



1<sup>st</sup> sunday of advent

December 2, 2018

First Lutheran Church, ELCA

“THE PROPHECY CANDLE”

Gathering Music

Opening Song

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

#264

Welcome/Invocation

Lighting The Prophecy Candle

“Lighting One Candle” Melody: Away in a Manger

In darkness enshrouded, the world waits for light  
To shatter the shadowy darkness of night.  
To greenery circled, the faithful draw near  
**And longingly listen, God’s message to hear.**

L: Send out your light and your truth, O Lord; let them be our guide.

C: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**And God said, “Let there be light!”**

L: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

C: Did not our hearts burn within us while he spoke to us and opened the Scriptures for us?

L: **“Let the prophet who has my word speak my word faithfully,” says the Lord. “Is not my word a fire?”**

One candle is burning—through darkness shines light,  
**As prophets were yearning for God’s holy might.**  
To people in darkness came promises new—  
The promise of Jesus is faithful and true.

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

C: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

L: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

C: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

L: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Oh, keep us, Lord Jesus, in your mighty care  
As for your arrival your people prepare.  
The flames for the faithful, Lord, let them burn bright,  
That hearts of all people in faith may ignite.

A Gift of Song

**"Come Messiah"**

Senior Choir

The Christmas Story: Luke 1:5-25

Sermon

Song

**"Blessed Be the God of Israel"**

**#250**

Sharing the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

### **Lord's Prayer**

Sharing The Meal

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #257 (vs. 1-4)**

**"Comfort, Comfort Now My People" #256**

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Closing Song

**"Joy to the World"**

**#267**

Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Those who Shared Their Time &

Reader: Melissa Ackermann

Communion: Melissa, Ben, Grace Ackermann

Usher: Scott & Beth Breuer, Pat & Cindy Ebert

Greeter: Missy & Aaron Ferguson

Coffee: Jim & Jennifer Cobb

Altar: LaDonna Severson, Katie Bee

Sound/Screen: Heath Oeltjen

Video: Ric Wallace