



Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
Psalm 25:4-5

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 AM

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Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

✠ GATHERING ✠

OPENING VOLUNTARY Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying, BWV 645 J.S. Bach

ACCLAMATION Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads—your redemption is drawing near. *Alleluia.*

(Luke 21:28)

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things we have done

and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you

in newness of life

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,

loved us even when we were dead in sin,

and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power

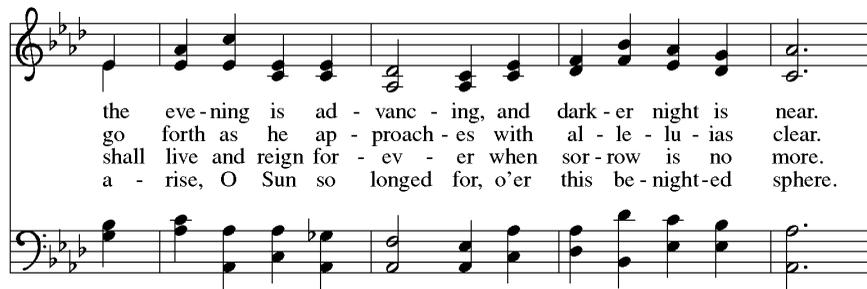
through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

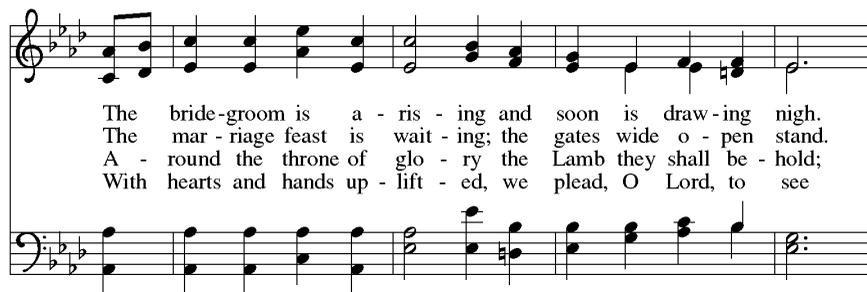
Amen.



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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

KYRIE



In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



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



Lord have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by the Assembly.



Sung by the choir.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

All repeat alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke.



[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

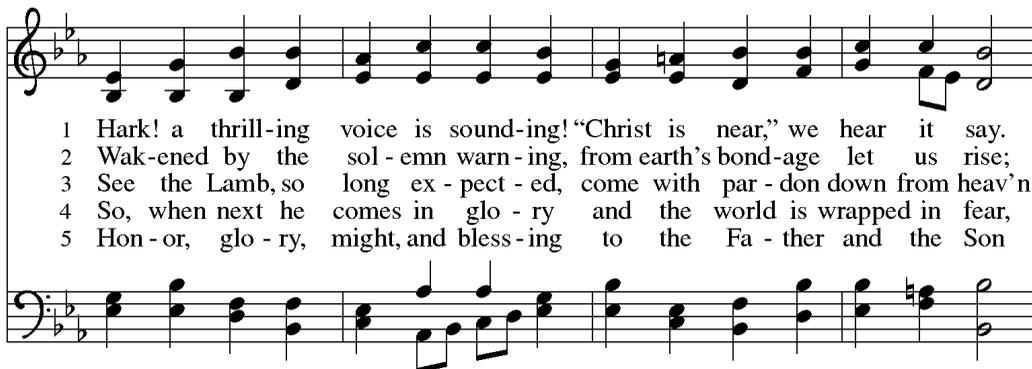


We sit.

