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Season of Advent

Sunday December 3, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Call to Worship *(please sign & pass the welcome pad down the pew)*

We gather today. —————> **It is time to worship!**

We listen for God. —————> **It is time to hear!**

We receive God's grace. ———> **It is time to be loved!**

We leave in peace. —————> **It is time to serve others!**

As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emmanuel, God-with-us, is already here in this time and place.

Confession and Forgiveness

People of God, when we think that we have nowhere left to turn, we can always turn to God. Whether we feel frozen or are rushing with no time to rest, whether it feels like life is happening to us too quickly or like our lives will never change, God is with us. For God, there is always time for forgiveness.

We trust God, and we confess our sins together. *(Silence is kept for reflection)* Holy One,

We have not stayed awake. We have missed you when you appeared in our neighbors, in strangers half a world away, in the suffering planet. We have wasted the time and the skills that you gave us and assumed we were powerless to mend the breaches in our world. Sometimes, we even gave up on your mercy, justice, and love. God, is it too late for us? Speak tenderly to our anxious hearts. Tear open the heavens and heal what we have done. Amen.

People of God, God's judgment is certain and God's forgiveness is lightning fast. Hear this good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Forgiveness gives us the courage we need. Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders. **Amen.**

Opening Song

"O Come To The Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

(Chorus) O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling (Chorus)

(Bridge) Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen (Repeat Bridge)

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. 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.**

Special Music

“Mary Sat A-Rockin’” arr. by Ruth Morris Gray

Praise & Rejoice Choir
Directed by: Tera McDonnell

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.” (Psalm 90:1)

Let us pray. **God who is near: Our days rush past us, and we can’t hold onto what’s most dear. Our days drag on until we long for change. Yet you are everlasting, as faithful to us now as to those who lived thousands of years ago. And you are urgent, bringing sweeping change within a single moment. As we light another candle on this wreath, remind us of your power unfolding in seconds and in eons. Amen.**

First Reading

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

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; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Church

Gospel Acclamation

“Out of Time”

Out of time Out of space Now we hope for better days
Keeping watch when the waiting wears us down
Drawn out thin Pulled in tight Searching for the break of day
Will we ever find you drawing near

(Chorus) You come to us from just beyond You call to us from out of time
You tear the heavens open wide Shining love across the starlit sky

Time flows fast Make it slow Give more time for all we love Time grows long
Turn our waiting to its end In our years In our days God your goodness is at work
Can it be you might be drawing near (Chorus)

When the earth yearns for peace And the people cry for bread With a hunger that you alone can fill
We will pray We will work We will all prepare the way And in time we find you drawing near (Chorus)

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

“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. ³³Beware, 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

“Running Out of Time”

Pastor Overbo

Hymn of the Day

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

#264 vs. 1, 2 & 4

Apostles’ Creed

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

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.

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. Amen.

Prayer Song

“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia

Holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: *Jessica Fischer, Ashlea West, Dave Satter, Byron Johnson, Jeanine Eide, Kevin Stark, Ric Holmquest, Jack Pereira, Judith Glembin, Matt Schlaht-Friend of Rachel & Jesse Hauck, Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler,*

Prayer Song

“Agnus Dei”

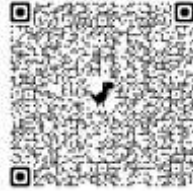
Holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

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Endowment Grant Recognition

Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew
*Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month: **LCOOR Care Fund***



Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me (repeat)
Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord and take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)

Offering Prayer

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord’s Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit \mp remain upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“What A Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

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Call to Service

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

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Serving This Morning

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Sound & Projection:** Zach Staton & Roger Whittle; **Worship Team;** **Lector:** Ian McAreavey; **Acolyte:** Ainsley Falconer & Wyatt Dahl; **Blessing Assistant:** Henley Kistler; **Ushers:** Chuck Langner, Cal Wiesner, Ken & Renae Madison; **Communion Assistants:** Charlene Loterbauer, Amanda Kienow, Ken & Renae Madison; **Coffee Servers:** Doug & Shelly Alvine; **Welcome Center:** Lynn Langer & Pam Luckhurst;

