

# Worship Service ~ November 27, 2022 9:00

## First Sunday in Advent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast sponsored by Women of Faith.

PRELUDE on *Haf Trones Lampa Färdig* (ELW #244) *REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS* by Stephen Gabrielson

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

#### HOLY BAPTISM OF HANNAH TEDESCO

#### INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### LITANY FOR ADVENT

L: Beware, keep alert!

**C: The Savior is coming!**

L: Beware, keep alert! The Christ Child is coming! Let us worship and bow down before Christ who was, and is, and is to come.

**C: For he is the Savior of the world, and the hope of the ages.**

OPENING SONG      ELW #242 *AWAKE, AWAKE AND GREET THE NEW MORN*    stz 1 choir lead; ALL repeat stz 1

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.

Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold!

The Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor,  
to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door  
and lives now inside us forever.

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: Watch! Wait! The day of God is near.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

L: We watch and wait in anticipation, for Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.

**C: Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who awakens our hearts to overcome the despair of our ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC            *"Even So Come"* Worship Band

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION            ELW #174 **CELTIC ALLELUIA**

R: A Gospel reading from the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE    Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY    ELW #244 **REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS**

stz 1, 2

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.

The bride-groom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.

Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bride-groom near;  
go forth as he approaches with alleluia clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bride-groom is at hand.

MUSICAL OFFERING "*Carol for Advent*" by Don Besig; Faith Choir,  
Alan Ball, piano



*You can give online by scanning the QR code.  
Cash/Checks can be put in the secure offering  
boxes by the exit doors. Thank you for giving to  
Faith!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray, **Eternal God,**

**C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to  
thirsty ground. Receive these gifts and make us messengers of  
your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine  
upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with  
favor, + and give us peace.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG            *WAITING*

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.

Fill the mind 'til we find Your light, Your truth.

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.

Fill the mind 'til we find Your will, your way.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.  
We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.  
God be with us. Emmanuel.

List'ning, We are list'ning, Lord. List'ning, we are list'ning, Lord.  
Draw near, let us hear Your Word for us.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.

We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.  
God be with us. Emmanuel.

Patience, give us patience, Lord. Patience, give us patience, Lord.  
When we pray, give us faith That You hear ev'ry prayer.  
As we're waiting...We are waiting...waiting.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Haf Trones Lampa Färdig* (ELW #244) *REJOICE, REJOICE*  
*BELIEVERS* by Wayne Wold



*Statement of Intent for 2023 giving can be filled out by scanning the QR code or completed forms can be put in the secure offering boxes by the exit doors. Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry at Faith!*

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2007 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #30622. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Used by permission. CCLI License #806083 CCS Worshipcast License #10638.

**Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA, Forest Lake, MN**

Pastor John Klawiter, Senior Pastor; [johnk@faithfl.org](mailto:johnk@faithfl.org)  
Pastor Steve Melander, Visitation Pastor; [stevem@faithfl.org](mailto:stevem@faithfl.org)  
Deacon Nina Joygaard, Adult Ministry; [ninaj@faithfl.org](mailto:ninaj@faithfl.org)  
Cathy Nelson, Children, Youth & Family, [cathyn@faithfl.org](mailto:cathyn@faithfl.org)

651-464-3323      9:00 Worship is Broadcast on FM 95.9  
livestreaming at [faithfl.org](http://faithfl.org)