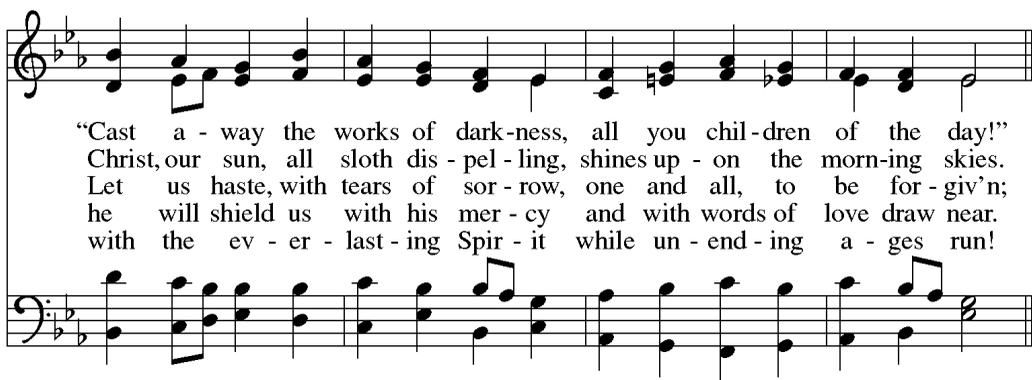
We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 246 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

MERTON



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

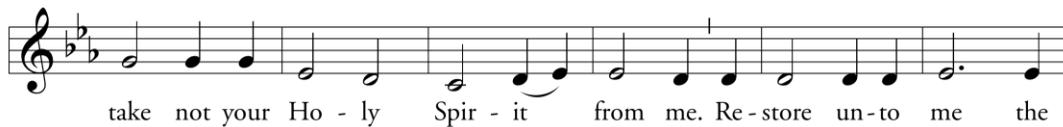
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,

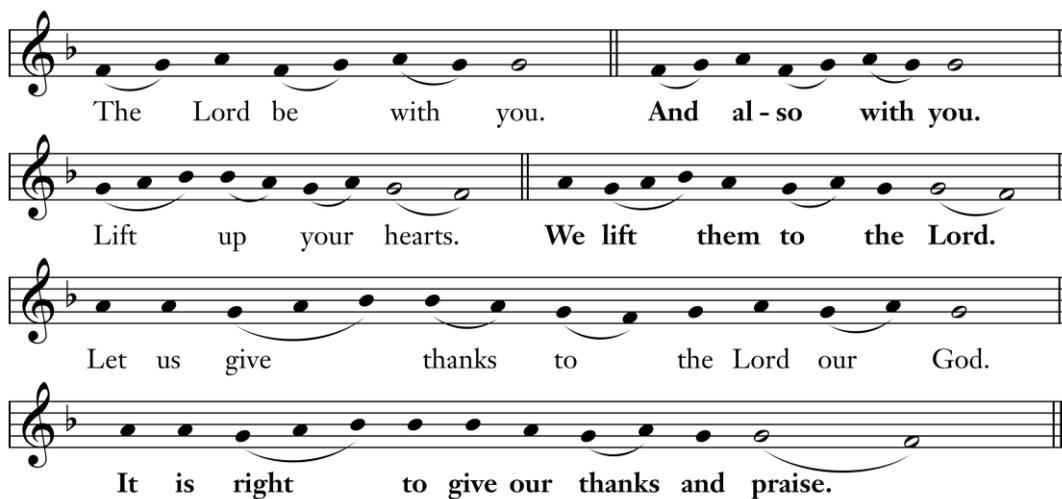
in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as
we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
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. A - men.

The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace. A - men.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing using the individual communion kits that you received when checking in for worship. Gluten-free wafers are available when you check in. Please wait to take communion until the pastor comes to the end of the row and shares the Eucharistic Proclamation with you. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion will receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

ANTHEM (11:00) Rise up! Rise up!

Johann Walter

“Rise up, rise up!” The watchmen cry to all with eager voices.

Wake up from sleep; the Lord is nigh in whom your heart rejoices.

Fling wide the door; your hope let soar; your Savior greet.

With great joy sing praises sweet.

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

Let us pray.

