

1st Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 4



Introduction to the Day:

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Prayer Requests

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Sebree's

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

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

²In 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.

³Many 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.

⁴He 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.

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

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

¹I 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.**

³Jerusalem 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.**

⁵For 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.**

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

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

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

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Gary Rohde

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW Hymn 244

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, “God, in your mercy”, the congregation will respond, “hear our prayer.”

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ’s presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus’ name we pray **Amen**.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.

MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

ELW Hymn 247

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together,

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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Preface

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 today 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Please be seated.

We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord’s Supper are invited forward to commune. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The empty cups can be placed in the tray on the left side of the altar.

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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SONGS DURING COMMUNION

“The King Shall Come”
“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

ELW Hymn 260

ELW Hymn 246

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Today: LIRS Christmas card deadline, please put your cards in the basket in the narthex

Monday: “Before the Throne” Book Study, 11:00, read Psalm 121 and Week Three, Day 1

Wednesday: “The Journey” Advent Service, 12:00

Dinner & A Movie, “The Chosen” 5:00

The Angel Tree is once again in the Narthex. We have two families from the PCAP program. Both are families of 4 that have recently been reunited, spending their first Christmas together. There are tags for each member of the family plus tags for household needs. Please take a tag or two and help a family have a wonderful Christmas knowing someone cares about them.

This year’s Advent offering will be sent to the Yakima Salvation Army’s Social Ministries program. This program offers a wide range of social services to those in need. More information in the newsletter.

Deacon Kathy will be out of the office from Monday, November 28th through December 7th. Please reach out to Jay Carroll 509-949-4423 at or Pastor Kathleen Anderson at 509-575-6490.

Counters for November: Norm Frank & Lori Murphy

BLESSING

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

ELW Hymn 657

DISMISSAL

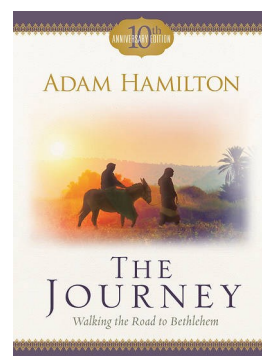
Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in *24 Hours that Changed the World*, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness.

Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.

The Worship and Music Committee has chosen to use the book as our 2022 Advent Service. Beginning on November 30th, please join us for the four **Wednesdays of Advent at noon** to view a short video vignette of Mr. Hamilton retracing the actual Path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, along with the accompanying Chapter. Books are available at the office. Donations of \$13.00 for the book would be appreciated.



Christmas Caroling and CLC Christmas Party

Caroling Opportunities

Friday, December 9th

Blossom Place Retirement Home

5100 W Nob Hill Blvd

11:00-11:30 a.m.

And / Or

Chalet Village Condominiums

56th Ave east of CLC

5:00-5:30 p.m.

Sonya will accompany with guitar

Song Sheets will be available

Bring your voice

Wear a festive sweater

Bring joy to the residents!!

CLC Christmas Party

December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

CLC Fellowship hall

Come join us for a German-style
Christmas celebration!

Dinner Menu

Brats

Hot German Potato Salad

Rotkraut (Red Cabbage)

Dessert

Feel free to bring wine or beer to
celebrate

Festivities

Christmas Games, Caroling, and
fellowship

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