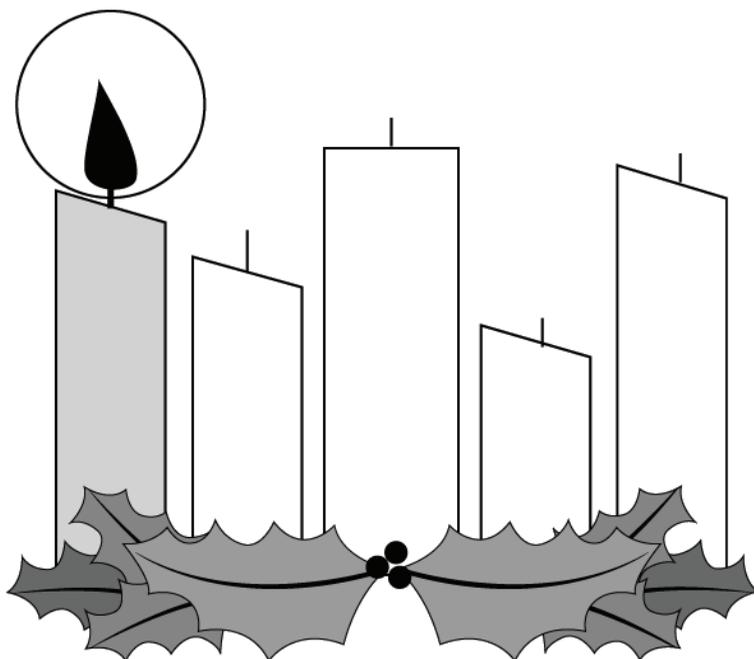


First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2020

10:00 am Worship



**McFARLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# This Week at MLC

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## **Monday, November 29**

## **Tuesday, November 30**

6:15 pm - Handbell Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, December 1**

11:00 am - Midweek Advent Worship

6:30 pm - Midweek Advent Worship

## **Thursday, December 2**

6:30 pm - Decorative Arts Committee

## **Friday, December 3**

8:00 am - Red Cross Blood Drive (FLC)

## **Saturday, December 4**

7:30 am - Women's Bible Breakfast (Rm. 210)

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Rm. 125)

5:00 pm - Worship

## **Sunday, December 5**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 & 10:00 Worship

8:45 am - Family Faith Time

9:00 am - Adult Education

9:00 am - Confirmation

10:45 am - Family Faith Time

# Gathering

A time to prepare ourselves for worship.

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*Please remember to silence your cell phones.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

Indescribable

From the highest of heights  
To the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of fall  
To the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique  
In the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

Chorus

Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You  
know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
All powerful, untamable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we  
Humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt  
Where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses  
Laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun  
And gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring  
Us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

Chorus

## GREETING

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**P:** We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**C:** Amen.

## CANDLE LIGHTING SONG

### Light One Candle

**Light one candle, Christ is coming  
Christ the hope of the world  
Light one candle, Christ is coming  
Christ is coming soon**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, 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.

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## FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV)**

Pew Bible p. 645

*~ In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel. ~*

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."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NRSV)**

Pew Bible p. 960

*~ Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church. ~*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21st chapter:

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

## GOSPEL

**Luke 21:25-36 (NRSV)**

Pew Bible p. 856

*~ God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption. ~*

(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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor George Carlson

## SONG

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Verse 1

**One star**

**Burns in the darkness**

**Shines with the promise Emmanuel**

**One child**

**Born in the stillness**

**Living within us Emmanuel**

Chorus

**We're singing Glory Glory**

**Let there be peace let there be peace**

**Singing Glory Glory**

**Let there be peace let it start in me**

Verse 2

**One voice**

**Speaks for the voiceless**

**Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel**

**One love**

**Brings us together**

**Now and forever Emmanuel**

Chorus

Bridge

**Do not be afraid**

**His love is strong enough to save us**

**Nothing stands in the way**

**His love is strong enough to lead us**

(REPEAT)

Chorus

Ending

**Let there be peace let it start in me**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us, O God. {following each prayer petition}

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord with the words  
"Peace be with you."*

## *Holy Meal*

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING ONLINE

P: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Jesus' table. You are invited to come forward, and take a pre-filled communion chalice from the table near the front of the Sanctuary. A pastor or communion minister will speak God's words of promise for you. You are then invited to return to your seat to consume the elements, or if you are more comfortable, you may take the pre-filled chalice home and consume the elements there. Grape juice or gluten-free pre-filled chalices are also available.)*

### COMMUNION SONG

Because Of Your Love

Intro

**Yeah yeah**

**Yeah yeah**

Verse

**As we come into Your presence**

**We remember ev'ry blessing**

**That You've poured out so freely from  
above**

**Lifting gratitude and praises**

**For compassion so amazing**

**Lord we've come to give You thanks**

**For all You've done**

Chorus

**Because of Your love we're forgiven**

**Because of Your love our hearts are  
clean**

**We lift You up with songs of freedom**

**Forever we're changed because of Your  
love**

Verse

Chorus

Interlude

**Yeah Yeah**

Ending

**Yeah**

**Yeah Yeah (3X)**

# *Sending*

God blesses us and sends us in mission to our neighbors

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## BENEDICTION

**P:** The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may bound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

**Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name**

Pre-Chorus

**Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord still I will say**

Chorus

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name**

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

**You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name**

Chorus

SENDING

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Please join us for Family Faith time, age 3 - 5th grade, right after the service.**

**1st Sunday of Advent / November 28, 2021 10:00 am**

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor George Carlson
<b>Presiding</b>	Pastor Kelli Schmit
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	John Zweig
<b>Lector</b>	Molly Sanders
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b>	Chris Malueg
<b>Pianist</b>	John Scoville
<b>Musicians</b>	Deb Nygaard, Chris Landerud
<b>Greeters</b>	Karen Larson
<b>Ushers</b>	Dale Marsden, Gretchen Schadeberg
<b>Sacristans</b>	Carol Munch, Leslie Birrenkott
<b>Sound</b>	Chris Landerud
<b>Doorkeeper Close</b>	Dale Marsden

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