

# Christ *Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent—November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

*Please Stand (Order of worship – Morning Praise p.45)*

**Opening Hymn:** *Father, we praise you, now the night is over, Active and watchful, standing now before you. Singing we offer prayer and meditation; Thus we adore you.*

*Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions; Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending. Bring us to heaven, where your saints united Joy without ending.*

*All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us your salvation. Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation.*

**M:** O Lord, open my lips.

**C:** And my mouth shall declare your praise.

**M:** Hasten to save me, O God.

**C:** O Lord, come quickly to help me.

**M:** Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.

**C:** (sung) **Oh, come let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are also his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 63:16b,17; 64:1-8**

You, LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.<sup>17</sup> Why, LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!<sup>2</sup> As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!<sup>3</sup> For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.<sup>4</sup> Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.<sup>5</sup> You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? <sup>6</sup>All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. <sup>7</sup>No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to<sup>l</sup> our sins.<sup>8</sup> Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 24 – page 73 in *Christian Worship (CW)*

### **SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup>I always thank my God for

you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way — with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Seasonal Response:** Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

**Holy Gospel: Mark 13:32-37**

<sup>32</sup> “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. <sup>35</sup> “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

**Hymn of the Day: CW 2 “Savior of the Nations, Come”**

**Sermon:**

**C: (sung)** *We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the pow’rs of heav’n, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav’nly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. the white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.*

**Offering** *“Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.”* (Ps. 103:2)

**Offering Hymn:** cd music

**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**C: (sung)** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**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.

*Prayer of the Day: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by Your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Prayer for Grace:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**M:** Let us praise the Lord

**C: (sung) Thanks be to God.**

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: (sung) Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: CW 15 "Hark A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"**

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**\*Lutheran Ladies' mtg. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Council Meeting on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm.**

**\*Sunday School will be practicing for Christmas starting next week. Ergo no BC.**

**\*Please consider coming in Thurs. night to help make the Care Baskets and also how you can help at NELHS for the Christmas Concert Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> which we help host.**

**\*WELS Connection video following worship today.**

**\*Christmas Carol Song Service Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

**\*Pastor Fred Berger was led by the Lord to accept the call to serve St. Paul-Plymouth!**

**-Birthdays and Anniversaries: Mark Dwerlkotte (11/30); Greg Penner (12/3); Autumn Malchow (12/4)**

<i>This Week and Beyond</i>			<i>Fruits of our Faith (11/22-23 &amp; 26)</i>		
Today	8:45am	BC & SS	Attendance: 8 (Sat) 57 (Sun) SS - ; BC-	Needed:	
	9:30 am	Worship	Home Fund:	\$2333	\$1600
			Missions:	\$118	\$122
Thurs.	7:00pm	Ladies' Mtg.	NELHS Operating:	\$200	\$122
			NELHS Debt:	\$25	
Sat.	4:30pm	Sat.Worship	<i>Total</i>	\$2676	\$1,844
Sun	8:45 am	BC & SS	<i>Serving Among Us</i>		
	9:30 am	Communion Worship	Organist: Elaine Schroeder		
			Ushers: Gordon Crome (elder) Will Rosenboom & Kevin Rehm		