

WELCOME HOME! **BAY VIEW** **LUTHERAN CHURCH** ELCA



November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

PRELUDE: Jason Palmer

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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CALL TO WORSHIP: INVITATION TO ADVENT

~ written by Cheryl Lawrie and posted on [hold this space]. <http://holdthinspace.org.au/all-of-who-we-are/>

It doesn't matter whether or not you can have faith;
whether or not you are cynical or despairing,
hope-filled or hope-less:
what matters to God is simply that you are here.

We are entering the time of Advent,
in preparation for Christmas.

Advent reminds us that if God is to be born again
in the most ordinary parts of our world and our lives
that we need prepare for it.

We need to make the space in our lives
where love might be born.

Welcome to this tiny corner of a harsh and dark world.
Together, let us practice being ready
in the faith that Christ will come.

OPENING PRAYER: FACING THE DESERT PLACES

excerpted from a longer prayer by Rev Karla. Posted on RevGalBlogPals. [http://
revgalblogpals.org/category/revgalblogpals/](http://revgalblogpals.org/category/revgalblogpals/)

We will wait for you, O God.

Your Spirit compels us
to go into the wilderness,
and we ask for the courage to examine
the desert places in our hearts,
and to be willing to
face the adversaries in our lives—
that which lures us away

from being who you have created us to be.

We pray for the courage to face our wild beasts and fears.

Relieve the troubles of our hearts,
and the devastation of our distress.

Turn your love towards us

that we may we know your grace in our loneliness and afflictions.

We pray this prayer,

knowing that you watch over us, and deliver us.

We wait for you, O God.

In the name of our brother Jesus we pray,

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online. <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—

**cleanse 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!

GATHERING SONG: *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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

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

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

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

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

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

⁷Remember 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.

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

⁹You lead the lowly in justice

and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**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.

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

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And 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:] ²⁵“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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all

things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“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, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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.

SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

HYMN OF THE DAY: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*
(ELW 251)

- 1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.
- 2 To all who live in holy fear
your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud,
their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside,
the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things,
the rich sent off unfed.
- 3 To Israel, your servant blest,
your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made
their children will secure.

Sing glory to the Holy One,
give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High,
one God, by all adored.

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

~ written by Rick Morley, and posted on Rick Morley blog. <http://www.rickmorley.com/>

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** (Zinngrabe), **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.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

MUSIC DURING OFFERING: Jason Palmer

OFFERING PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Amen.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Here Is Bread* (ELW 483)

Verse 1

Here is bread here is wine
Christ is with us He is with us
Break the bread drink the wine
Christ is with us here

Verse 2

Here is grace here is peace
Christ is with us He is with us
Know His grace find His peace
Feast on Jesus here

Chorus

In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

Verse 3

Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us He is with us
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Jesus crucified

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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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: *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)

1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain

- 3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: Refrain
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: Refrain

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