

Sunday, November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent Liturgy Changes
** indicates congregation to stand*

GATHERING & PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP: (Our Mission Statement)**

P: We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit;

All: to know and proclaim Jesus Christ and as disciples reach out in love. Let us worship the Lord.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Long-expected God,

All: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us,

that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **All: Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN: ELW 239** *Hark, the Glad Sound*

*** GREETING**

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

All: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L1: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

ALL: Wake us up to your coming.

L2: We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

ALL: Wake us up to your coming.

L1: We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields.

O Emmanuel,

ALL: Wake us up to your coming.

L2: We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

ALL: Wake us up to your coming.

L1: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

Amen.

Light the first candle.

Song: ELW 248 *People, Look East vs 1*

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BAPTISM of Davis James Frey and Vincent Andrew Frey

Presentation *Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the*

minister at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present **Davis James Frey** for baptism.

Sponsors: I present **Vincent Andrew Frey** for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring **Davis** and **Vincent** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the TenCommandments,

place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and

prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through

word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for

justice and peace. Do you promise to help them grow in the Christian

faith and life?

Parents: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P: **Seth** and **Nick**, do you promise to nurture **Davis** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

P: **Justin** and **Nate**, do you promise to nurture **Vincent** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support **Davis** and **Vincent** and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

PS: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

PS: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

PS: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: **Davis James Frey**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: **Vincent Andrew Frey**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

C: Amen

P: **Davis James Frey** and **Vincent Andrew Frey**, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

P: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life." Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

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The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

pew Bible pg

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Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

C: * Gospel Acclamation

ELW p 205a

(Setting 10)

P: * The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew.

Matthew 24:36-44 pew Bible pg 805

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,

³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Kris Tetzke

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW 295 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* vs
1-3

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near. *A brief silence.*

L: God of the people, raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. In particular, we pray for the combined committee for St. John and St. Peter as they begin the interview process for calling our shared pastor. Bless them with your Holy Spirit and guide them with your wisdom. God of Grace

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing, especially those we name with our lips and our hearts. We pray also for those who grieve and face difficult decisions, especially the congregation at Faith Lutheran in Balsam Lake where they suffered great damage from a fire this week. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer

L: God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. This holiday season can be hard for those who have been affected by addiction in their families. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer

L: God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer

P: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

All: Amen

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

OFFERTORY

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During the offertory, you are invited to make your gift to the church as you are able.

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE:**

ELW 286 *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord vs 1*

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **All: Amen.**

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW p 206

(Setting 10)

P: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: * *Holy, Holy, Holy*
10)

ELW p 207 (Setting

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

version)

ELW 154 (Setting 4 - 1st

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus

taught us:

**All: Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth**

**as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the
power and the glory are yours, now and forever,
Amen**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God
has
promised.

Please be seated; the ushers will direct you to receive communion. Kneelers are optional.

C: *Lamb of God*
(Setting 10)

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DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

ELW 254 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

ELW 240 *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy
and

gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome

the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of
Jesus.

All: Amen.

*** BLESSING**

P: May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

All: Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN: ELW 244** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

All: Thanks be to God.