

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

*We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.*

*Please silence cell phones and pagers during worship.*

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal  
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section  
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type**  
\* = Please stand at your discretion*

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## GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Wake, Awake” (Prelude)

setting by Wayne L. Wold

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**

**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have turned away from our neighbors.**

**We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We plead: come to us.**

**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

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.**

\*HYMN

“Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”

ELW # 436

\*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. 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.

**Amen.**

ADVENT LITANY AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Tim and Lindsey Weisbrook family

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown  
that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent.

**As we light the first candle on this wreath,  
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord  
when he comes with all the saints and angels.**

Enlighten us with your grace,  
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

**Grant this through Christ our Lord,  
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

ADVENT THEME HYMN

“Light One Candle” (*stanza 1 only*)

ELW # 240

**WORD**

READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Jim Wickland

<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.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10 (*read responsively with leader*) [NEW LIVING translation]

Cindy Ververs

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, I give my life to you.

<sup>2</sup> **I trust in you, my God!**

**Do not let me be disgraced,  
or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.**

<sup>3</sup>No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced,  
but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me the right path, O Lord;  
point out the road for me to follow.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me by your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God who saves me.  
All day long I put my hope in you.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and unfailing love,  
which you have shown from long ages past.**

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth.  
Remember me in the light of your unfailing love,  
for you are merciful, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord is good and does what is right;  
he shows the proper path to those who go astray.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in doing right,  
teaching them his way.

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness  
all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.**

ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
SANCTUARY CHOIR

arr. Michael Larkin

\*GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

*Response after the announcement: “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.”

*Response after the reading: “Praise to you, O Christ!”*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“The Promise of Truth”

Rev. Ron Bockhaus

*Silence for reflection*

\*HYMN

“My Lord, What a Morning”

**ELW # 438**

\*APOSTLES’ CREED

**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 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 (*each petition concludes:*)

... Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Prayers of sympathy for the families of:* Carol Ford

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE” MOMENT

**MEAL**

\*OFFERING / PRAYER

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. Amen.**

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generosity.*



\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also 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.**

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

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DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: “The King Shall Come”

**ELW # 260**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

**SENDING**

\*BLESSING (response: “**Amen!**”)

\*SENDING HYMN

“Fling Wide the Door” (stanzas 1 & 4)

**ELW # 259**

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: “**Thanks be to God!**”)

\*POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”

arr. Paul Manz

***Thank you to Keith & Judy Wiedeman for sponsoring today’s complimentary coffee and cookies in honor of Dorothy Wiedeman’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services.***

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philipians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

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