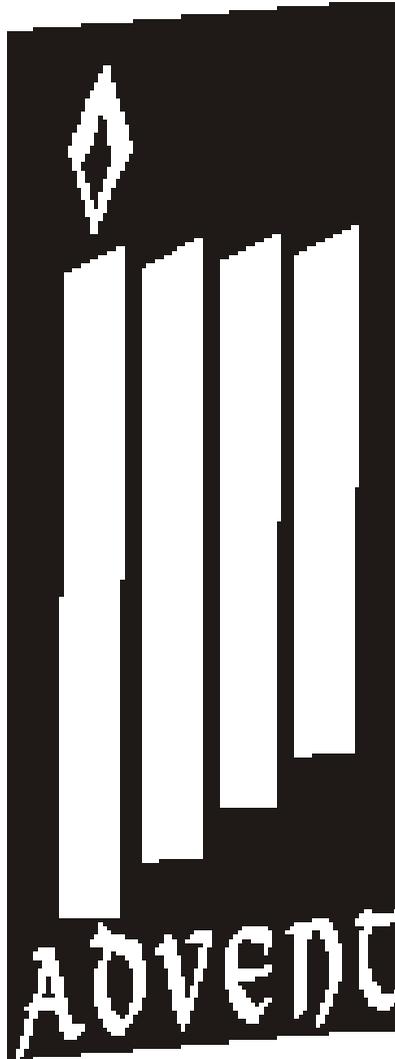


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
at Swan's Trail

Sunday, November 27, 2022

# First Sunday of Advent, Year A



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God for whom we wait,

C **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE

P Hope is a light given by God at the beginning of creation.

C **Hope is the gift of God.**

P Hope is a light given by God in the teaching of the prophets.

C **Hope is the gift of God revealed in the life of Christ.**

P Hope is a light given by God, in Jesus the Christ, the Son of Mary.  
(The candle is lit.)

P Let us pray: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your renewing hope. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

# “CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT”



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

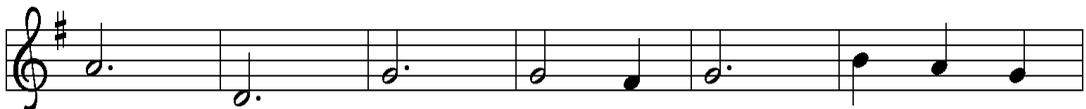


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

## *Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. (*Brief silence is kept*) 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

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON 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 worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of God, the Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 122 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

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

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good.”

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## **SECOND LESSON ROMANS 13:11-14**

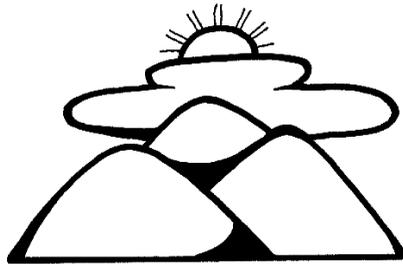
*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

A reading from Romans:

<sup>11</sup>Besides 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; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of God, the Word of Life.

**C      Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL VERSE

## “WE ARE WAITING FOR JESUS”



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

## HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 1:1-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C** **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. <sup>2</sup>Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup>and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, <sup>4</sup>and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup>and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup>and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup>and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup>and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of

Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup>and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup>and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

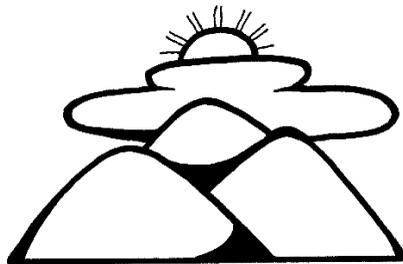
<sup>12</sup>And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup>and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup>and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup>and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup>and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

<sup>17</sup>So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

This is the gospel of our Lord.     **C       Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**DEACON LIZ COLVER**



## HYMN OF THE DAY "EACH WINTER AS THE YEAR GROWS"



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,  
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for  
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from  
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the  
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the  
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and  
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that  
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can  
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.  
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.  
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.  
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.  
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

## APOSTLES CREED

P God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*(Between the first and last prayer, congregation please share in reading the prayers)*

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

*A brief silence.*

P God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care, especially those we name before you today. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God of peace, you journey with your people in all places and call us to unity; you are present with the people of Ukraine and Russia. Be with those who are afraid; hold them in your everlasting arms in this time of great fear. Be with those who have power over life and death, that they will choose life for all people, and life in all its fullness. Be with those who choose war, that they will remember that you direct your people to turn swords into ploughshares and to seek peace. Be with leaders on the world stage, inspire them with the wisdom and courage of Christ. Bring peace in Ukraine. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God, you have journeyed with your people throughout history in times of stability and in times of transition. Bless the work of our transition team and council, as they lead our congregation in listening to you and to our neighbors, so that we might discern how you are calling us into the future you have in store for us. Help us to honor what has been, give us courage to explore and imagine new possibilities, and strengthen our trust that you are with us along the way. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

