



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, E.L.C.A.
255 W. Lincoln Ave.
Hartford, WI 53027
The 1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020



Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning, and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.

WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: **We confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN ELW NO 242 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn!"**

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald it's 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.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

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

C: **And also with you**

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING from 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- “Aleluia, Aleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Congregation:
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

GOSPEL READING from Matthew 13: 24-37

L: The Gospel of the Lord C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

***HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 244 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near. The bridegroom 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 bridegroom near; go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear. The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand. Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand. The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore, shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold; in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven, and sited at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, now and forever.

SENDING HYMN *ELW NO. 537* "On Our Way Rejoicing"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**