

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



Area Churches Together ACT Parish

DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran
St. John's Lutheran

Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran
Monson Lake Lutheran

Order of Service

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You call all nations to walk in your light

and to seek your ways of justice and peace,

for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.

Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

Rouse us from sleep,

that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes

and welcome him into our hearts and homes,

for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

ELW 510 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

ELW 264 Prepare the Royal Highway

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Lord's Prayer

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.

Holy Communion

608, 595

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

ELW 441 O Happy Day When We Shall Stand

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Remember in Prayer

Mary Rood, Lisa Carlson, Elaine Sjelstad, Al Lesteberg, Roland Froehlich, Kelly Rodenberg,
Kris Baker, The Family of Blanche Slaughter & The Family of Sandy Gjerde

Today, Sunday, December 2

9am – Hope’s Breakfast, WELCA Geneal meeting/VOH

9:30am – Hope’s Sunday School & Coffee

10:45am – Hope’s Worship

Noon – Pizza, followed by church decorating

Noon – Council

2pm - Norway Lake Lutheran Historical Association invites you to “*Celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent at the Log Church of Norway Lake!*” Located at 9601 195th Ave. NW, Pennock (13 miles west of New London, via County rd. 40) NLLHA Readers Theater present “The Christmas Story”, Children’s Storytime, Carols in both Norsk & English and Traditional refreshments will be served. **No heat so dress appropriately!**

Monday, December 3

9am – Hope’s Early Birds

Tuesday, December 4

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

6pm – Hope’s Twilights

Wednesday, December 5

1:30pm – Hope’s Elizabeth

6:30-8pm - We are having a Confirmation Lefsa making event for all 7th-9th graders at Mamrelund in Pennock!

7pm – Hope’s choir

Thursday, December 6

6pm – Marine Corps Reserve “Toys For Tots” at Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar. With Social Hour starting at 6pm with cookies, coffee & music at and at 7pm will be the “Variety Show”. Cost is \$15 for adults, or a toy(s) of equal or greater value. Free for children & students under 17.

Saturday, December 8

‘**Coming Home for Christmas**’ dinner theatre. The tickets are gone. For those who have reserved ticket their seats for the Saturday, **December 8th** matinee at 12:30, please make checks payable to ACT Parish and mail to: ACT Parish, P.O. Box 88, Murdock, 56271; or cash can be given to Jan Bjornjeld. **Deadline for payment WAS Friday, November 23rd.**



Sunday, December 9

9am – Hope’s Breakfast/VOH

9:30am – Hope’s Sunday School & Coffee

10:45am – Hope’s Sunday School Christmas program

Noon – Potluck dinner

Tuesday, December 11

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

Wednesday, December 12

7pm – Hope’s choir

Thursday, December 13

9:30am – Pastor’s Lakeland Conference meeting at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer

Saturday, December 15

10am-2pm - St. John’s Bake Sale at Willmar’s Kandi Mall

Sunday, December 16

5:30pm – St. John’s Soup & Sandwich and at 6:30pm will be their “Christmas Story Thru Song”

Tuesday, December 18

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

Wednesday, December 19

10:00am – Miriam Manor worship service

7pm – Hope’s choir

Thursday, December 20

5-7pm - W.O.W. “Women of Worship” (formerly MOPS) at Bethesda

Monday, December 24 - *Christmas Eve Services*

2:30pm and 4pm - Old Mamre

4pm - Hope

5:30pm - Monson Lake & Bethesda

Tuesday, December 25

9am – Buffalo Lake Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 30

9:30am – Hope’s coffee

10:45am – Hope’s Lessons & Carols Service