

**ELM GROVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

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*A warm welcome to our guests! Regardless of whether being in church is new to you or just being at Elm Grove Lutheran is new to you, you enter not as a stranger but as a guest of God. This is His house, and He is your heavenly Father. He created you and sent His Son to live, die, and rise again for you. Therefore, come into His presence expecting to hear words of free and full forgiveness. Come, knowing that you are more than conquerors through Him who loved you. And, please come again. If you have no church home and are looking for one, please speak with one of the pastors. They are eager to help.*

**The First Sunday in Advent**

**Saturday, December 1, 2018 – 5:30 p.m. & Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.**

Preparatory Prayer: Almighty God, merciful Father, remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**Divine Service – Setting 4**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*The Advent of Our King – Matthew H. Corl*

Hymn of Invocation

*The Advent of Our King – LSB 331*

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Confession and Absolution

*LSB p. 203*

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Introit

Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18 (Antiphon Zechariah 9:9b)

**P:** Behold your king is coming to you;

**C:** **righteous and having salvation.**

**P:** Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

**C:** **Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

**P:** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

**C:** **steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

**P:** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

**C:** **who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**

**P:** who exult in your name all the day

**C:** **and in your righteousness are exalted.**

**P:** For our shield belongs to the LORD,

**C:** **our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

**C: righteous and having salvation.**

Kyrie

*LSB* p. 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

*LSB* p. 205

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First Reading

The righteous Branch from David's line Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 662)

Gradual (5:30)

(5:30) Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

**C: righteous and having salvation.**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

Choral Response (8:00)

*Once He Came in Blessing* – Mark Sedio

Epistle

An Advent prayer

I Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 987)

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Alleluia and Verse (5:30)

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Alleluia and Verse (8:00) – *sung by the choir*

*Verse for Advent 1* – Stephen Weber

Holy Gospel

Christ's coming (Advent) to Jerusalem

Luke 19:28-40 (p. 878)

Nicene Creed

*LSB* p. 206

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Hymn of the Day

*Savior of the Nations, Come* – *LSB* 332

Sermon

*"Behold, Your Joy Is Coming"*

Luke 19:28-40

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Prayer of the Church

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Offering

*Savior of the Nations, Come* – Dietrich Buxtehude

Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### EGLC Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

Preface-Agnus Dei

*LSB pp. 208-210*

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Distribution

Hymns during Communion

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You – LSB 334*

*O God, My Faithful God – LSB 696*

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Post-Communion Canticle

*Nunc dimittis – LSB p. 211*

Post-Communion Collect

*LSB p. 212*

Benedicamus & Benediction

*LSB p. 212*

Closing Hymn

*What Hope! An Eden Prophesied – LSB 696*

Postlude

*What Hope! An Eden Prophesied – Charles W. Ore*

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ALTAR PARAMETERS: Blue paraments announce a new church year and hope with the coming of the King of Kings – as Baby in Bethlehem, as Savior in Word and Sacrament, and as Judge of all.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Valerie & Cliff Menges in loving memory of their children, Rachel and Mark.

### Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Peters

Assisting Minister (8:00)

Pastor Skovgard

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Choir Director (8:00)

Karla Bessert

Choir (8:00)

Exultate Singers

Flute (8:00)

Amy Weymier

Elder

Jeff Wilinski

Chancel Assistant

(5:30) Doug Grelk; (10:45) John Schaefer

Usher Team on duty

(5:30) Ryan Beckley, Tyler Beckley, Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Peter Holzward, Ian Klein, Carter Klein, Michael Klein, Andrew Weymier, Hannah Weymier

(8:00) Jacob Boudro, Tom Brojanac, Michael Brunner, Gene Brunner, Hannah D'Agostino, Tim D'Agostino, John Hartz, Lydia Ohde, Aidan Pritchard, Sam Thompson, Austin Williams, Seth Williams

Altar Guild

(5:30) Sue Schmalzer, Ruth Dare; (8:00) JoAnn Randall, Diane Koch

About the First Sunday in Advent  
Theme: Christ Comes to Save  
– *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* –

Looking far into the future, the Prophet Jeremiah is given to see the fulfillment of the LORD's gracious promise to Israel and Judah: the Righteous Branch sprouting from the dead stump of David's line. (Jeremiah) The Apostle Paul, looking from the vantage point of the promises fulfilled, anticipates a still more distant future. (1 Thessalonians) He looks to the coming of the Lord Jesus with all His holy ones and prays that those who believe will be preserved blameless and holy till His coming. The Lord Jesus entered the holy city accompanied by shouts of acclamation. (Luke) As He came then hidden in lowliness, so He comes now hidden under His gracious Word and Sacrament. As He was greeted then, so we acclaim Him now: "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD; Hosanna in the Highest!"

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

- Sunday** Jeremiah 33:14-16 What promise did the LORD make to Israel and Judah? From whose family was the promised Messiah ("branch of righteousness") to come? What is His name? How did Jesus live up to this name? Where and how do we receive righteousness?
- Monday** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 What is the source of the apostle's joy? For what does he give thanks? What does he ask God for? What is his three-fold blessing? What is the source of overflowing love? When will Jesus come with all his holy ones? How may we be blameless and holy on that day? What does this mean?
- Tuesday** Luke 19:28-40 How did Jesus visibly enter Jerusalem? For what purpose did He enter there? How does Jesus enter invisibly among us? For what purpose does He come among us? How was Jesus greeted in Jerusalem? How is He greeted in the Divine Service? What does this mean?
- Wednesday** Psalm 25:1-10 What is the cause of shame? What is the antidote to shame? Why do we need to be taught? Guided? What do we need the LORD to remember? What therefore will He not remember? Why does the LORD instruct sinners in His ways and guide the humble in what is right? What does this mean?
- Thursday** Malachi 3:1-7b What is the purpose of the messenger of the LORD? When did the LORD appear (clothed in infant flesh) in His temple? How did Christ purify the offerings of His people and those who bring them? How does He do this today? What does this mean?
- Friday** Philippians 1:2-11 Why was the apostle thanking God? Who were his partners in the gospel? Who are partners in the gospel here? What confidence may we therefore have regarding the future? What was the apostle's prayer? Where does spiritual discernment come from? What is the result of spiritual discernment? Where does righteousness come from? What fruits does it produce? Where therefore do those fruits come from? What does this mean?
- Saturday** Luke 3:1-14 Where did John get his message? What was the purpose of the baptism he announced? What is the purpose of our baptism? How is a proper way prepared for the LORD's coming? How is this done? What does this mean?