



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**November 27, 2022**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



WORSHIP BOOKLET

**PRELUDE**

**Ina Davenport**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

**GATHERING**

**He Came Down #253**

**(red book, rear section)**

**He came down that we may have love;**

**he came down that we may have love;**

**he came down that we may have love;**

**hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have light...**

**hallelujah forever more.**

**He came down that we may have peace...**

**He came down that we may have joy...**

*[This hymn is a traditional tune and words from the country of Cameroon in Africa. It has no attributable author. English is one of the official languages of Cameroon (the other being French), due to part of the country being colonized by the United Kingdom until 1961. The form of the song in our hymnal was arranged by John Bell, a Scottish hymnwriter and minister associated with the Iona community.]*

## **GREETING**

In the name of God the Creator,  
in the name of Christ the Redeemer,  
in the name of the Guiding Spirit,  
Alleluia, Amen.

## **GATHERING SONG** (call and response)

Ray Makeever

Come, let us worship God....**Come let us worship God.**  
Come, let us worship God....**Come let us worship God.**  
Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,**  
To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

Rest for the weary....**Rest for the weary.**  
Rest for the weary....**Rest for the weary.**  
Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,**  
To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

Food for the hungry....**Food for the hungry.**  
Food for the hungry....**Food for the hungry.**  
Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,**  
To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

Hope for the children...**Hope for the children.**  
Hope for the children...**Hope for the children.**  
Welcome everyone....**Welcome everyone,**  
To the love of God....**To the love of God.**

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

*[The first Advent candle symbolizes hope. The song below, sung to a Yiddish folk tune, was written by Wayne Wold, a composer, church musician and professor from Virginia and Maryland. It is #240 in our red hymnals.]*

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.**  
**He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Let us pray together... **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.**

## **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

## **First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

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

In the days to come

the mountain of God's house shall be established at 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 God,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that we may be taught God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of God from Jerusalem.

God 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 God!

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 122 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

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

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

Jerusalem – built as a city that is bound firmly together.

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

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

**For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,**

**"Peace be within you."**

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

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

## **Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

[Paul wrote:]

Besides 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;

the night is far gone, the day is nearer.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

let us live honorably as in the day,

not in reveling and drunkenness,

not in debauchery and licentiousness,

not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,

and make no provisions for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*[New Revised Standard Version]*

### **CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #174 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Alleluia, alleluia,**

**alleluia, alleluia.**

#### **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 24:36-44**

The gospel lesson for today is from the book of Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning with the 36<sup>th</sup> verse.

#### **Glory be to you, Oh Lord.**

[In response to the disciples asking about the signs of Jesus' coming again and the end of the age, Jesus answered:]

“But about that day and hour no one knows,

neither the angels in 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,

they would have stayed awake  
and would not have let their house be broken into.  
Therefore you also must be ready,  
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*The New Revised Standard Version]*

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON                      In Hopeful Expectation                      Pastor Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN        Now the Heavens Start to Whisper    (from All Creation Sings)**

**Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin.  
Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within:  
seed of promise, deeply planted, child to spring from Jesse’s stem!  
Like the soil beneath the frostline, hearts grow soft to welcome him.**

**Heavy clouds that block the moonlight now begin to drift away.  
Diamond brilliance through the darkness shines the hope of coming day.  
Christ, the morning star of splendor, gleams within a world grown dim.  
Heaven’s ember fans to fullness; hearts grow warm to welcome him.**

**Christ, eternal Son of justice, Christ the rose of wisdom’s seed,  
come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt, and need.  
In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view;  
Child who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome you.**

*[The writer of this hymn, Dr. Mary Louise Bringle, is a Presbyterian who is the Professor of Philosophy, Religion and French at Brevard College in North Carolina. The Welsh tune, Suo Gan, translates simply as “lullaby.”*

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle’s 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 to judge the living and 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 OF THE PEOPLE

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 peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth, and in Ukraine, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Yemen. 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,

- Aaron Brochtrup - Concussion from vehicle rollover after job related vehicle pursuit
- Janelle Muff, healing after surgery
- Joanne Kulczyk - recovering from a fall
- Pastor Brian in his recovery from Bell's Palsy
- Ina Davenport - thanksgiving for her finding adequate housing
- Family of Edith Tway who passed on October 12
- Pastor Jim Berg - dealing with health issues
- L.C for improved mental health
- Sally Mingo - Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Arthur Hendey, Kea McKee's brother - spine surgery
- Paul Weggenmann - Jean Senter's cousin - pain with arthritis and dying of a disease that weakens muscles
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas, now in on-going home rehabilitation care.
- Linda Luke- recovering from recent procedure and to gain weight and strength
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law, living in a nursing home
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- experiencing new complications following bladder replacement surgery
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Katie Brochtrup- facing oral surgery
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Elaine Grawe- Recent fall and she is unable to travel to her family for the holiday
- Darel and Betty Sorenson, as Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother

- For Laura Salazar and her family
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them.
- For Karen Vail who celebrates her birthday this week

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition, especially Bethel Lutheran Church in Templeton, as Pastor Amy Beveridge takes her leave. 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 intercession, who graciously hears our prayers, we also bring prayers for the following.... *[you may say your own prayers, silently or out loud]*. 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.**

## **PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **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.**

## **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.**

## **PREFACE**

**SANCTUS p. 173 (red hymnal, front section)**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord.  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it  
and gave it to his disciples saying,  
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,  
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

**Ray Makeever**

**Christ, have mercy on us all,  
keep us steadfast e'er we fall.  
Break the bread, pour the wine.  
Come and dine.**

**God, be with us at the feast.  
Grant us wisdom, give us peace.  
Break the bread, pour the wine.  
Come and dine.**

**Holy Spirit, breathe again.  
Light the darkness, be our friend.  
Break the bread, pour the wine.  
Come and dine.**

**Bake a great loaf, give it time;  
choose the best grapes from the vine.  
Break the bread, pour the wine  
Come and dine.**

### **TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:  
**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.  
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    Fling Wide the Door #259    (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;  
the King of glory comes in state;  
the Lord of lords and King of kings,**

**the Savior of the world who brings  
his great salvation to the earth.  
So raise a shout of holy mirth  
and praise our God and Lord,  
Creator, Spirit, Word.**

**Oh, happy towns and blessed lands  
that live by their true king's commands.  
And blessed those the hearts he rules,  
the humble places where he dwells.  
He is the rightful Son of bliss,  
who fills our lives and makes us his,  
creator of the world,  
our only strength for good.**

**Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;  
our hearts are open wide in trust.  
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,  
upon our sorrows shine your face,  
and let your Holy Spirit guide  
our journey in your grace so wide.  
We praise your holy name,  
from age to age the same!**

*[Georg Weissel wrote this hymn for the consecration of his new church Altrossgart, in Konigsbert, Germany in 1623, which occurred on the Second Sunday in Advent. The hymn's current translation is by Gracia Grindal, former professor of English at Luther College, and now Professor of Pastoral Theology and Communication at Luther Seminary.]*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Ina Davenport**

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Thank you to:

- **Joyce Bauer** for assisting in worship.
- **Nancy Koppl** for teaching Sunday School.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Ina Davenport** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship bulletins.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall.
- **The Zoom discussion group** will not be meeting tonight.
- **Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- The **Worship Planning Committee** will be meeting this Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 to 11:30 am in the sanctuary.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.  
(bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:  
[morrobaylutherans.org](http://morrobaylutherans.org)**