

for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn:

Hymn 11:1

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 15, Dec. 9—14

Monday	Deuteronomy 22-7
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 8
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 9-10
Thursday	Deuteronomy 11-12
Friday	Deuteronomy 13
Saturday	Deuteronomy 14-15

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Advent 2

December 8, 2013

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near! The Forerunner prepares for the coming Christ by preaching repentance that brings renewal of life. The Root of Jesse will come in swift judgment on the unrepentant but in mercy and grace for God's people. His coming will end the wickedness of the world and usher in a new age restored to the perfection with which God made it.

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Gathering Rite

Music chosen for the seasons of the church year has the capacity to set the tone for a particular celebration. This year during the Sundays of Advent we will use the Advent Gathering Song as our Gathering Rite to set a tone of expectant preparation for Christ's coming. The Advent Gathering Song is written in the spirit of Taizé, with a refrain sung continuously by the congregation as the choir sings verses.

ADVENT GATHERING SONG

Gently James J. Chepponis
mp

Come, come Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel.

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Choir: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: For a shoot from Jesse will

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: He will judge with justice and

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: For the source of all patience will

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Now accept one another and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Oh reform, for God's reign has

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Oh prepare the way and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

The music continues softly as we speak the invocation, confession, absolution and prayer of the day.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

As the music grows louder the congregation again sings the refrain continuously as the choir sings the verses.

Proper Preface

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: (sung) Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God (sung)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

Distribution Hymns:

Hymn 702; Hymn 742; Hymn 769

STAND

Thank The Lord (sung)

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 16

Sermon Promises Made: *God's Kingdom is Worth Waiting For* Isaiah 2:1-5

STAND

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

STAND

Prayer of the Church Advent (page 123 of CW)

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.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

Cong: **Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.**

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us and

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Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us and

Cong: **Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.**

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us and

Cong: **Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

M: We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: **We remember Jesus who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.**

M: We hear his call to repent.

C: **We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

One Advent candle is lit.

BE SEATED

Junior Choir (8:00 a.m.)

We Wait For A Little Child

First Lesson:

Isaiah 11:1-10

David's dynasty died in 586 B.C. The Babylonians served as the ax of God that cut off the line of Jesse and made David's family tree nothing but a stump. The lifeless stump was a witness to God's judgment. But behold, a branch is growing! A new shoot sprouts from Jesse's stump. God would renew the stump of David's kingdom, but it wouldn't be the restoration of an earthly rule and reign over Israel. No, God had greater things in mind. Instead, David's greater Son would rule over a renewed earth and heaven. "I am making everything new" (Revelation 21:5). In this renewed kingdom, sin and its effects are gone; peace and righteousness rule. The Root of Jesse is a banner for the peoples, and his place of rest will be glorious.

11 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling^[a] together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 14 (p. 40 of CWS)

Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

God renewed the hope of his people by raising up the root of Jesse. Hope in him reshapes our hearts and the resulting fruits of repentance show themselves in our renewed lives. Examples of those fruits can be seen in the unity of our walk and our witness and in our acceptance of our brothers and sisters. The Holy Spirit brings forth such faith and fruit to the glory and praise of God.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name.”

¹⁰ Again, it says,

“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ And again,
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him.”

¹² And again, Isaiah says,
“The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Verse of the Day (sung)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written they we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12

A voice in the desert cried out, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near!” A fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, John dressed like the first Elijah (2 Kings 1:8) and fulfilled the role of the second Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6) as foretold by Gabriel (Luke 1:17). Many people responded to John's preaching with repentance, baptism, and spiritual renewal. Others neither repented nor produced the fruits of a life renewed by the Spirit. John warned them that God's ax chops down unfruitful trees and leaves only stumps as witness to his judgment. John told both groups that the Messiah was near: near to the people to save them; near to the religious leaders to judge them. Harvest time had come, and God's winnowing fork was in his hand to separate the wheat from the chaff.

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with^[a] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!



News From Zion



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Announcements

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. The Discussion Guide for December is available in the church basement and on the radiator to the right of the double doors in church.

Promises Made Advent This year our Sunday Advent worship will focus on *Promises Made*. Each week we look at a different promise to help us prepare to celebrate the upcoming festival of Christmas. Join us and bring a friend! The remaining weekly themes are:

Promises Made: God's kingdom gives us strength and courage

Promises Made: God's kingdom will come through the child Immanuel

Midweek Advent Worship The theme of this year's midweek worship is: *Zion at Your Shining Gates*. The weekly themes are:

Dec. 11 Zion At Your Shining Gates is your Ultimate Sacrifice

Dec. 18 Zion At Your Shining Gates is your Peace

We will worship on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Join us and bring a friend!

Adult Christ Light will meet next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the church. We will study the Old Testament this year.

