

Lord *of Life* Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent - Hope

"Be ready"



1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document. If you are joining us online, please send the office an email at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org so we know of your participation.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As We Gather

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.

As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly/give) through this link https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924 or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.



+ Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ BELLS *Savior of the Nations, Come* Cathy Moglebust

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C Amen.

P Long-expected God,

C we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

P God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✝ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C Amen.



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phunt breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



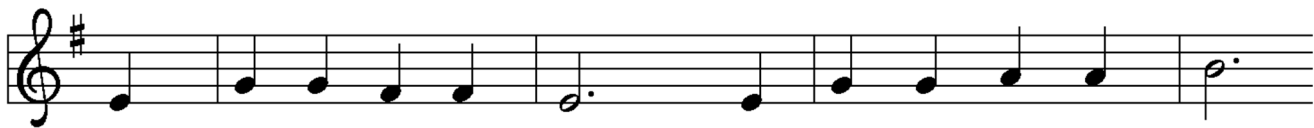
when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
 and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

We sit.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Please sing when directed (Sing the echo)

Light a candle for all to see. (Light a candle for all to see.)

The King shall come for you and me. (The King shall come for you and me.)

Endless hope: Emmanuel. (Endless hope: Emmanuel.)

And with us He shall ever dwell. (And with us He shall ever dwell).

(All Sing)

Emmanuel: God with us, King of kings and Lord of lords!
Come fill our hearts with Your hope and reign forevermore.

Children continue their worship in Sunday School.

+ Word +

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

A A reading from Isaiah.

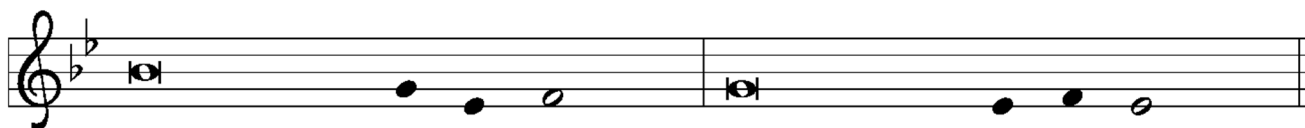
¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up 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!

A The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122



A ¹ I was glad when they ¹ said to me,
“Let us go to the house ¹ of the LORD.”

2 Now our ¹ feet are standing
within your gates, ¹ O Jerusalem.

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

4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes ¹ of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name ¹ of the
LORD.

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

6 Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
“May they pros- | per who love you.

A ⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.

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

A ⁹Because of the house of the ¹ LORD our God,
I will seek to ¹ do you good.”

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

A A reading from Romans.

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.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

ELW 436



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: “Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!”
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** Let us confess the faith of the church with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

Each petition ends:

- A** God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P** Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.
C Amen.

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

ADVENT MINISTRY MOMENT ~ Peter Marchese, North Side
Housing and Supportive Services



+ Meal +

We sit.

OFFERING ~ *Breath of Heaven*

Amy Grant & Chris Eaton

Solo – Diane Bele

We stand.

OFFERING SONG ~ *In the Bleak Midwinter*

ELW 294 vs. 3



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign....
...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup...
...to share with us the great and promised feast.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit....
...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☪ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place....

...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.

© 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 this day 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

P Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

C Amen.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



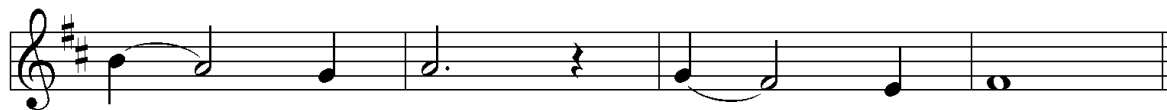
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to the table of the Lord who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. We gather at the communion rail and consume the elements by intinction, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice of wine. Half of the chalice is dark wine and the other half is white apple juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request during distribution. Children who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please inform the ushers if you will need to partake of the Lord's supper at your place in the pew.

COMMUNION HYMN~ *He Came Down*

ELW 253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.



+ *Sending* +

BLESSING



P Almighty God, Father, + Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.

C A - men

SENDING HYMN ~ *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

ELW 244



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Keep awake.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ *Prepare the Way*

James Mansfield

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Ken Olson & Stephanie Olson, Audio Visual
Marsha Einhorn, Assisting Minister
Karen Baron, Reader
Cynthia Berntzen, Greeter
Marilyn Luthardt & Trisha Steimel, Ushers

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from Gary & Cathy Thoma in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God from Ken Olson in memory of Barb Olson's birthday

✝ WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of

your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

****Please continue to sign-in each week.** This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.**

WELCOME ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

LOL OFFICE REMINDERS: Just a reminder; church office hours begin at 1pm M-F. It is still a good idea to call the office to make sure someone is here. Please email the office or tell Julie in person if you have any prayer requests or bulletin announcements to be included in the Sunday bulletin. Prayer requests should say if you want them in
*bulletin (friend or family) – these have first and last names
*spoken weekly prayers – first name only
*sent to our Lord of Life Prayer Circle.

All bulletin items need to be in the office no later than Wednesday mornings, anything coming later will need to be in the next week's bulletin. Kim and Julie need time to create, edit, and PRINT the bulletin for Sunday mornings. Any questions, just ask. Thank you in advance.

GUEST SPEAKER DURING ADVENT: This morning we are pleased to welcome Peter Marchese, representing **NORTH SIDE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**. We'll hear inspirational stories about the good work that North Side Housing is doing for homeless men, and get an update on the new shelter that opened last year. Part of our special Advent offerings will go to help fund North Side Housing.

END POVERTY! STOP HUNGER! BRING SANITATION TO A RURAL COMMUNITY! Buying fairly traded items next week (December 7) may not accomplish these things tomorrow—but it will be a start! Never underestimate how far your investment in artisanal products can go! You are making a difference in people's lives when you buy fairly traded products.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for poinsettia plants to adorn the altar this Christmas. Please sign your name and number

of plants to the sign-up sheet. Cost is \$12.50 per plant. Please make out check to Lord of Life, if paying with cash, please mark an envelope “for poinsettias” and give directly to Kim or Julie. Plants may be picked up following the Christmas Day Service on 12/25. If you have any questions, please call or email the church office.