rental (FH)
	9:30 a.m. Bible Study – Hebrews (Nave)	T 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	9:30 a.m. Key to Life (229)	6:30 p.m. Foundation Meeting (CLC)
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School (various rooms)	7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting (228)
	10:45 a.m. Worship – (DS2)	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
	7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)	W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (229)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
	5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (CLC)	3:15 p.m. Lego Club
	5:00 p.m. Public School Confirmation (228)	TH 6:00 p.m. PTL (228)
	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	6:30 p.m. Worship

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 246 attended services last Thursday and Sunday in person. **77** households streamed the service for a total of **323**. "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

SCRIP FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING: You can use Scrip cards to shop at your favorite stores. Do you have that Hard-to-buy-for friend or family member, or someone that just *wants* a gift card to get what *they* want? Buy SCRIP cards and give them as gifts. Check our how Scrip can help you with your shopping needs. Are you wondering what gift to give for our Pastors, members of EGL staff or faculty for Christmas? Here is a solution for you! You can give money towards Scrip cards. They will be able to use that money to purchase the Scrip gift cards of their choice. Meg Grell will be available in the church lobby after services. You may also contact her with questions: mgrell@egl.org.

FALLS PATIO PLAYERS presents "Christmas Carol" December 3-5 at Menomonee Falls North Middle School. EGL member Mark Ewert is a member of the cast. This is a musical version of the Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" Purchase tickets at www.fallspatioplayers.com.

JOURNEYS LUTHERAN SCHOOL BUS FUNDRAISER: Journeys Lutheran School is raising money for a new school bus. They rely on this bus to get their students to and from school each day, send their Freshmen and Sophomore students to Martin Luther High School for classes each day, and allow their students to go on field trips. Please make a contribution on Tuesday, November 30 at www.journeyslutheran.org/donate.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF IS BACK!! The Board of Evangelism would like to invite you to join us in a friendly competition on December 8 from 5:00-6:15 p.m. prior to the Advent service. Bring your best chili, broth soup, cream soup, or bread and enter for a chance to win prizes! You can enter by emailing evangelism@egl.org or calling/texting Paula Ky at 262-366-3170.

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents a Christmas concert: The Work of Christmas. Friday, December 10, 7:00 pm, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6705 Northway, Greendale and Sunday, December 12, 3:00 pm, Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center Street, Milwaukee. Tickets: \$15-General Admission, \$12-Seniors & Students. For more information: www.lutheranacappella.org
Masks are required for everyone attending.

PTL FUNDRAISER: December fundraising dinner for our PTL. It is 12/7 at the Panera on Greenfield Ave in Brookfield from 4 - 8 pm. 20% of sales will be donated on all orders that use the online code (PRFUND) or show the flyer.

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT invites you to their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 10, and Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. The concert, entitled "*Journey to the Manger*" will feature the Troubadours, Chorus, Concert Choir, Brass Choir, Spartan Band, Varsity Band, and Symphonic Band. Please join us for this festive event! Ticket reservations may be made by calling 414-421-4000. Tickets are also available at the door.

MABAS LECTURES: MABAS is the Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeology Society. They host several archaeology lectures and presentations throughout the academic year on the campus of Wisconsin Lutheran College. They are open and free to the public, held usually on Tuesday evenings. On Nov 16 a fascinating presentation was given on the results of 22 years of archaeological work done at Hippos in the Decapolis (near the Sea of Galilee.) Previous lectures this fall were on St Paul's journey from Puteoli to the Appian Way and Where Was the Biblical Red Sea? These earlier lectures are available for viewing online at the MABAS Vimeo showcase <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8888661>. If you'd like to receive announcements about upcoming events send an email to MABAS@wlc.edu.

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our LWML morning group will have its Christmas party in the BAAC on Wed., Dec. 1, at 10:00 a.m. Instead of a Bible study, we will participate in a **Christmas Devotion** of singing favorite Christmas carols, reading scripture and narrations pertaining to Jesus' birth. Our emphasis for this special December meeting will be on praising and thanking God for His plan of salvation as we ponder the true meaning of Christmas. For our luncheon, please bring 6 cookies and a sandwich. We extend an invitation to all women of our congregation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPIC TODAY: God saved the Hebrews through the water of the Red Sea. He saves us through the washing of water in Holy Baptism. (Exodus 13:17-15:21)

PLEASE PRAY FOR and remember these members of EGL who are confined to bed or to their homes. Addresses and telephone #'s are in the church directory.

Nina Kaul Inge Klammer
Joan Komschlies Wayne Koneman

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler – Hawaii
Katherine Leaf – Middle East
Alex Ohde – USS Key West, Guam
Joshua Tesch – Deployed to Jordan