



Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Sunday in Advent

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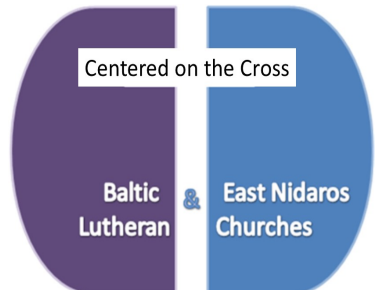
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Worship Plan for Sunday, December 3, 2023

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LBW Holy Communion Setting Two

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (LBW 25)

GREETING (LBW p. 78)

KYRIE (LBW p. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)

This is the feast.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**
³Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁸**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel LBW 34 vs 1

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lighting of First Advent Candle—HOPE Candle

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling

from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then 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.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Waiting in Certain Hope*

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (LBW 294)

APOSTLE’S CREED (LBW p. 85)

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *Praise and Thanksgiving* LBW 409 vs 1 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE (LBW p. 87)

PREFACE (LBW p. 88)

SANCTUS (LBW p. 89)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND HIS PRESENCE IN THE BREAD AND WINE ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LAMB OF GOD (LBW p. 92)

Just As I Am, without One Plea LBW 296

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 92-93)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

BLESSING (LBW p. 94)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Three Fold Amen Sung

SENDING HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning WOV 627

DISMISSAL (LBW p. 94)

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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Poinsettia Memorials

Anyone wishing to place a poinsettia plant at the church in memory of a loved one is welcome to do so during the Christmas season. Please call or email the office and let Lisa know who the memorial is for so we can post this information.



MEMBERS

Betty Jean Benjamin
Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold
Jimmie Vollan—Nathan Vrchota
Kelly LaValliere—Heather Petersen
Dale Thompson— Gary Kocmick
Harry Laue

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community
Keith Fawcett—Kyla Fawcett's (Nesheim) father-in-law
Anita (Ana) Reategui—Friend of Jeff and Joan Boldt
Carolyn Koopman—Aunt of Kim Questad
James Langloss—Kim Questad's Uncle
Mattias Warne—Friend of the Community
Carol, Billy, Nicole, Chad, Dane, Noah, Brian & Lisa—Family of Eric & Lindsey Comes
Becky Berg—Sister-in-law of Dick Berg
Family of Ruby Hanson
Family of Marilyn Johnson

Our Response to God's Love

Baltic: Nov 26: Attendance 26; General Fund\$600.00 Noisy Can\$14.81
Thanksgiving Offering \$55.00

East: Nov 26: Attendance 25; General Fund \$1440.00 Noisy Can \$17.80
Thanksgiving Offering \$140.00

EAST NIDAROS Live Nativity

Please join us at our outside nativity on Sunday, December 10, 2023, from, 5 – 7 pm. There will be caroling and fellowship as we gather to celebrate Christmas and Jesus' birth.

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

DECEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Honor Flight
East: Shetek Ministry

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship

Things Happening Week of December 3rd

Mon Dec 4	No Bible Study in December
Tue Dec 5	2:30pm PQ at DNRC
Wed Dec 6	6:30pm 8th Confirmation @ East 7:30pm 7th Confirmation @ East

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship 10:30 Worship and livestreamed on Facebook @
East Nidaros	EastNidarosLutheranChurch

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

Baltic

Dec 3 WELCA Officers
& 10

East Nidaros

Dec 17 Birthday Cake Celebration
Dec 24 Keith & Paula Harvey
& 31 Rob & Katie Siemonsma

EAST NIDAROS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Super Heroes Baby Jesus

Yes – there is a new superhero who was born on Christmas Day!

Please join us on December 17, 2023, at 10:30 am for **"A Super Christmas"**. There will be a lunch served after our Christmas program.

It is also the Sunday School's annual **Bake Sale**. Volunteers are needed to bring individually wrapped baked goods for the Bake Sale. Please bring on Sunday, December 17, 2023. Prices will be marked at the church.