

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

#### ENTRANCE ADVENT HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light* ELW 715 vs. 1,5

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Make us your own, your holy people,  
 light for the world to see.

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
 many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
 Let us be servants to one another,  
 signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in our hearts.  
 Shine through the darkness.  
 Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gathered today.

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### ADVENT PRAYER

*We light our first candle this Sunday, as we enter the season of Advent.*

*Let us pray:*

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.**

### WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, and via our Radio broadcast.
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.
- Part time church office position available – job descriptions and employment applications are available in the church office – Pastor Heather can answer questions
- Looking for additional camera operators for our 8:30am worship live stream – if you're interested in considering this volunteer opportunity or have questions, talk to Bonnie Christianson (who is upstairs running the camera right now!) or either of your pastors!
- Again, I thank you for wearing your mask as we do what we can to help keep one another and our community safe and healthy.

**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. A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 33:*

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL****Luke 21:25-36**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON****Pastor Heather Wigdahl**

**SONG OF THE DAY***People, Look East*

248 vs. 1,4

1 People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have lovingly created.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. Be present with those who are recovering, battling illness or hospitalized, as we pray especially for: *Betty Chryst (Martha Bauer's sister); Dan Wold; Cheryl Hoff; Robbie Jaeger (Jeff Jaeger's brother); Steve Brown; Lucille Whittier; Avis Smithback; Elinor Wood (Donna Lark's sister); and we pray for John Alexander & family at the death of his sister Charlotte.*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters. We pray for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Stepping Stones, and other relief organizations.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all 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 for the remembrance of me.*

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN *My Lord, What a Morning* 438

#### *Refrain*

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| <p>My Lord, what a morning;<br/>my Lord, what a morning;<br/>oh, my Lord, what a morning,<br/>when the stars begin to fall.</p>                                     | <p>2 You will hear the sinner cry,<br/>to wake the nations underground,<br/>looking to my God's right hand,<br/>when the stars begin to fall. <i>Refrain</i></p>      |
| <p>1 You will hear the trumpet sound,<br/>to wake the nations underground,<br/>looking to my God's right hand,<br/>when the stars begin to fall. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3 You will hear the Christian shout,<br/>to wake the nations underground,<br/>looking to my God's right hand,<br/>when the stars begin to fall. <i>Refrain</i></p> |

Text: African American spiritual

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Let us pray: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
✠ through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

### BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Offering announcement

### SENDING HYMN

*He Came Down*

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- 1 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 2 He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
hallelujah forevermore.

- 3 He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 4 He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.

Text: Cameroon traditional

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

<b>PRAYER CONCERNS</b>	Betty Chryst (Martha Bauer's sister); Dan Wold; Cheryl Hoff; Steve Brown; Lucille Whittier; Avis Smithback; Robbie Jaeger (Jeff Jaeger's brother); Elinor Wood (Donna Lark's sister)
<b>IN SYMPATHY</b>	To the family of Charlotte Alexander
<b>IN THANKSGIVING</b>	Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan  Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

<b>TODAY, NOVEMBER 28</b>	
8:30am	Worship Service
9:35am	All-Family Sunday School Craft Event
10:30am	Worship Service
<b>THIS WEEK</b>	
Dec. 1	Confirmation, 6pm
Dec. 1	Youth Choir Practice, 6pm
Dec. 2	AMers Bible Study, 9am
Dec. 3	Stout Concert, 7pm
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	
Dec. 7	Muriel Mikkelson' Funeral, 11am
Dec. 10	Lee Leidal's Funeral, 2pm