Original Math Forget "new" math; "original" math is life changing! God, the first Mathematician and Creator of all things, uses numbers—threes, tens, forties, and more—to demonstrate his design for creation and redemption through the work of Jesus on the cross. Join us at our new Sunday morning study in the commons next week as we explore the symbolism and patterns of the numbers God uses to convey the truth of his love through these remaining topics:

- 3-in-1: The Number of God (next Sunday)
- 2 & 4: Creation Counted
- 5 & 10: Keys to God's Word
- 7 & 12: Numbers in Revelation
- 40 & 8: A Generation of Mercy and the New Creation.

We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the commons. Join us and bring the family!

To the Congregation: Thank you for the tuition assistance we recently received for Matthew to attend Fox Valley Lutheran High School. It is a wonderful blessing to be part of a congregation that supports families who have decided to send their children to a Christian high school. Your support is truly appreciated!

To All Members (men & women) of our congregation. As of January 1 our Ladies Aid as we know it today will no longer exist. In your mailboxes you will find a letter. Please take time to read it and fill out the information and return it to the baskets in the church basement by December 15. If you have any questions please contact Mary Laabs or Janice Kuchenbecker.

Calendars for 2014 are available in the church basement. Thank you to Nickel Funeral Home for providing these calendars!

Please save postage stamps from letters and cards received during the holidays for WLCFS. There is a place to put them in the library in the basement.

Christmas for Kids Join us on Saturday, December 14, 9:00-11:30 a.m. The program is free and open to all children age three through fourth grade. All sign up sheets can be found in the church basement and the school commons. We hope that many children can make it to this fun day! Please invite a friend!

Poinsettias The worship committee will pick up poinsettias for anyone who would like to purchase one to decorate our church. The red poinsettias will be used to decorate for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will be taken down on January 12. Purchased flowers can be taken home after the Christmas Day service or picked up on the 12th. After that time the flowers will be discarded. Please sign up on the sheet in the church basement by Sunday Dec. 15 if you would like to contribute to beautifying our Christmas services. The cost is \$7.00 per flower

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Advent Worship
	5:15 p.m.	Confirmation, grades 6-8
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Band
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Study, church
	9:15 a.m.	Numbers in Scripture , commons
	10:30 a.m.	Worship, communion
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Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 15—December 9-16

Monday	Deuteronomy 7
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 8
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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Thanksgiving	251 (78, 173)
Worship:	243 (134, 109)
Bible Study:	77 (21, 29, 14, 13)
Youth Study:	20

WELS & The Ukrainian Lutheran Church

As reported to the synod convention last summer, our synod will enter into a new relationship with the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) in January. Even before the break-up of the Soviet Union, the ULC was established by a mission organization affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). It now has more than 20 pastors and congregations.

For many years, the ELS has been the primary partner of the Ukrainian Lutheran Church, working with WELS to provide theological training as well as generous financial support through gifts from ELS and WELS members and grants from the Schwan Foundation. In addition to supporting the Ukrainian Lutheran Church, the ELS has also operated Gift of Life, an organization devoted to providing pro-life counseling and other humanitarian services in Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Lutheran Church

has a goal to become fully self-supporting within the next ten years. During that time, congregations of the ULC will work to develop a deeper understanding of biblical stewardship, concentrate on outreach and evangelism programs to share the gospel with as many people as possible, and continue to strengthen called and lay leaders.

As of January, our synod will have the privilege of becoming the primary partner with the ULC in order to help it achieve its goal of full self-support. (The Gift of Life programs will continue to be operated by the ELS.) The plan is for the financial support from America to decrease gradually over the next ten years, enabling the ULC to continue to exist now and giving it time to become fully self-sufficient.

Congregations and individuals desiring to support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine can do so in two ways.

Gifts can be mailed directly to the synod and designated for the Ukraine Fund. Or, gifts can be given online.

The Ukrainian Lutheran Church is facing many challenges beyond financial ones. Inflation and unemployment have hit Ukraine hard. Opposition from the largest church in Ukraine is growing. The political climate in Ukraine continues to deteriorate as recently won religious freedom is once again being taken away. Our Lutheran brothers and sisters need our support as they proclaim an even more precious freedom—the freedom from sin, death, and hell brought by our Savior. Keep them in your prayers and take the opportunity to support them with your gifts.

News from FVL

FVL Director of Operations position: Fox Valley Lutheran High School is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Operations. The application and job description are posted on The HUB at the FVL website: www.fvlhs.org. You may also call the school office at 920.739.4441 and request an application. For more information, contact Principal Hartwig.

Winterfest, the annual FVL fundraiser for its band and choir programs, will be Sunday, January 26. In order to help make this event successful, we are looking for donation items for the auction room (theme baskets, dining and entertainment gift cards, jewelry, etc.). If you would like to donate an item or have questions about donations, please contact Kathy Kolell at

paulandkate4@yahoo.com.

FVL Christmas Concert will be Sunday, Dec. 15 at 1:00 pm. All FVL choirs will be featured. The concert is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken.

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