*Altar Flowers are given in honor Marvelyn Satter's
80th Birthday (11-29) by her family.*

*Notice: This worship service is livestreamed and shared on YouTube & LCOOR's Facebook page.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Boxed Cereal & Peanut Butter

As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS Eve POINSETTIAS

\$20

ORDER A POINSETTIA IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR TO THE GLORY OF GOD TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS Bingo

2ND-12TH GRADE

We are asking for donations of new prizes or cash of a \$5-10 value for our Youth Christmas Bingo. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

LOCATED AT CITY PARK

LCOOR at WINTER Wonderland

CHECK OUT OUR NEWEST DISPLAY!

Open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6 to 9 p.m. through Dec. 24, plus 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 25.

PARENTS OF 4-6TH GRADERS

WE NEED BLESSING ASSISTANTS & ACOLYTES TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP

4TH GRADE: BLESSING ASSISTANTS
5-6TH GRADE: ACOLYTES

TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP, PLEASE SEE THE "YOUTH WORSHIP SIGN UP" POSTED AT THE INFORMATION CENTER. QUESTIONS? CONTACT PASTOR LAURA

2ND-4TH GRADERS

Junction Monthly Youth Group

THIS MONTH WE WILL MEET ON **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 FROM 6-7:30 P.M.** WE WILL BE HAVING OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SNACKS, GAMES, PRIZES AND WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP!

MEETS THE 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

LCOOR Care Fund

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!

COOKIES NEEDED

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office. You can also bake your own & drop them off at the church. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes

Stop by before or after worship across from the Welcome Center to pick up your next year's offering envelopes. Or stop into the church office Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5pm or 8:30-Noon on Friday to pick up your envelopes.

DELIVER A CARING CASSEROLE

KNOW SOMEONE WHO JUST GOT HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL? A FAMILY WHO RECENTLY HAD A BABY? A FREEZER FILLED WITH CASSEROLES IS LOCATED IN TWILA'S OFFICE. PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK UP ONE (OR TWO) AND SHARE IN THIS CARING MINISTRY.

Sunday December 3

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 8:30 a.m. Church School
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship w/ Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. 1st Grade Nativity Scene
 Milestone Worship Recognition
 9:30 a.m. Endowment Grant Recognition during Worship
 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group

Monday December 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Junction Youth Group
 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday December 5

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
 11:00 a.m. Text Study
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday December 6

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
 4:45 p.m. Community Meal- Goulash
 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 5:30 p.m. Church School
 6:30 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
 6:30 p.m. 1st Grade Nativity Scene
 Milestone Worship Recognition
 7:15 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
 7:15 p.m. HS Hang-out in Youth Room
 7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Thursday December 7

9:00 a.m. Quilting
 1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga
 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday December 8

Church Office Closes at Noon
 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday December 9

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday December 10

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Dan
 8:30 a.m. Church School
 8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
 6:00 p.m. HS Youth Group



Attendance & Offering

November 19 Live Stream- 94
 Saturday, November 25- 48
 Sunday, November 26- 184
 Wednesday, November 29- 173
Offering (11/26):
 General Fund: \$2,030; Other: \$45;
 Mission of the Month: \$31;
Simply Giving Offering (11/20-11/24):
 General Fund: \$4,422.58;
 Debt Reduction: \$30; Other: \$210;
 Mission of the Month: \$130;

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DECEMBER 3, 2023

Advent is a season of hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	When the Son of Man appears
Monday	Isaiah 64:1-9	A communal prayer for help
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	God is faithful
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:13-16	A call to holy living
Thursday	Psalms 147:7-11	Praise for God's care
Friday	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	The Thessalonians' faith
Saturday	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Prayer for Israel's restoration
Sunday	Mark 1:1-8	The beginning of the good news

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Restore us. O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Psalm 80:19 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of awesome power, give us hearts filled with hope and gladness as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for food and drink that gives us strength for the day and hope for the future through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord's face shine on you with hope through Christ Jesus.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- As you look to the future, what are some of your hopes?
- God came to us in the form of baby Jesus. How did this bring us hope?

