



Pinawa Lutheran Church

A congregation of the ELCIC & The Brokenhead Shared Ministry

Altruism, Stewardship, Faith, Cooperation

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Worship Leader: Sharon Howe

With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *WOV 630 – Light One Candle v1*

GATHERING SONG *WOV 718 – Here in This Place*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

3 Many peoples shall come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

PSALM 122

1 I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

2 Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

**4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“**May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

**8 For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] 36 “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY WOV 687 – *Gracious Spirit*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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PEACE

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OFFERING: The offering plate is on the table at the church entrance.

OFFERTORY: What Have We to Offer?

What have we to offer? What have we to share?

Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.

God will not falter; so let us dare lay it at the altar there

What have we to offer? What have we to bring?

Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;

dreams of what we're after; promises of when. Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?

Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;

truth that must be spoken; justice somehow. Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?

Lives we will live.

OFFERING PRAYER

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SENDING SONG

WOV 723 – *The Spirit Sends Us Forth*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

BIBLE STUDY: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month – 10am. All are welcome.

IRONWOOD SERVICE: 4th Sunday of the month – 1:30pm.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART: CLWR's *Gifts from the Heart* catalogue has something to inspire and delight anyone on your list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world. Copies are available on the entrance table.

A SERVICE OF LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: Saturday, December 6, 1:30 p.m. at Notre Dame du Lac Church on McArthur.

For many people at this time of year, it is called a holiday season. However, it can feel like no holiday at all. It can be filled with difficult times, such as gatherings to endure when your heart is not in it, or the other pressures of the busy season, all while a flood of emotions may be darkening the days. We may have experienced a great loss; the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a marriage or relationship break-up, the loss of our health, or any one of many other difficult situations. Gathering with others can be a time to acknowledge these difficult times and to help each other through.

As the days grow shorter and it becomes dark earlier at this time of year, there are also many of us who experience seasonal depression, which can heighten a sense of loneliness or isolation. All of these factors together can make Christmas a difficult time of year for some people. The holiday season can evoke a mixture of joy and sadness.

The Service of "Light in the Darkness" is offered each year to our community by the Abundant Life Chapel, the Lutheran Church of the Cross, and Notre Dame du Lac Catholic Church. It is a service that inspires Faith and brings peace and comfort.

You are all warmly invited to attend this year's Light in the Darkness service. If you know of someone in need of some uplifting, perhaps you can bring them ... our time is always the best gift!