



Promises – A Children's Service 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

(*please stand as you are able)

(Congregation reads **bold** print)

The Invocation and Opening Prayer

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: We have gathered to celebrate God's Christmas promise.

Pastor: We have gathered to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

All: Dear Lord, we gather in the sure hope of all Your Promises. You have promised to hear our prayers and to answer. You have promised to be with us always. You have promised to take care of us. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us. Remove the barrier of our sin, remove all doubt and sadness, encourage us in our faith, and make us ready for the celebration. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pastor: God is here with us. Let us celebrate His Christmas promise.

All: Alleluia!

The Psalm: An Arrangement of Psalm 145

Pastor: The Lord is Faithful to all his promises
And loving toward all He has made.
I will exalt You, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Men: Every day I will praise you and extol Your name for ever and ever.

Women: Great is the Lord and most worth of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

All: [We] will speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and [we] will meditate on your wonderful works.

Pastor: They will tell of the power of Your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

All: [We] will celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your Righteousness.

Pastor: The Lord is faithful to all His promises

All: and loving toward all He has made.

Lectern Side: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

Pulpit Side: slow to anger and rich in love.

Lectern Side: The Lord is good to all;

Pulpit side: He has compassion on all He has made.

Lectern side: All you have made will praise You, O Lord;

Pulpit Side: your saints will extol You.

Women: so that all [people] may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all generations.

All: The Lord is faithful to all His promises. And loving towards all he has made.

Men: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Women: The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time.

Pastor: You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

All: The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving towards all He has made.

The Message Presented by the Children

Processional and Opening Hymn —“Promises” -- Children

From the Beginning of Time

6TH Grade Readers-- Brody Thomas, McKenzie Cross, Bryn Cameron, Brylee Koehler, Calan Lloyd, Brailee Bremer

The Promise Remembered

6th Grade Readers

Isaiah Remembers the Promise

6th Grade Readers

Nursery – Kindergarten –The Promise of God to His People

Gage Jensen, Beatrix Weaver, Ryker Koehler, Abby Orlando, Abran Corley

The people will know justice, the people will know love.

The people will know freedom, a gift from God above.

And in the Lord's forgiveness, God's peace we all will know.

And Hope and Joy and Mercy—God's bounty overflows!

A Rainbow of Promises

Kindergarten-1st Grade –Owen Wahlberg, Addison Ploen, Cinch Fitch, Keighton

McCrea

2nd Grade – Jaycee Koehn, Ella Cross, Kellen Alfredson, Cade Alfredson, Myla Thomas

The P-R-O-M-I-S-E

3rd Grade – Wyatt Jensen, Harper Wahlberg, Payton Ploen, Shay Biggerstaff, Kynlee

McCrea, McKenna Peters, Lily Dean, Maylee Lloyd

The Christmas Gospel—6th Grade:

Childrens Song-- Away in a Manger

The Announcement of the Birth

Childrens Hymn – Peace Prayer/Silent Night

The Promise Fulfilled

The Childrens Finale ----- PROMISES Congregation please join on the Chorus!

Promises! The Word of God is True

Promises! They're true for me and you

Promises! A guarantee of Love

Promises! A gift from God above

Promises! God's wonderful and great.

Promises! We sing and celebrate!

Promises! Sing allelu, alleluia!

Offering

Peace

The Benediction

Pastor: May the lord bless you with all His promises through the birth of his Son, Jesus,
His own Christmas promise.

All: Bless us Lord. Amen

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Recessional Hymn – Joy to the World #267

Thank you for letting the Kid Zone kids share the Christmas Message with you! Thank you to all who helped with set items, crafts, storytelling, snacks, and more as we rehearsed—it is so appreciated.

Please join the children in the basement immediately following the service for a Christmas treat and time of fellowship!

Kid Zone will meet this Wednesday, December 15th, from 3:30-5:00 for Jesus Birthday party!

Baptized believers sent into God's world to share God's love and grace.

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Welcome! May you be blessed as we worship together!

Pr. Kelley can be reached at 402-750-9944 (cell).

The Giving Tree is up with names from Community Action Agency and Lutheran Services in Iowa.

- After you select a name tag, please record your name in the notebook next to the tree, in the corresponding number of the name tag.
- The name tag records the name or code letter, age, clothing sizes and gift suggestions.
- The gifts from LSI are not to be wrapped (this should be indicated on the tag).
- Please return gifts to the church by **Sunday, December 12.**
- Any questions, contact Gloria Healy, 873-5107.

Please have your annual reports sent in by January 10.

This Week's Events: Dec 5-11

Sun. Dec 12	9:00am	Children's Service
Mon.		Office Closed
Tues.	7:00pm	AA Meeting (Contact person is Larry S., 712-251-4207)
Wed.	10:00am	Adult Bible Study (If another time works better, please share that with Pr. Kelley.)
	3:30-5pm	Kid's Zone (through grade 6)
	6:00-6:30p	Confirmation
Wed.	7:00pm	Third Advent Service

Upcoming Events:

Sun. Dec 19	9:00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Fri. Dec 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sun. Dec 26	9:00am	Lessons and Carols Service

Worship Assistants for December:

Organist: Ruth Chartier	Altar Guild: Roger & Susan Christiansen
Scripture Reader: Roger Christiansen	Offertory Accountants: Steve & Lisa Rippke
Tech Assistants: Casey & Jill Stratton	
Acolyte: Rex Morgan	Crucifer: Carson Coulter

Birthdays: 12-Leann Henschen; 14-Norma Theis; 15-Makayla Archer; 16-Janna Brandt, Ashley Criag, Lindsey DeWitt Hilts; 17-Misti Hayes, Deb Wilcke; 18-Leah Cross

Anniversaries: 12-Chase & Chris Koehler; 13-Jason & Gina Jepsen; 17-Steve & Cindy Ploen; 18-Bryan & Annette Alfredson

Prayers

For those battling cancer: Denise Arpino-treatment; Doug Dahlke-**Cancer has returned and seems to be spreading, is at home recovering from chemo**; Brad Pautsch (Cindy Ploen's brother)-started his immunizations Michelle Stovie (Harry Kloewer's daughter)-chemo, PET scan at the end of October

We also pray for Norma Thies-meeting with hospice; Talon Penning (Kara Koehn's brother)-Covid pneumonia, doing better and has returned home; Carla Boggs; Jon Kleemeier-rehab at home; Barb Kunkel; Ed Kunkel (Barb's son)-heart and lung issues, hospitalized with Covid; Drake Malm; Tucker Malm (10-yrs old)-Crohn's, doing well at home while waiting for surgery; Kelly Martin; Paula Roling; Kereen Swanger-recovering from stroke; those in addictions/recovery; all who are grieving; victims of COVID-19, extreme weather and natural disasters, violence and domestic abuse.

On Ushers' Table:

- Children's bulletins
- Lutheran Disaster Response - US Wildfires information, Haiti earthquake relief
- 2021 Advent Devotional (large and small print available)
- Seminal sheets for confirmation students
- December Newsletter

- Prayer Chain list is on the back table
 - Please put a check mark next to your name if you still want to be on the Prayer Chain.
 - If you would like to be added, please put your name and cell number on the line indicated on the list.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: The Altar Guild is seeking additional members to help with communion, etc. during the months of June & October. Please reach out to Susan Christiansen (cell: 870-4378) to volunteer or if you have additional questions!

God's Work. Our gifts. Thank you to all who support our ministry!

Electronic giving	\$ 142.50
Mission Support	\$ 30.00
Kids Zone	\$ 30.00
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