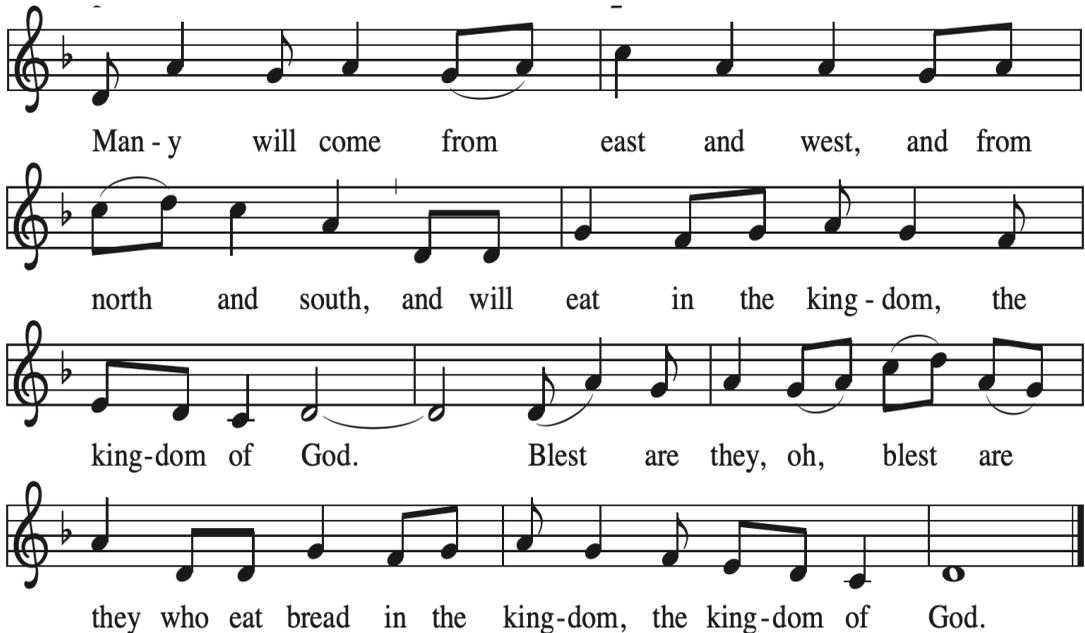
**C** **And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERING**

## OFFERTORY

## “MANY WILL COME”



Man - y will come from east and west, and from  
north and south, and will eat in the king - dom, the  
king - dom of God. Blest are they, oh, blest are  
they who eat bread in the king - dom, the king - dom of God.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** **Amen**

*Holy Communion is offered every Sunday, and all are invited to receive God's gifts of bread and wine. We offer red wine and white grape juice for those who have a preference. We also offer gluten free wafers. Please let the pastor know your preference at the communion rail.*

## CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

**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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

P On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, broke it, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them to drink, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

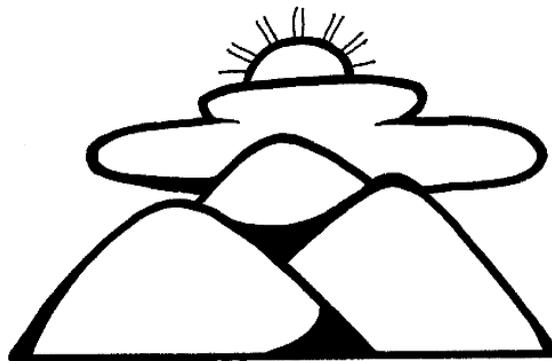
P The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray.

**C 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 Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

### **DISTRIBUTION**



# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

# “MY HOPE IS BUILT ON”

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## **GOD'S BLESSING**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

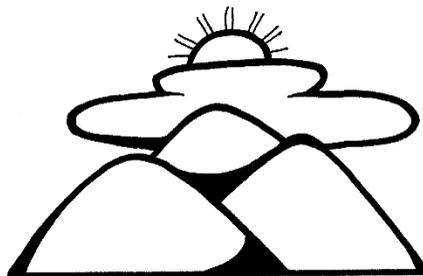
**P** Let us pray. (*Brief silence is kept*) We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with favor and bring you peace. In the name of the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**



## SENDING HYMN “AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH”



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.



## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C **Thanks be to God.**