

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



November 27, 2022  
First Sunday of Advent  
8:00 AM  
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

## 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 SONG:** *The King Shall Come* (ELW 260)

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks,  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child,  
to bear and fight and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
when Christ, victorious, rose

and left the lonesome place of death,  
despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
shall dawn upon our race  
the day when Christ in splendor comes,  
and we shall see his face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
come quickly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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.**

## **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 One Candle to Watch for Messiah (ELW 240)*

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

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 122** *read responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- <sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;
- <sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**
- <sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May they prosper who love you.**
- <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.
- <sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.**
- <sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>11</sup>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; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Halle halle hallelujah  
Halle halle hallelujah  
Halle halle hallelujah  
Hallelujah hallelujah

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

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON: PASTOR JEFF GREATHOUSE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* (ELW 244)

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches  
with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
the bridegroom is at hand.

- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
their cross and sufferings bore,  
shall live and reign forever  
when sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him  
their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for,  
o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption  
that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

## **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 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 OF INTERCESSION**

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

Remembering in our prayers: **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Kevin** (Clark), **Sasha** (Hill), **Michael** (Cassity), **Larry** (Uecker), **Chuck** (Dull), **Dan** (Knutson), **Cletus** (Schwoerer), **Vincent** (Michaud), **Gordy** (Haen), **Rich** (Meyer), **Mary** (Honold), **Dick** (Russell), **Stacey** (Greathouse), **Patrick** (Bentley), **Elizabeth** (Canning), **Sandi** (Witkowski), **Kay** (Lyndahl), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Gail** (Haen), **Allison** (Bender), **Brenda** (Greathouse), **Darrell** (Askins), **Kay** (Knutson), **Mike** (Herbst).

We also pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Kerry** (Reeths), **Sondra** (Goetsch), **Nicholas** (Bruno), **Kathleen** (Puetz), **Dori** (Arbter), **Chuck** (Holtz), **Barry** (Sargent).

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

**OFFERING HYMN:** *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* (ELW 247)

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.
- 4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Text: Geon-yong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope

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## OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

## **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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS:** *Holy, Holy, Holy* (ELW 473)

Holy, holy, holy,  
my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

## **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**

Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

## **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** (ELW 241)

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
my hope, my heart's delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,  
your lamp within my breast  
to do in spirit lowly

all that may please you best.

- 2 I lay in fetters, groaning;  
you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me,  
a treasure safe on high  
that will not fail or leave me  
as earthly riches fly.
- 3 Love caused your incarnation;  
love brought you down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
that led you to embrace  
in love, all love excelling,  
our lost and fallen race.
- 4 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,  
who sit in deepest gloom,  
who mourn your joys departed  
and tremble at your doom.  
All hail the Lord's appearing!  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
send forth your beams so cheering  
and guide us safely home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. composite

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

## **SENDING 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.**

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Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
come quickly, King of kings.

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## **DISMISSAL**

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