

Welcome to Anchorage Lutheran Church



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

10:00 am

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two

OUR CALLING

We exist as a ministry because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. As Christians, we seek to know Him and understand His purpose in our lives through the study of God's Holy Word, frequent worship, and reception of the Lord's Supper.

We strive to share the Good News of Christ's victory over death through proclamation in our worship services, Christian education programs in our community and support of missions in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and the World.

We seek to live as God's children, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit by witness and discipleship of Christ Jesus through the use of our time, talent, and treasures.

The Lord's Supper: The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. We celebrate this meal often in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. Baptized adult Christians, understanding and seeking the mystery of this Holy Meal-the nourishing forgiveness and Real Presence of Christ-are invited to participate.

Should you come to the altar and wish not to receive this sacrament, please cross your arms to receive a blessing. Children who have not yet been confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.

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WELCOME and ANNOUCEMENTS

Prelude – Shepherds by Held

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1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kids Time: Everybody Ought to Know

Exhortation

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P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sins

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P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Announcement of Forgiveness

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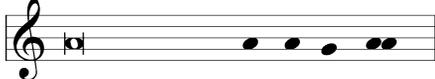
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



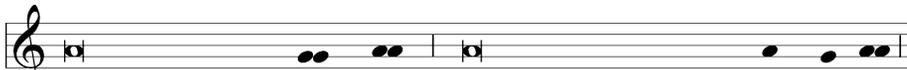
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



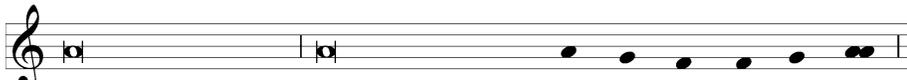
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



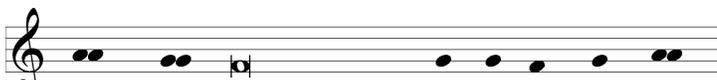
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7–16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated His guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will He do ill.'¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

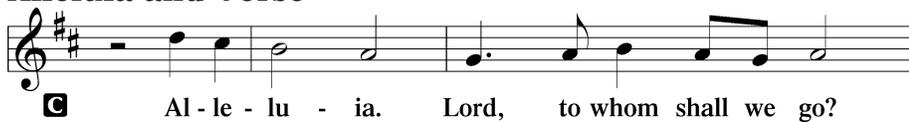
¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



784 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
treasure store; Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er,



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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Message: "Invest! INVEST! INVEST!" - Pastor Tony Schultz

Confirmation: Khira Chernicoff-Prieksat



Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Sending

P Go in Peace as you Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Postlude – Air de Noel by Grosjean

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Opportunity to Pray

Those Who Need Our Ongoing Prayers

Rose Diekelman, Jody Quinn, Carolyn Shepard, Christine Gill

Comfort, Health, Recovery

Gerd Krause; Tonya (Rick Funner's niece); Anna (Donna Dean's daughter); Marriane Boyer;
Norma Huseman; Forest Taylor; Matt Newton; Liz Millikan; Ann McCoy; Don Henry;
Norman Alexie (Gwendie Gellerman's nephew); Julie Helms (Wayne & Bobbie Helms' sister in law);
Tim (Dennis Koehler's nephew); Janet (Sherry Hartung's sister); our Sudanese sister Nyayop;
Elsie Nafzger; Audrey Grueb (Jerry Schoneck's sister); Tina (Rick Funner's sister); Philip Deng.

Announcements & Weekly Calendar

We are streaming our Service via Facebook, 10am!

ALC Weekly Calendar



Sunday, November 29	10:00 AM Worship Service - Traditional Service, no communion 11:15 AM Sunday School
Monday, November 30	10:00 AM Zoom Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
Tuesday, December 1	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
Wednesday, December 2	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag 6:30 PM Holden Prayer Service
Thursday, December 3	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag NO CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:00 PM Adult Praise Team NO YOUTH PRAISE TEAM
Friday, December 4	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
Sunday, December 6	10:00 AM Worship Service - Traditional Service, with communion

Opportunity to Thank

Ushers: Doug & Tyler Schroeder

Flowers: Given in thankfulness
for Pastor Tony & Ronelle.



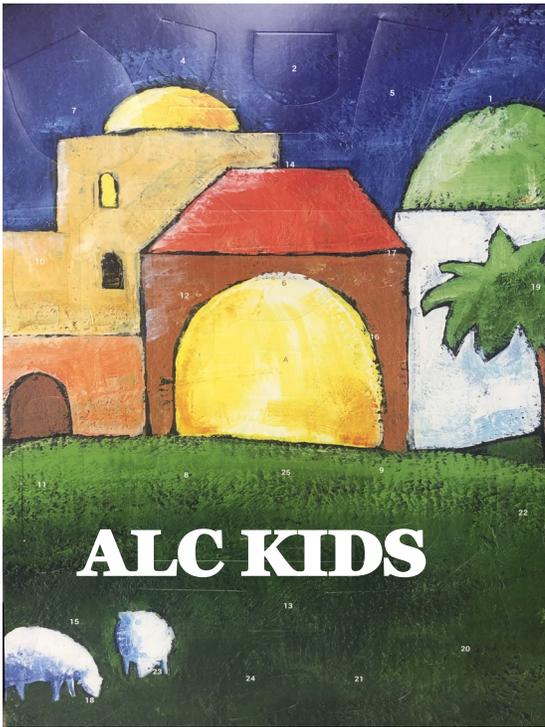
Clare House our next run is
December 13. We are still in need
of most items. Please check the
board on your way out.



Christmas Poinsettias

It's that time of year again! Christmas Poinsettias are now
available to purchase for \$10.50 each.

Poinsettias will be available to take home after
Christmas Day Worship.



Get your ADEVENT Calendars today and check in on our Facebook page to watch the video brought to you from Pastor Albino and Pastor Tony each day as you open the flap!

Calendars are available in the office Monday through Friday from 9am—3:30 pm, during Sunday service, or we can drop them off for you.



Please join us in creating our Christmas virtual choir! The soft Deadline is December 10th. Feel free to invite anyone you wish to participate. All rehearsal tracks and music can be accessed in the link below.
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yAXEPlwD9BiyhN5g9EKXc2AzNeZhANqa?usp=sharing>

The Longest Night

While Christmas is often a time of joy and celebration, it can also be a season of pain and hurt. This service, observed on the longest night of the calendar year, creates space to acknowledge God is with us in the midst of our brokenness. Come for reflection, quiet music, and receive comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Virtually or in person, Monday, December 21, 6:30 p.m. and posted at the church website for later viewing.



Christmas Worship Schedule

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER ADVENT SERVICES:

- Wednesday, December 2 - 6:30 pm, Holden Evening Prayer Service
- Wednesday, December 9 - 6:30 pm, Holden Evening Prayer Service
- Wednesday, December 16 - 6:30 pm, Holden Evening Prayer Service

Longest Night Service: Monday, December 21 - 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

3pm - Traditional Service

5pm - Contemporary Service

7pm - Traditional Service

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: December 25, 10:00 am

Lessons & Carols: Sunday, December 27- 10:00 am,