

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME *by Jubilee*

+OPENING SONG

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*W. & H. Pritchard/B. Henderson*

**Verse 1**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find ourselves rest in thee:

By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Israel's Strength and Consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart.

**Verse 3**

I will praise my great Redeemer,  
Lord of Lords and King of Kings.  
Let the worship rise within me.  
“You are Lord” my heart will sing.

**Verse 2**

Born, thy people to deliver:  
Born a child, and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring:

Lost, now found, sick, now healed,  
Saved to show Your matchless grace.  
Waiting with hope and great assurance  
‘til I see Your glorious face

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

L: God of deliverance, You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshipping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshipping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH {*Lectern*} (*The Darlings*)

*Screen*

L **Reading from John 8:12 – Jesus the Light of the World**

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

CANDLE LIGHTING (first candle is lit) {*Lectern*} (*The Darlings*)

L: **Let us pray**, Lord thank you for the gift of Jesus, the light of the world. You sent him to save us from darkness. During this Advent season let His light shine in and through us so others may see your good works for your glory

**C: Amen**

SONG:

“Christ Be Our Light  
Verse 1

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**Verse 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.

**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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WORD

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (Rob)

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (Judy Ludwigson)

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ A voice says, ‘Cry out!’ And I said, ‘What shall I cry?’ All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL (Rob)

Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, ‘Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.’ Zechariah said to the angel, ‘How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.’ The angel replied, ‘I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.’ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months

she remained in seclusion. She said, ‘This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

“Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)”

*C. Tomlin, Cates & Ingram/G. Wall*

**Verse 1**

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway  
a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

**Verse 2**

Call back the sinner  
wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

**Chorus**

Like a bride  
waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King  
We sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

**Verse 3**

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

So we wait  
We wait for You  
God we wait  
You're coming soon

So we wait  
We wait for You  
God we wait  
You're coming soon

**Chorus**

**Tag**

Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

*Screen*

**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 {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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MEAL

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

*Screen*

**C: 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/ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

*Screen*

L: During this time of reflection and response please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“All Who Are Thirsty”  
*Jubilee Praise Team*

*B. Brown & G. Roberston*

*Please stand as you are able.*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

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

**C: Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Rob*)

L: We thank you, O God that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use our gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: Amen.**

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SENDING

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+BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and The Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“Great and Mighty is He”

*Todd Pettygrove/D. Burgess*

**Chorus 1**

Great and mighty is He  
Great and mighty is He  
Clothed in glory  
Arrayed in splendor  
Great and might is He

**Chorus 1**

**Verse 1**

Let us lift His name on high  
Celebrate His grace  
For He has redeemed our lives  
And He reigns on high

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 1**

**Verse 1**

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2**

Great and might is He  
Great and mighty is He  
Clothed in glory  
Arrayed in splendor  
Great and mighty is  
Great and mighty is  
Great and mighty is He

+DISMISSAL {*Back*} (*Rob*)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

REPRISE

*Altar Flowers Today Given by*

*Merlin and Carol Larson*

*In honor of our grandchildren  
and great grandchildren*