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WELCOME

We welcome you to our worship today.

Hymnbooks:

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

(ELW) Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

(CP) Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

Communion: All are welcome.

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

No Scents Makes Good Sense.

Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment

We welcome all children to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

Acknowledgement of Territory

We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinabe, Mississauga and Metis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to be here today.



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2019

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude --Hymn Medley

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, [+] one God.
Who comes to wake us from sleep,
Who leads us into the lights of grace.

Amen

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our
sing against God and neighbour.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

As we await and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**We open our hearts to you, O God.
Search us and know us. Reveal all that
we keep inside. To you, O God, we con-
fess our sins, known and unknown.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in
your ways of justice and peace. Make
us reflections of the radiant love of
your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Comfort, O Comfort my people, says you God.
In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven [+]
and all things are made new.
Rejoice in this good news!

Come, Light of God

Come light, light of God,
give light to creation,
enlighten our hearts,
and remain with your world.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath /
Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
240 vs. 1 (ELW)

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus
#88 (CP)

Acknowledgement of Territory

Greeting

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

Kyrie



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

WORD

***God speaks to us in scripture reading,
preaching, and song.***

First Reading- Isaiah 2 : 1 - 5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In 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. Many 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. He 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. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Psalm 122:1
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- 1 I was glad when they | said to me,
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord.”
- 2 **Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**
- 3 Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;
- 4 **to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the
Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of
The Lord. R**
- 5 For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.
- 6 **Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
“May they pros- | per who love you.**
- 7 Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.
- 8 **For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.**
- 9 Because of the house of the | Lord our God,
I will seek to | do you good.” **R**

Psalm Prayer

Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel : Matthew 24 : 36 - 44

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - Sleepers, Awake! A Voice Astounds Us
#110 (CP)

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, in the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and other faith communities around the world, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Help us to sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. We pray especially for ...

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love especially.

Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbours, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering / Choir Anthem - An Invitation for Advent
(R.E Schram)

Offering Hymn -- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
#257 vss. 1 & 2 (ELW)

Offering Prayer

Giver of every good thing,
We set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Preface:

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.



di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Thanksgiving at the Table

...proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

...hope for this coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

...peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

David Haas 1986



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.
Give us to-day our dai-bread, for-give us our
sin, as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from
e vil, for the king dom, the pow'r, and the glo ry are yours, now and for ev-er.

Invitation to Communion

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.

Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

Lamb of God



Cor-de-ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .
ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, have . . mer-cy up-on us, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, have . . mer-cy up-on us.
Cor-de-ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .
ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, have . . mer-cy up-on us, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, have . . mer-cy up-on us.
Cor-de-ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .
da-nos tu paz, grant us your peace, da-nos tu paz, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymns

245 (ELW) – **Creators of the Stars of Night**

252 (ELW) – **Each Winter As the Year Grows**

Older

256 (ELW) – **Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

262 (ELW) – **Wait for the Lord**

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Saviour.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The blessing of the God of life be ours.

The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours to cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

Benediction

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteous and justice.

May God who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.

The blessing of the Holly Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

Announcements

Sending Song – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

#244 (ELW)

Dismissal

Go in peace ...

Christ is with You

Postlude--Fugue (J. Brahms)

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Announcements and Information

We pray for the people of the Anglican Church in Canada and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Greeters: Thanks to the Sunday School children and staff.

Altar Guild for December: Kathryn Smith, Christine Morrison, and Janet Weigel.

The flowers have been given to the glory of God given by the Cressman family in loving memory of dear Aunt Barbara Cressman and mothers/grandmothers Barbara Cressman and Norma Lounsbury.

Congregational Budget Meeting and Pot Luck Sandwich Luncheon Today

Chalmers Community Services - Christmas Gift Bag Campaign needs your support please. Cloth bags and shopping lists are available in the narthex. **Last day to bring bags to the church is Sunday, December 8th.**

Mary Guse Giving Tree - Remember to stop by the tree in the narthex. Please place unwrapped gifts under the tree with the slip of paper attached to it before **December 6th.**

Cookie Walk - December 7th 9:30 to sold out. We need your pledges of units (5 dozen cookies per), the more you can provide, the more support for our Silvercreek Market. Your support is MUCH appreciated! Talk to Penny Richards or Sue Wakefield for more information.

Venue Change - The Women of Faith Spring Event on April 25th is now being held at Trillium Lutheran in Waterloo.

Advent Lessons & Carols

7:00 pm – Sunday, December 8, 2019

LOOKING AHEAD: December 2 – December 8

Tuesday 3	6:00 pm	Women's Fellowship Dinner Fellowship
Wednesday 4	9:00 am	Sunday Bulletin Deadline for Announcements including Flowers
	9:30 am	Grand River Ministry Area Mtg Fellowship Hall
Thursday 5	2:00 pm	Silvercreek Market Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal--Sanctuary
Friday 6	9:00 am	Hymn Selection Team Sanctuary
Sunday 8	8:30 am	Advent 2 Holy Communion -Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Advent 2 Holy Communion -Sanctuary Sunday School -Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Advent and Lessons Carol Service Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services

Staff

Peter West, Organist
Church Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.