

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**WORSHIP 8:30 a.m., November 27, 2022**  
*Tree of Life—Marty Haugen*



The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

*Welcome to all who are virtually visiting us today. Please sign in on the Comments section of your Facebook Live page. If you would like to be put on the Advent email list to receive bulletins and Advent updates please send your email address to [adventwestminster@gmail.com](mailto:adventwestminster@gmail.com) or contact us through the [adventwestminster.org](http://adventwestminster.org) web site. Please join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning by having some bread and wine or grape juice available for the blessing on page 6*

*\*Stand if able, P- Pastor, AM- assisting minister, C-congregation,  
ELW-red songbook, W&P-purple songbook*

## CALL TO WORSHIP—WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **C:** **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

**P:** 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.*

**P:** God of new beginnings, **C:** **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.**

**P:** 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. **C:** **Amen.**

### \* **OPENING HYMN ELW #242 “*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*”**

1. Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.
2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.
3. In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder, the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.
4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless. Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story; may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

**\* GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
☐ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. Ⓐ 1. For the  
Ⓐ 2. For your  
reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
peo - ple here who have come to give you  
world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the  
Lord:  
Lord: ☐ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Ⓐ Help, save, and de -  
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.  
fend us, O God: ☐ A - - men.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,  
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,  
peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

AM: Let us pray. **C: 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.**

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

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 ploughshares, 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!

*After Reading:* L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 122 vs. 1-2, 6-9 (Read responsively by verse)**

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'<sup>2</sup> **Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'<sup>7</sup> **Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.'**<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'<sup>9</sup> **For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

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

<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 armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*After Reading:* L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL  
ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For  
you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -  
ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL P:**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:36-44 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup> ‘But 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.

*After reading:* P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON Lighting of the Advent Wreath. Children come forward.**

P/AM: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

P/AM: We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

P/AM: We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform mine fields into soccer fields.

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

P/AM: We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us, O Emmanuel.

**C: Wake us up yo your coming.**

P/AM: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the light of this candle whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the low of hope. **Amen.**

**ELW #677 “This Little Light of Mine”**

1. This little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine; this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine; this little light of mine, I’m goin’ a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #252 “Each Winter As the Year Grows Older”**

1. Each winter as the year grows older, we each grow older too. The chill sets in a little older; the verities we knew seem shaken and untrue.
2. When race and class cry out for treason, when sirens call for war, they overshout the voice of reason and scream till we ignore all we held dear before.
3. Yet I believe beyond believing that life can spring from death, that growth can flower from our grieving, that we can catch our breath and turn transfixed by faith.
4. So even as the sun is turning to journey to the north, the living flame, in secret burning, can kindle on the earth and bring God’s love to birth.
5. O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain, brighten today’s world by tomorrow’s, renew our lives again; Lord Jesus, come and reign!

**PRAYERS** *(please be seated)*

AM: God, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.** AM: *In Jesus’ name we pray.*

**C: Amen.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Bonita Bock**

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING/OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. Eternal God, **C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread and 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

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND 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.**

***The gifts of God are always FREE! All are welcome at the Lord's table. Prefilled cups of wine and grape juice will be offered at the rail. The grape juice is clear and located in the center of the tray. Children are welcome at the meal, and may commune with parent's permission. If you are communing in your seat or at home online, the Pastor will tell you what to do.***

#### **ELW #257**

#### **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1,2, 4, 7**

1. O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
4. O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
7. O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one; refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**BLESSING** *(please remain seated)*

P: Now may this body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray. Faithful God, **C: 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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* BLESSING**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN ELW #248 “People, Look East”**

1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowing 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.

**\* DISMISSAL:** AM: Go in peace. Christ is near. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hanging of the Greens and decorating the Christmas tree:** Today after our OLTC. Many hands make light work!

**Parish Council and Congregational Council Updates on Pastoral Team:**

**Two OLTC/Q and A:** will be held today and December 4th at 9:30 am at Advent.

**Meet and Greet of the Candidates:** Sunday December 4th, 2022 1:00 pm at St. Andrew: 6774 W 66th Avenue Arvada 80003. There will be a pot luck at 11:45 am followed by the meet and greet.

**Congregational Meeting** to vote on the candidates: Sunday December 11th, 2022 immediately after worship service.

**Come and Enjoy!** Two "Old Time Radio" Christmas Comedies will be performed LIVE on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Advent Lutheran Church in Westminster by the Advent Radio Players. An episode of The Life of Riley "No Christmas Bonus" originally starring William Bendix will be followed by an episode of My Favorite Husband "George's Christmas Present" which originally starred Lucille Ball. These plays will be performed using the scripts and sounds from the original plays just as they were broadcast in 1948 and 1949. Donations are appreciated. Each play is performed like a live radio show using several microphones and lighted applause and on the air signs. The plays will also be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/adventwestminsterco> Advent Lutheran Church is at 7979 Meade St. in Westminster 80030.

