



Grace Lutheran
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To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

December 1, 2024
1st Sunday in Advent

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Deacon Bruce W. Tonkin, Interim Minister of Music
Pat Keen, Organist
Annette Dittman, Director of Youth Ministries
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

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 meal.

Prelude: 8:00 am, Watchman, Tell Us of The Night
10:30 am, People, Look East
Oso

Mansfield
setting E. Dykstra
setting R. Rowland-Raybold

Lighting of the Advent wreath: Hope

8 am: *The Weierman Family*

10:30 am: *The Slugg Family*

N. Raabe

Solo, then all



We light the Ad - vent can - dle! The love of Christ so dear il -
lu - mi - nates our dark - ness: God's king - dom has drawn near. To -
day we light one can - dle bright, for pro - phe - cy ful - filled the night that
Je - sus Christ was born, that Je - sus Christ was born.

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.



P. God of mercy,
C. we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

P. God of might,
C. we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

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

P. 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.**

GATHERING HYMN: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244

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

Bruce W. Tonkin

Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son, Lord have mer - cy. Chris - te e -
6 le - i - son, Christ have mer - cy. Ky - ri - e e -
10 le - i - son, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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.

C. Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10



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**

⁵Lead 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

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God, word of life.

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Children's Message

Annette Dittman

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Listen for the Gospel! All Creation Sings 972

Refrain
Leader

All

Lis - ten now for the gos - pel! Al - le - lu - ia! It is

God's word that chang - es us! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, melt and break our hearts of stone,
2 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, root in us God's liv - ing word,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, bind the bro - ken, find the lost,

Refrain

un - til we give our lives to God, and God a - lone.
that we may show the faith - ful - ness of Christ our Lord.
con - firm in us the fire and love of Pen - te - cost.

Text: Zimbabwean traditional; tr. John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: LISTEN NOW, Zimbabwean traditional

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon: The Light is Winning

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Signs of Endings All Around us

1 Signs of end - ings all a - round us, dark - ness, death and
 2 Can it be that from our end - ings new be - gin - nings
 3 Speak, O God, your word a - mong us, bar - ren lives your
 4 win - ter days, shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness,
 you cre - ate? Life from death, and from our rend - ings
 7 pre - sence fill. Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness,
 numb - ing mouths that long to praise. Come, O Christ, and
 realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate? Take our fears, then,
 10 ter - rors calm, fore - bod - ings still. Let your pro - mised
 dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free. Give us hope and
 Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new. Fad - ing light and
 realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth; your do - mi - nion
 14 faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

PRAYERS

To the petition “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond, “Receive our prayer.”



GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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Music at the Offering:

8:00 am, This Holy Feast

Lysberg/Arr. George Blake

10:30 am, *Choir*, We Are Waiting for Jesus

J. Helgen

Please stand.

The offering is brought forward as the Offertory is sung.

OFFERTORY: On Jordan’s Banks, stanzas 4 & 5

ELW 249

4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. 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.

C. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.



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

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:...

In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the table.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW Setting 3



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.

Please stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. 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.

C. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

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: People, Look East

ELW 248

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude: 8:00 am, Shepherd's Pipe
10:30 am, Haf Trones Lampa Fardig

Young
P. Manz

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Nancy Raabe
Organist: 8:00, Pat Keen;
10:30, Deacon Bruce Tonkin
Lector: 8:00, P. Schmidt; 10:30, J. Kaler
Ushers: 8:00, P. Schmidt & D. Ball;
10:30, J. Kaler & K. Deussing
Communion Asst: 8:00, B. Schmidt;
10:30, K. Stawasz
Altar Guild: 8:00, W. Walter;

10:30, K. Stone & T. Sarm
Acolyte: 8:00, Usher; 10:30, L. Kaler
Coffee Hour: Don Capanear
Council Offering & Lockup:
8:00, L. Kratz; 10:30, C. Farrell
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan &
Tami Sarm, Jayson Tula

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The annual Budget Meeting will be held
at 11:30 on December 8. Please plan to attend.

Deck the Halls at our **Christmas Decorating Party** today from 2-4 p.m.! We start in Fellowship Hall with crafts, cookies, hot chocolate and carols, then move into the sanctuary to decorate. Then join us for the annual **Hatfield Community Christmas** on Saturday from 5-7 p.m. Food, games, giveaways, and Santa's big arrival!



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