

**Offering**

**Prayers**

*L: God, in your mercy.*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn No. 826**

**"Thine the Amen"**

**Dismissal**

*L: Go in Peace, Christ is near.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
Saturday, December 24  
4:00, 4:30 & 11:00 p.m.**

**4:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary.**

**4:30 p.m. - Contemporary Worship Service w/ Praise Band in C.C.**

**11:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service with Communion  
in Sanctuary.**

*Christmas Day*

**9:30 a.m. - Blended Worship Service in the Sanctuary.**

**First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC  
November 26 & 27, 2022**

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**Connections Educational Hour:** 9:30 a.m.

**Radio:** 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

**Charter/Spectrum:** Ch. 181 - Sun. 2:30 p.m.; Wed. 2:00 p.m.

**Good Samaritan Village:** Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 11:00 a.m.

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**Welcome to Worship**



**1st Sunday in Advent - November 26 & 27, 2022**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Peace**

*L: 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.**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

*L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.*

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

*L: We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.*

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

*L: We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.*

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

*L: We anticipate the One who renews our faith.*

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

*L: We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.*

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

**Congregation:** JOEL RANEY

Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, Prince of Peace,  
Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Al - might - y God.  
Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el. God with  
us, Em - man - u - el.

**Prayer**

*L: Gracious Lord, we thank you for being our Wonderful Counselor. As we begin our Advent journey, help us to know the abiding hope that comes from knowing you. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 256

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Greeting

L: 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.

Kyrie

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . have mer - cy:*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Hymn of Praise

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*Refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5 — Page 550

Psalm Reading

Psalm 122 — See Insert

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14 — Page 923

The Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -

lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44 — Page 806

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 439

“Soon and Very Soon”

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No. 434

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Apostles' Creed

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.