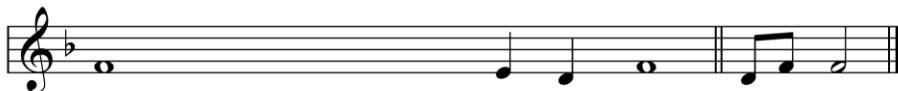
O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ **SENDING** ✠

BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace. A - men.

SENDING HYMN 436 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

WACHET AUF

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
 Music: WÄCHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Emma Lou Diemer

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in recognition of all the staff at Augsburg Lutheran Church, by Elly Burns-Frye.

This week we keep in prayer Joyce Kauffman, 1096 Biltmore Dr. NE, c/o Carter Broome, Atlanta, GA 30329-4004. Please send **Joyce** a note.

Advent Compline (Night Service) begins tonight and continues on each of the Sundays of Advent: November 28, December 5, 12, and 19. Services begin at 8:00 p.m. and are preceded by a brief recital beginning at 7:30 p.m. All Augsburg disciples, friends, family, and neighbors are welcome to this candlelit contemplative service led by the Compline Choir. Tonight's recital will feature Augsburg disciple, Laura Stevens, flute.

Pastor Paul will be offering a four-week Bible study during the season of Advent focused on "A Season of Hope." Each week he will be using resources provided by our friends at Lutheran World Relief to share how hope is found in the Gospel of Luke and in the work of LWR. The study will take place on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. starting on November 30 and the first three Tuesdays of December. This Bible study will meet via Zoom. All are welcome to attend! You can click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link!

Advent Wreath Making this Sunday (November 28)—start the holy season of Advent with our church family by making an Advent wreath. Bring live greenery clippings from your yard to share and come make an Advent wreath for your home. Garden snips are helpful too—but we'll have plenty of greenery & snips to share. We'll be in front of the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. and by the Outdoor Gathering Space beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Three ways to Give in Advent! First, you can **donate a poinsettia** in honor or memory of your loved one(s) to beautify our Christmas Eve services. Secondly, you can **sponsor a Christmas Blessing** in honor or memory of your loved one(s) that Augsburg will share with families in need at Christ's Beloved Community. We will purchase gift cards to be distributed with food pantry items over the holidays. Both giving options will be recognized in our Christmas Eve bulletin at all services. In order to sponsor a poinsettia or Christmas Blessing, please fill out a paper form, OR online form at <https://forms.gle/ZSKbNSkYmY8859Q89>. Poinsettias or Christmas Blessings are \$16 each and can be paid however you donate to the church; forms and payments are due by December 12. If you have any questions or need help, please email daniele@alcws.org.

Lastly, you can **give gifts for the Angel Tree** which will be supporting the children and families of Anthony's Plot in the Sunnyside neighborhood. Angel Tree tags will be available on December 13 with gifts to be wrapped and returned to Augsburg by January 3. If you have any questions or need help, please email katie@alcws.org. Thank you!

Augsburg's Overflow Shelter is opening on December 15 and there is so much you can do to help! Pray for our guests and volunteers, sign-up for volunteer spots and donate supplies to help us provide good hospitality and care for our shelter guests. **Donations needed include:** men's boxers, men's crew socks, hotel/travel size toiletries, Lysol/Clorox wipes, coffee, sugar, paper coffee cups, or laundry detergent. All donations can be left at the welcome tables at worship or in the church office. To sign-up go to <https://signup.com/go/AugsburgShelter>. Email katie@alcws.org if you have questions or would like to help with shelter set-up this Sunday afternoon.

We keep you in prayer. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is pastoralassociate@alcws.org.

Readings for next week: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Worship attendance for services last week: 168 in person and **50** views on **YouTube**.

Providing Service Today

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(8:30) David Shirlen, Mark Galchutt

(11:00) Pat Holland, Lara Carter,

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Don Eppert

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Preaching & Presiding

Rev. Paul Wollner

Greeter

(8:30) TBD

(11:00) Kim Heiter

Communion Assistants

(8:30) Marty Tanyi

(11:00) Lara Carter

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