

Order of Worship

December 6, 2020, 9:30AM

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Lyrics/words are included in this document for the bolded titles.

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Special Music: "The Hope of Christmas"

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Confession and Forgiveness

HYMN OF PROMISE

Scripture Reading: Exodus 33:17-23

Gospel Reading: John 1:14-18

Sermon: Pastor Brian Jack

Sermon Song: "Hope Has a Name"

Apostles' Creed

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Lord's Prayer

Benediction

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

****If you have an emergency during service and you need to leave, please locate an usher.****

Thank you for joining in worship this morning. May the love of Christ open our hearts to be able to love our neighbor. Have a good day!

2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace

Psalm 126.2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

P: In the beginning was the Word- spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

C: Speak it loud and clear- God's promise is true!

P: The Word was in the beginning, and through him all things come into being.

C: Eternal and near at hand, Already and not-yet, God's promise is the foundation of all life.

P: Do not hold back! Speak out, giving voice to God's peace that passes all understanding.

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord/O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Prepare ye the way of the Lord **(repeat 2xs)**

Lord be with us (*Lord be with us*)
Give to us your peace (*Give to us your peace*) **(repeat 3xs)**

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to live humbly and gently with one another:

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us

P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at peace with ourselves:

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us

P: For misuse of human relationships, and for our unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us

P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create conflict and war

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us

P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us

P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for not using your gifts of love and grace:

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. By the authority of Christ I 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.

C: Amen

Hymn of Promise

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

The 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.

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Verse 1

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

Verse 2

I thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

Verse 3

And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

Verse 4

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fail the right prevail
With peace on earth goodwill to men

Verse 5

Till ringing singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day
A voice a chime a chant sublime
Of peace on earth goodwill to men

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **WE PRAY FOR:** The family of JoAnn Noble, Don Walsmith, Suzi Barnes, Connie Love, Mary Adams
- **OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** is extended to Bob and June Ann Stall and family as they mourn the passing of their son Gary. Services are pending at this time. Cards may be sent to: Bob Stall and June Ann Stall, 908 N. US Hwy 69, Apt. 156, Huxley, IA. 50124.
- **MORTGAGE REDUCTION DRIVE- LET'S GIVE THANKS:** In the midst of tough times, the love and generosity of our First Lutheran family shines through, and our goal of completing our mortgage by December 31st is well within sight! Our building and grounds mortgage began in 2005 with a balance of 5.6 million dollars, and a due date of 2028. Through monthly mortgage payments, and 10 Fun-Raisers, our present mortgage is down to **\$34,209.22!!**
This year's **2020 Final Fun-Raiser** "Adopt-a-Day" drive, with a goal of \$160,000, has raised **\$140,150.21** in the midst of a pandemic!
Thanks to all who have given donations this summer and fall! We will be accepting gifts until December 31st.
- John Adams Sr., Director of Development

- **LOOKING FOR GOOD GIFTS THIS YEAR?** Shop ELCA Good Gifts and choose from more than 50 unique, charitable gifts to give in honor of friends and family. They'll get a card to let them know about what you've done, and you'll get the joy that comes with making the world a better place. God's love is a gift, given through Christ.
This Christmas, let us celebrate that gift by sharing God's love with others. Visit:
<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>
to find out how!



- **MILFORD CHANNEL 12:** If you have Milford Communications Local Channel 12, you can now watch our recorded service every Monday at 10am and 7pm.
- **BOOK CLUB** will be meeting THIS Thursday, December 10th at 7:00pm. The book this month is: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by: Rachel Joyce.
- **UPDATE YOUR INFO:** We have a link on our website homepage to update your address, phone number, or email. Click [HERE](#) if you want to make a change!
- **BACKPACK PROGRAM:** First Lutheran will continue to be a drop off location for the Okoboji Schools. A list of food can be found [HERE](#)



FIRST LUTHERAN DRIVE-IN RULES

- 1. ENTRANCE:** Drive-In Worship is held on the South Side of Church. We will have two parking ushers to help coordinate and direct parking.
- 2. WINDOWS :** Windows may be rolled down for the service or you may tune in to 96.3FM if you'd rather not.
- 3. OFFERING :** Ushers will go around with buckets if you feel comfortable giving in person or you may give online at www.3cross.org or by mail: 1525 Three Cross Road, Milford, IA 51351
- 4. BULLETIN:** We will not have any printed bulletins available. They are on our website. Please open them on your phones, tablets, etc. or print one before leaving home.
- 5. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CARS:** No one is allowed to leave their vehicles before, during, or after the service.
- 6. OTHER :** There will not be donuts, a porta- potty, or outside seating during the service.

Thank You

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