



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

November 27, 2022

9:00 a.m.

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Advent Hope**

(please stand)

**Candle Lighting Litany**

*In this season of longing and anticipation,  
draw us together, Lord, in unity,*

**that our praise and worship might echo in these walls  
and also through our lives.**

*In this season of longing and anticipation,  
draw us together, Lord, in mission,*

**that the hope within might be the song we sing and the melody of our lives.**

*In this season of longing and anticipation,  
draw us together, Lord, in service,*

**that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.**

## Candle Lighting Song

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (tune Hyfrydol)

The first Advent candle is lit as the congregation begins to sing

## Confession

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be God's name forever.

**Amen.**

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.*

God of new beginnings,

**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.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ☩ Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ELW 257 VS. 1 and 2

## Greeting

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.**

# Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

please be seated)

## Children's Message

## Reading

*Reader:* A reading from Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In 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.

Many 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.

He 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.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord!

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm

*Reader:* The Psalm today is from Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;  
**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**

**"May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

**For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

(please stand)

## **Gospel Acclamation**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” v. 1

## **Gospel**

Matthew 24:36-44

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

*Congregation:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Preacher:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please stand)

## **Hymn of the Day**

“Awake! Awake, and the Greet the New Morn” ELW 242

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. 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

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

*A brief silence.*

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care *especially* those we name aloud or silently in the quietness of our heart (pause for responses....). God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of guidance, we pray for those who seek to shepherd your church, for Bishop Elizabeth and Bishop Stacie, for Pastor Mark and Pastor Ryan, the staff and all who lead and serve in this worshiping community. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Greet one another: **"Peace be with you."**

## Offering

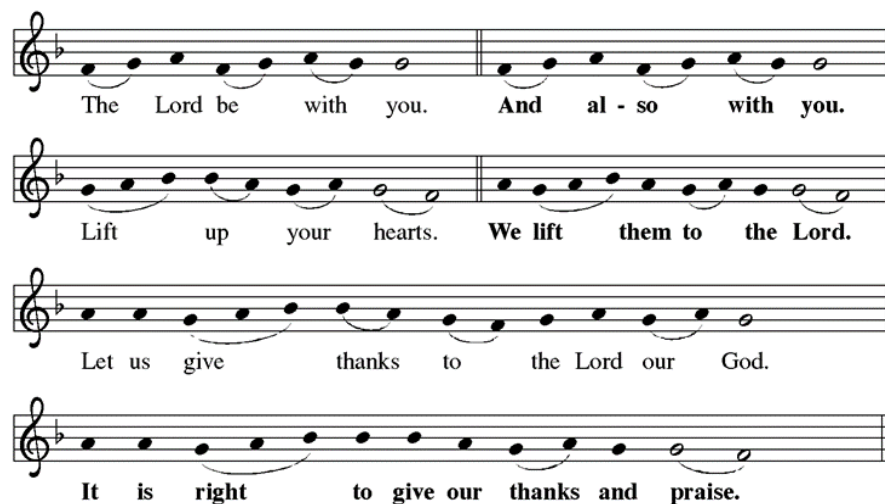
"Antiphonal Advent Alleluia"  
*Adult Choir with Bell Ensemble*

Joel Raney

## Offering Prayer

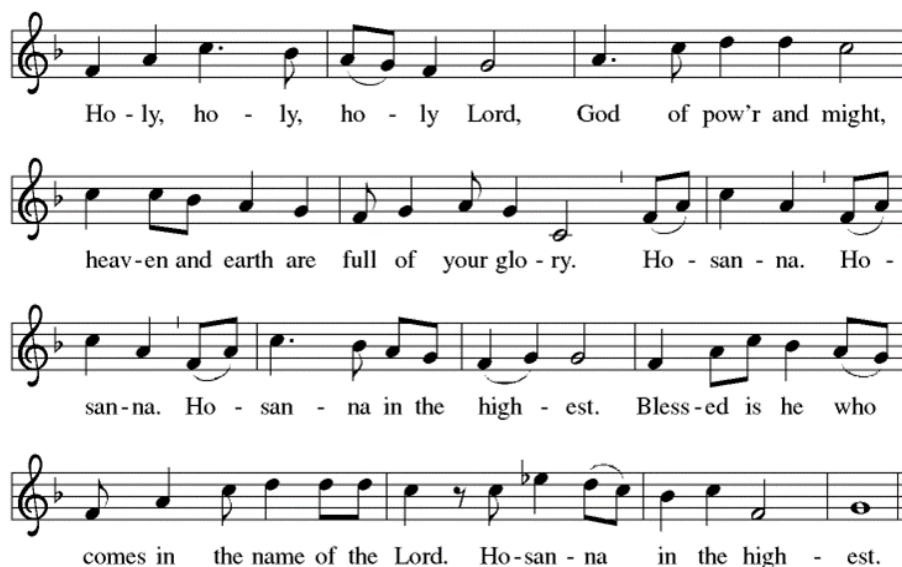
*Assisting Minister:* Blessed are you, Maker of all things.  
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,  
now gather our gifts,  
nourish us with this sacrament,  
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

## Words of Institution

## The 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.

## Communion Distribution

### Lamb of God

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.

## Distribution Music

*“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” ELW 436*

## Post-Communion Blessing

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

## Prayer

*Assisting Minister: 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.*

**Amen**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**



## Sending Hymn

*"Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding"* ELW 246

## Dismissal

*Assisting Minister:* Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

