

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
Lancaster, PA

The Holy Eucharist

Advent 1

Welcome to Advent! This season is necessary and important for us as we take this time to remind ourselves of our need of a Savior. Our worship during Advent also helps us look forward to our Savior's second coming even as we prepare to celebrate his first coming at Christmas. The prayerful, thoughtful attitude of Advent makes our celebration of the birth of Christ a true time of happiness. Welcome into this time of preparation and hope.

If you are visiting with us, a special welcome. We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher. The offering box is by the baptismal font to receive your gift of an offering. If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher. As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all cell phones and other electronic devices, as to fully enter into this time of worship.

Please indicate to the Pastor if you require gluten free wafers, prior to worship, if possible.

Please enter silently in preparation for worship.

Special Music for Advent

Please stand.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be God's name forever.**
Amen.

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of new beginnings,
C **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.

**We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.**

The Gathering Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

Hymn #263

Verse 1&2: All Verse 3: Women Verse 4: Men Verses 5&6: All



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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The Apostolic 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**

The Kyrie

The Kyrie is sung in dialogue by the choir and the assembly

Choir *Congregation*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Choir *Congregation*

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Choir

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Congregation

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

The children remain at their seat as the pastor shares a message with them.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Eric & Sharon Bentley

- F Use this blessing when lighting the first candle.
Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.
- C **Amen.**

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah:

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!
L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 *(Read responsively with the lector.)*

¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

²**Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem — built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

⁴**To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
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 security within your towers."

⁸**For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."**

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans: 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.

L The word of the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Alleluia Verse

Everyone sings the Alleluia. The choir then sings the verse. Everyone sings the Alleluia again.


All



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Choir



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **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. 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

He Came Down

Hymn #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;

Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

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.**

The Prayers of the Church

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

As a sign of resurrection glory, the people sit or kneel for the prayers.

**A We join our voices together in sung prayer as we call to mind all those that
live in unstable times. May we work for justice and peace especially when
the world seems bent on war. We especially remember the people of
Ukraine and all places that experience unrest.**

This Is My Song

Hymn #887



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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After each portion of the prayers:

P God, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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.

The Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

Without leaving your seat offer a wave to your neighbor, sharing God's peace, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

Offering

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

Anthem

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Michael Praetorius

Please stand.

The Offertory Response

We Are Waiting for Jesus

The Choir sings

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first two staves have a double bar line in the middle. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and '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 ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in F major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous section, with some longer notes and rests. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,', 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,', 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.', and 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

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.

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

**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.**

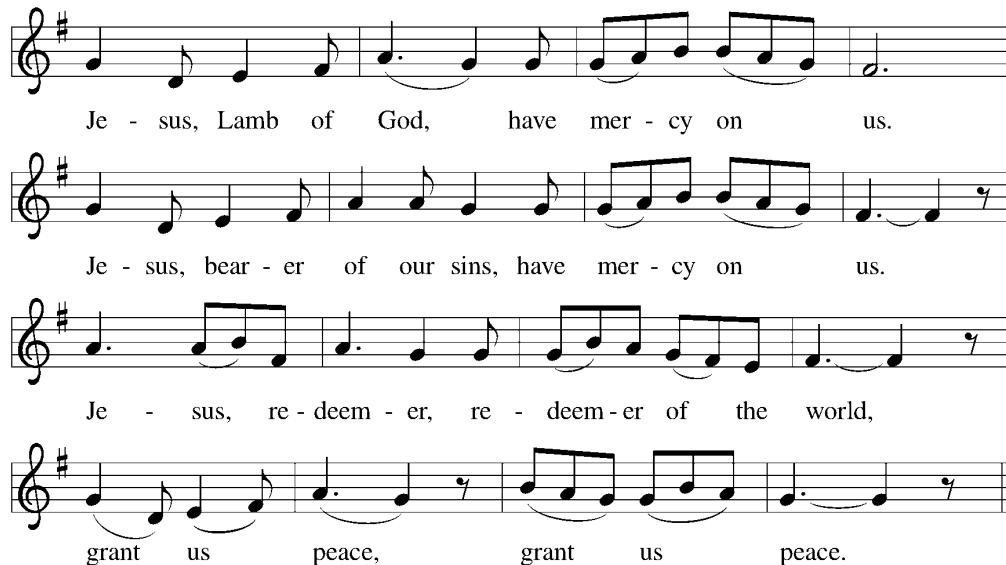
The Invitation to Communion

P Come now Prince of Peace. Have the gift of your very self make us one.

C Thanks be to God.

The Lamb Of God

All sing the Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Please be seated.

The Distribution Of Holy Communion

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices open table hospitality. Baptized communicants of other Christian denominations, of all ages, are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will direct each seating area to come forward to receive the sacrament. Bring your communion cup with you, or take one from the usher. We return to the practice of continuous communion around the Table with safe distancing by household groups. Please **stand** at the communion rail and the pastor will drop the bread into the hands of communicants and then receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Those persons not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Hymns During Communion

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wait for the Lord

Hymn #254

Hymn# 262

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Wait for the Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The music features a simple, steady accompaniment with chords and single notes, and a vocal line with a few notes and rests.

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Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Please 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. Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Blessing

P God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Hymn #244

Sending to Serve

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Sponsors

The bulletin is sponsored by Coleen Aston
in memory of her brothers Robert & Scott Fisher.

Readings for next week: Advent 2

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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Coming up at Holy Spirit

- Today First Sunday in Advent
Advent Craft Event
- Nov. 30 Advent Bible Study, 11 a.m.
- Dec. 1 Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. –in person
- Dec. 4 Sunday School Chrismon Project
- Dec. 6 Book Club, Christmas Dinner
6:30 p.m. Square Mile Public House
- Dec. 7 Advent Bible Study, 11 a.m.
- Dec. 8 Christmas Tea, 2p.m.
Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- Dec. 14 Advent Bible Study, 11 a.m.
- Dec. 15 Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- Dec. 18 4th Sunday in Advent
Decorating for Christmas, Noon
- Dec 21 Advent Bible Study, 11 a.m.
- Dec. 22 Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- Dec. 24 The Nativity of Our Lord–
Christmas Eve Worship, 6 p.m. & 9 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day worship, 9:30 p.m.
- Jan 4 Bible Study, 11 a.m.
- Jan. 8 Heritage Chorale, 4 p.m.

Worship Assistants

Today	Dec. 4
Acolyte	Acolyte
Jeff Reed	Andrew Knaub
Assisting Ministers	Assisting Ministers
Sharon Bentley	Sandy Rohrback
Patti LaPorte	Candy Steiner
Lector	Lector
Betty Emich	Noelle Dandridge
Greeters	Greeters
Linda Schmitt	Janet Wiegand
Usher	Usher
John Schmitt	Eric Bentley
Bread Provider	Bread Provider
Donna Null	Sayre Turney
Altar Guild Set-up	Altar Guild Set-up
Sayre Turney	Diana & Don Eckert Sayre Turney
Altar Guild Clean-up	Altar Guild Clean-up
Sayre Turney	Cheryl Amey Jan Wacker
Council Person	Council Person
Sharon Bentley	Donna Null
Counters	Counters
Suzann Schwenk	Suzann Schwenk
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