

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ELW – *Setting 9, Holy Communion*
10:30 AM Dec. 3, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: “*Fling Wide the Door*” #259 ELW

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Light of the World and Shadow of Safety,

All: You created us to be reflections of your love and justice, but we often reflect our own fears and prejudices.

Forgive us, God.

If we are mirrors of your great brilliance,
help us sparkle when the world is grey. Amen.

Leader: God is faithful to turn us around and place us on healthy paths when we acknowledge our unloving and unjust selves. Rest in the assurance you are forgiven, loved, and ready to begin again.

All: Amen.

(*illustratedministry.com*)

KYRIE, p. 193

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Light of the World and Shadow of Safety, as we enter this season of Advent, we wait in the darkness for the light of the world, knowing that you have created both for our good. Let us join together to praise you today, to hear from your Spirit, and to meet with the living Word, Christ Jesus, who was with God in the beginning.

All: Open our hearts and minds to hear what you have to say to us today.

Open our hearts and minds to release our concerns to your loving care.

And open our hearts and minds to meet the needs of our neighbors with compassion. Amen.

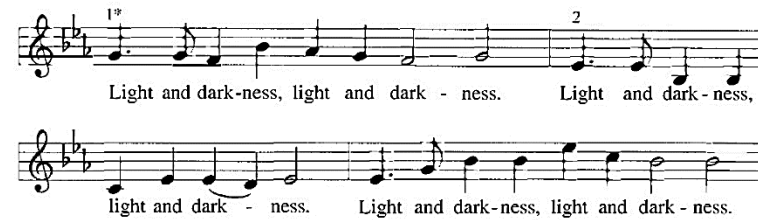
(*illustratedministry.com*)

HYMN: “*Light and Darkness*” (#24 Holden)

“Light and darkness, light and darkness.” (x 3)

Light and Darkness

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* May be sung in canon.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (*Tannis Sharp, Ezekiel & Illaria Blaser*)

Ezekiel B: Come, hope of heaven!

All: We lift up our heads with expectation.

Where will we find you today?

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HYMN: “*Light and Darkness*” (#24 Holden)

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “*Alleluia*”, p.198

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Kindle a Flame*” (#20 Holden)

Kindle a Flame 20



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“Kindle a flame to lighten the dark and take all fear away.”

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE (*illustratedministry.com*)

Leader: Siblings in Christ, let us proclaim the hope of our faith: While we were still stardust,

All: our Creator held us in contemplation.

Leader: While we were enslaved,

All: the Righteous Judge burned with anger.

Leader: When we were set free,

All: the Shepherd guided us toward green pastures.

Leader: While we were violent and hateful,

All: God imagined a world of peace.

Leader: When we oppressed others,

All: the Mighty One moved against us and laid us low.

Leader: When we were oppressed,

All: the Deliverer broke our chains.

Leader: When we did not know the way of love and justice,

All: the Loving Parent sent the Child, Jesus.

Leader: When we carried heavy burdens,

All: Jesus bore them for us.

Leader: We have seen God’s faithfulness in the past.

All: And because of our past, we have hope for the future.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “*Unexpected Grace*”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “Hear us, O God – receive our prayer”

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 199

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN: “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (#257 ELW v.1-2)

(*offering will be collected during the song*)

OFFERING PRAYER (*illustratedministry.com*)

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 199 & (*illustratedministry.com*)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 200

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (*illustratedministry.com*)

Leader: Light of the World . . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 201

INVITATION TO COMOMUNION

Leader: The gifts of God for you, the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

LAMB OF GOD, p. 201

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

"Each Winter as the Year Grows Older"	#252 ELW
"The King Shall Come"	#260 ELW
"Soon and Very Soon"	#439 ELW
"Wait for the Lord"	#262 ELW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*illustratedministry.com*)

SENDING

BLESSING (*illustratedministry.com*)

SENDING HYMN: "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" #436 ELW

DISMISSAL: All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist. Grape juice (lighter colour) and red wine (darker colour) are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 54

First Reading – Isaiah 64:1-9

¹**O 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.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³**GRACE 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.

Gospel – Mark 13:24-37

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.** 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."

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