

WELCOME TO



GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.

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Prelude: Voluntary

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

**We trust earthly powers and human authority
alone.**

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through ✝ Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.
Amen.

The service continues with gathering song.

**GATHERING SONG HYMN: ELW 244 "Rejoice,
rejoice believers"**

P: 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.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning. As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Advent Wreath Song: ELW 240 "Light one candle to watch for Messiah" v1

Kyrie: ELW 247 "Come now, O Prince of Peace"

P: PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....

A brief silence is kept for our own intentions.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*All respond: **Amen.***

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10



Psalm 25:1

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¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to
shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**

⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all | the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. R**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the
sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and
faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and
your | testimonies. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 253 "He came down"
v 1-2**

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 253 "He came down"
v 3-4**

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 436 "Wake, awake, for
night is flying"**

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

BRIEF ORDER FOR HEALING

The congregation is seated

Introduction:

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing

Prayer:

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. In your great mercy, hear us, O God. **Amen**

Laying on of Hands:

P: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

You are invited to come forward if you wish to do so.

P: in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

C AMEN.

When all have returned to their seats, the Assisting Minister continues

A: Let us Pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN.

Blessing:

P: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in Heaven and on Earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.
The peace of Christ be with you always.*

And also with you.

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.
The assembly is seated.*

MEAL

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need.*

Corinthians 8:3 "For I testify that according to their ability and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord."

OFFERTORY: ACS 905 "We are waiting for Jesus"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer.
Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Let us pray.

Creator God,

you made the whole world,

even the farthest stars,

and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food

that we may live in expectation

for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: ELW 239 "Hark the glad sound" v1

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:

Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).

**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

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.

HYMN: ELW 254 "come, thou long expected Jesus"

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).

The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.

The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non.-

alcoholic juice (small chalice). Worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction," dipping the Host into the Chalice, or by common cup, on the PULPIT side of the Altar. If you're on the Pulpit side, you may also feel free to intinct. The other chalice is for intinction ONLY.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The appropriate response is:

Amen.

During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.

**Hymn: ELW 715 "Christ be our light"
Choir will sing "Advent Promise"
by Pamela Martin**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand at the invitation to pray:

Let us pray.

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,

for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,

for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,

for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us

as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,

God in the darkness and the light,

God, our hope for the journey,

✝ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 248 "People, look east"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Voluntary

***The end of Worship –
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor:	Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara
Music Director:	Len Cremisio
Asst. Ministers:	9:30 a.m.
Reader:	Linda Hide
Crucifer:	Leone Goding
Communion Assistant:	
Assisting Minister:	Patricia Bressler
Ushers:	9:30 a.m. Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson, John Kelly
Altar Care:	Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson
Post Worship Sec.:	9:30 a.m
Counters:	Jean Talts
Greeters:	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship:	

Communion Wine: for December is given to the Glory of God

Presence Candle: for December is given to the Glory of God

Altar Flowers: for November is given to the Gory of God.

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