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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Beth Grafenstein

BELLS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Screen

WELCOME SONG

My Lord, What a Morning

WOV 627*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Screen

GATHERING HYMN

O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel

LBW 34

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (please speak)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:3-9

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Pr. Carleton

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

(vs. 1)

WOV 630

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| RESPONSE | “Glory to you, O Lord.” (please speak) | LBW pg. 63 |
| GOSPEL | | Mark 13:24-37 |
| RESPONSE | “Praise to you, O Christ.” (please speak) | LBW pg. 63 |
| SERMON | | Pr. Carleton |
| HYMN OF THE DAY | <i>The King Shall Come</i> | LBW 33 |
| NICENE CREED | | Screen |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | | |
| | P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer. | |

MEAL

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| PEACE | | |
| OFFERING | ELCA Good Gifts | |
| OFFERTORY PRAYER | | |
| | P: Lord of Advent, | |
| | C: accept the offerings we bring this day, the work of our hands, the gifts of our labor, our lives to serve you. Gladden our hearts as we watch for your coming and help us to share that gladness with all. | |
| | Amen. | |
| THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | (please speak) | |
| EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER | | Screen |
| WORDS OF INSTITUTION | | |
| THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| DISTRIBUTION | (at the rail) | Screen |
| COMMUNION MUSIC | <i>Listen, God is Calling!</i> | |
| POST-COMMUNION BLESSING | | |
| POST-COMMUNION PRAYER | | |

SENDING

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| BENEDICTION | | |
| BELLS | | |
| SENDING SONG | <i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i> | LBW 26 |
| DISMISSAL | | |
| | P: Go in peace. The Lord is coming soon. | |
| | C: Thanks be to God. | |

POSTLUDE Beth Grafenstein

* denotes a favorite hymn

This Week's Bible Readings

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| Mon | Psalms 79, Micah 4:1-5, Revelation 15:1-8 |
| Tue | Psalms 79, Micah 4:6-13, Revelation 18:1-10 |
| Wed | Psalms 79, Micah 5:1-5a, Luke 21:34-38 |
| Thu | Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13, Hosea 6:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 |
| Fri | Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13, Jeremiah 1:4-10, Acts 11:19-26 |
| Sat | Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13, Ezekiel 36:24-28, Mark 11:27-33 |
| Sun | Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8 |

Service Assistants

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| Greeters | Everyone | Everyone |
| Ushers | Mike & Carol Jones | At BLC - youth |
| Acolyte | Mackenzie Mitchell | At BLC - youth |
| Reader | Diana Schwenke | At BLC - youth |
| Communion | Bob & Diana Schwenke | At BLC - youth |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 3, 2017

When emailing pastor please use the **csmee001@luthersem.edu** address.

See the insert for December services etc.

BLC will be filling food bags for those in need on Dec. 9 at 8:00 AM. We are invited to help & donate goodies or \$. If you know of someone in need, call Julie Smith at 732-5590 or Connie Stennes at 652-3485.

Newsletter info – please send/give to Jan Knutson: jknutsonak@arvig.net or Phyllis Deer phylcdeer@yahoo.com

PLEASE help with the **cleaning of the church**. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. You don't have to commit to an entire month. If you have questions, please contact someone on the maintenance committee.

October Income: \$7,621.91

October Expenses: \$4,299.10

Prayer Concerns: *The Pine Point School & the White Earth Indian Reservation, Jan Hirsh* (friend of Owen and Jan Knutson), *Ted Bartel & Dolly Adams* (cousins of Phyllis Deer), *Carole Ann Morris, Carl & Linda Anderson, Christine Slagle* (Carl Anderson's God Daughter), *Shawn Address, Austin Peet* (friend of Debbie Hodapp,) *Lexi Wheeler* (Jim & Gloria Thomsen's granddaughter), *Torey Meyer, Tad Trottier* (friend of Knutsons), *Shelly West* (daughter of Barb Doerring), *Merub Morris* (friend of Synstegards), *Dorothy Pohl, Tim Cooper, Shirley Davies* (aunt of Peg Davies), *Dennis Sweeney* (brother of Linda Anderson), *Futz* (friend of Tom Synstegard), *Dennis Lecy* (friend of Peg Davies), *Chad Jarman* (Lorna Cooper's friend), *Jennifer Lyons* (Carol Jones's niece), *Wayne Hruby* (Dorothy Pohl's friend), *Ryan Lau, Linda Husby, Hannah Gass* (granddaughter of Larry Gass), *Barb Doerring, Jim & Lorrie Bergquist, Annika Mae Feist* (grandniece of Lorna Cooper), *Joy & Tim Atwater* (Carol Jones's sister & brother-in-law), *Judy Gerdts* (friend of Peg Davies), *Jerry Johnson,* (Jeanette Johnson's son), *Shawn Semmler* (Rachelle Krotzer's brother)

Welcome!

We are blessed by the presence of every individual as we are called together to worship God. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table.

Opportunities This Week

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| Today | Sunday School | 9:15 AM |
| | Coffee Fellowship | 9:30 AM |
| | Worship Service | 10:30 AM |
| | Potluck | 11:30 AM |
| | Bible Study - BLC | 5:00 PM |
| Mon | Pr. Carleton's office & coffee hours at Zappy's in Akeley | 9:00-11:00 AM |
| | AA Meeting | 8:00 PM |
| Tues | Pr. Carleton's office hours at FLC | 9:00 – 12:00 AM |
| | Cleaning/organizing/decorating building | 9:00 – 11:30 PM |
| | UCAN Office | 10:00 – 12:00 AM |
| Wed | Men's Breakfast & Bible study – BLC | 7:30 AM |
| | Choir Practice - FLC | 6:00 PM |
| | Advent Soup Supper | 6:00 PM |
| | Advent Worship Service | 7:00 PM |
| Thur | BLCW Christmas potluck – all are invited & bring a guest | 6:00 PM |
| Sun | Parish Worship & Sunday School Program – BLC | 10:00 AM |
| | NO Sunday School - FLC | 9:15 AM |
| | NO Coffee Fellowship - FLC | 9:30 AM |
| | NO Worship – FLC | 10:30AM |
| | Bible Study - BLC | 5:00 PM |