

# *Bay View* Welcome home! **BAY VIEW** LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent  
10:30 AM  
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

## PRELUDE

### OPENING PRAISE SONGS

#### *All Is Well*

##### Verse 1

All is well all is well  
Angels and men rejoice  
For tonight darkness fell  
Into the dawn of love's light  
Sing alle sing alleluia

##### Verse 2

All is well all is well  
Let there be peace on earth  
Christ is come go and tell  
That He is in the manger  
Sing alle sing alleluia

##### Verse 3

All is well all is well  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Born is now Emmanuel  
Born is our Lord and Savior  
Sing alleluia sing alleluia  
All is well

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#### *Halle Halle Halle*

##### Chorus

Halle halle hallelujah  
Halle halle hallelujah  
Halle halle hallelujah  
Hallelujah hallelujah

## Verse 1

Praise God in this holy place  
Every nation every race  
Come make joyful music to the Lord  
Sound the trumpet sound it clear  
Sound it for the world to hear  
Come make joyful music to the Lord

## Verse 2

Everything that breathes now praise  
Sing your songs let voices raise  
Come make joyful music to the Lord  
Play the cymbals play the lute  
Play the timbrel play the flute  
Come make joyful music to the Lord

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**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.**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 1**

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.**

*Light the first candle.*

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *Light One Candle to Watch for  
Messiah* (ELW 240) **vs 1**

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

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## **CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online. [http://  
www.liturgiesonline.com.au/](http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/)

## **CONFESSION**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**I put my trust in you, O God,  
do not let me be put to shame;**

do not let my enemies exult over me.

**Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;**

let those be ashamed who neglect your faithfulness,  
and who act with evil intent.

**Teach me your ways, O God  
and guide me in your paths.**

We bring to mind these things for which we are ashamed—  
**for willfully acting with less than good intentions—**

for abusing the faithfulness of God by our failure to live faith-full lives.

*A time of silence to reflect on these words*

**Forgive us, O God—**

**cleans our hearts and minds**

**of all that prevents us from loving you**

**and loving our neighbour.**

**May our lives be marked by faith active in love**

**as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

## **ASSURANCE**

The apostle Paul prayed that “the Lord may make our love overflow for each other and for everyone.... that the Lord may strengthen our hearts in holiness so that we will be blameless before God.” The good news therefore, is this: in and through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **RESPONSE: *Sanctuary***

Chorus

Lord prepare me

To be a sanctuary

Pure and holy

Tried and true

With thanksgiving

I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

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## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

<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: Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all  
the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the  
sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

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

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Jeff Greathouse

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *People, Look East* (ELW 248)

- 1 People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
- 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A CREED FOR TROUBLED TIME**

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's  
Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

When nation rises against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,  
the end is not violence:

for there is a God of resilient, redeeming love,  
and the Brighter Purpose is at work in the shadows,  
and the darkness cannot smother it.

**Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.**

When there are earthquakes, famines and pestilences  
and collisions among the stars,  
the end is not chaos:

God the Creator of the heavens and the earth has not forsaken us,  
and the harmony will again break out and gather  
to hasten towards consummation.

**Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.**

When believers are arrested and abused,  
dragged before kings and governors,  
the end is not injustice:

the Holy Spirit is always with you in all your trials and travail,  
and words will be given to confound your adversaries  
and shake the gates of hell.

**Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.**

When parents, brothers, sisters, relatives or friends,

betray you even unto death,  
the end it not alienation:

the crucified Christ will reconcile all things seen and unseen,  
and the glorious finale is much nearer than when you first  
believed.

**Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.**

## **MUSIC FOR PRAYERS:** *Wait for the Lord* (ELW 262)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

~ written by Rick Morley, and posted on Rick Morley blog.

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O God, the days are surely coming when all your promises will be  
fulfilled to your faithful children. We pray for the church  
especially...Bay View Lutheran, that we might fulfill our promises  
to you, and be forgiven for all our failures.

Come Lord Jesus, and **hear our prayer.**

In your time, O Lord, a righteous branch sprang up and you  
brought justice and righteousness in every land. We pray for our  
nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every  
corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, and **hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring your people safety and  
comfort. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of  
any kind especially...**Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki**  
(Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne &**  
**Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan**  
(Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-

Cota), **Rusty** (Feld), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl** (Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson), **Michael** (Cassity), **Sue** (Strong), **Larry** (Uecker), **Carol** (Bockhop), **Andrew** (Snyder), **Lois** (Krueger), **Elena** (Rouer), **Chuck** (Dull), **the family & friends of Eileen** (Koelpien); that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come Lord Jesus, and **hear our prayer**.

Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthday, especially...**Kerry** (Reeths), **Sondra** (Goetsch), **Nicholas** (Bruno), **Joslyn** (DeClark), **Kathleen** (Puetz), **Dori** (Arbter), **Chuck** (Holtz), **Barry** (Sargent), **Grant** (Englebert), **Austin** (Anderson), **Kaedence** (Krueger), **Kiana** (Sawdo) and anniversaries...**Darlene & Fred** (Kirch), that they might be filled with joy and gladness. Come Lord Jesus, and **hear our prayer**.

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come Lord Jesus, and **hear our prayer**.

Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among riding on a cloud and with great power and might, we might come to adore him. **Amen**.

## **OFFERING**

**MUSIC DURING OFFERING:** *Be Still for the Presence*

Verse 1

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

Verse 2

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendor He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Verse 3

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

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## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

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.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to Christ's banquet.  
Feast on God's gift of grace.

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## **HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: *Noel***

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### **Verse 1**

Love incarnate love divine  
Star and angels gave the sign  
Bow to babe on bended knee  
The Savior of humanity  
Unto us a Child is born  
He shall reign forevermore

### **Chorus**

Noel Noel  
Come and see what God has done  
Noel Noel  
The story of amazing love  
The light of the world given for us  
Noel

## Verse 2

Son of God and Son of man  
There before the world began  
Born to suffer born to save  
Born to raise us from the grave  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
He shall reign forevermore

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING BLESSING**

[Re-Worship Blogspot, Advent I, Year C – Benediction by Eugene](#)

As you leave this place,  
may God lavish love on you  
so that it fills your lives and overflows to everyone around you.  
May you be infused with strength and purity,  
and filled with confidence in the presence of God our Father  
when Jesus returns again.  
Go in peace and joy!

## **SENDING SONG: *He Came Down* (ELW 253)**

1 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 forevermore.

- 2 He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 3 He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 4 He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.

Text: Cameroon traditional

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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