**Christmas Eve Service:** Will be at Advent at 6:00 pm. St Andrew will have a service at 4:00 pm. We will not be having a Christmas Day service, however, St. Andrew will at 10:30 am.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

**Please take your Prayer List home with you and continue to pray for your siblings in Christ.**

<p><b>Michael Adams</b> (<i>Lexi Larson's father</i>)  <b>Steve Albert</b> (<i>friend of Virginia Feighner</i>)  <b>Kath Andrews</b> (<i>MaryAnn Bradley's sister</i>)  <b>Nina Behrendt</b> (<i>neighbor and friend of Elizabeth Meier</i>)  <b>Chris Blair</b> (<i>Warren's brother</i>)  <b>Donald Brzowsky</b> (<i>Hal Schweitzer's nephew</i>)  <b>**Kathy, Bridget, and Malia Calip</b> (<i>Friends of Chris Borquez</i>)  <b>Wally Campbell</b> (<i>friend of Sandra Sphan</i>)  <b>Shawn Cantwell</b> (<i>nephew of Michelle Lamirato</i>)  <b>Shelley Carey, Kim Schreiner &amp; Sandra Schreiner</b> (<i>Cheryl Swinhart's cousins</i>)  <b>Amber Carolus &amp; family</b> (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>)  <b>Joann Conrad</b> (<i>Debbie Ezo's mother</i>)  <b>** Reverend Jerry Crow</b> (<i>Vonda's brother in law</i>)  <b>Nick Del Hierro</b> (<i>friend of Jan and Sandi Bordner</i>)  <b>Jo Dreher</b>  <b>Marge Dorsey</b>  <b>Martie Essebaggers</b>  <b>Cheryl Evans</b> (<i>Vonda's cousin</i>)  <b>Baby Everlee</b> (<i>Friend of Trevor Gallegos &amp; Theresa Hornbuckle</i>)  <b>Esther Faires</b>  <b>Marty Flaum</b> (<i>Friend of Mark Moyer and Karen Trinidad</i>)  <b>** Shirley Frey</b> (<i>Vonda's cousin</i>)</p>	<p><b>Doyal Furman</b> (<i>Jacob's father</i>)  <b>Tobias Funk</b> (<i>Jan Cole's nephew</i>)  <b>Gene</b> (<i>Al Muniz' brother</i>)  <b>Julie Gerrish and Family</b> (<i>Friend of Pastor Kaari</i>)  <b>Scott Gerhardt</b> (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>)  <b>Julie Goerend</b> (<i>Pastor Barb's friend</i>)  <b>Russ and Bob Goerend</b> (<i>Pastor Barb's friends</i>)  <b>Joe Green</b> (<i>friend of Donna Harris</i>)  <b>Geneva Giuffre</b> (<i>Family friend of Tom and Joan LaRose</i>)  <b>**Lennie Gradert</b> (<i>Vonda's cousin</i>)  <b>Elizabeth Gryder</b> (<i>Family friend of Elizabeth Meier</i>)  <b>Abbey Hammer</b> (<i>Pam and Jesse Hammer's niece</i>)  <b>Andrea Hanson</b> (<i>Chris' sister-in-law</i>)  <b>Geraldine Harmon</b> (<i>Ernst Blyt's sister-in-law</i>)  <b>Candace Homestead</b>  <b>Dale Hundley</b> (<i>Lois'Wyble's son in law</i>)  <b>Karen Hutchinson</b> (<i>Friend of Pastor Barb</i>)  <b>* Lynn Irwin</b> (<i>Neighbor of Jan and Sandi</i>)  <b>Jess Kary</b> (<i>Jill Hartmann's father</i>)  <b>**Jessica Kurschner</b> (<i>Pam &amp; Jesse Hammer's daughter</i>)  <b>* Leah and Melissa</b> (<i>Pastor Bonita's daughter and wife</i>)</p>	<p><b>Jay Mendoza</b> (<i>friend and neighbor of Hal and Lynne Schweitzer</i>)  <b>James McAllister</b>  <b>Samantha McCulla</b> (<i>Friend of Tom and Joan LaRose</i>)  <b>**Dawn Miller</b> (<i>Vonda's niece</i>)  <b>Shirley Nelson</b>  <b>**Barbara Obert</b> (<i>friend of Vonda</i>)  <b>Gail Pankow</b> (<i>Shirley Keith's sister</i>)  <b>Merideth Parker</b> (<i>Ann Hibb's Mother</i>)  <b>Harlan Redcay</b> (<i>Jesse Hammer's brother in law</i>)  <b>Reyna Sanchez</b>  <b>Charlie Shaw</b> (<i>friend of Lisa Cook</i>)  <b>Mary Stein</b> (<i>Pastor Barb's sister</i>)  <b>Stacy Struessel</b>  <b>Fred Vargas &amp; Family</b> (<i>Diane Fuhrman's brother</i>)  <b>Ann Vespoli</b> (<i>LaVonne Vespoli's mother-in-law</i>)  <b>Tony Zangari Sr., Tony Jr., Roxanne Zangari</b> (<i>family of Kathy Zangari</i>)</p>
<p><b>Special prayers for the families of the victims of the shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs.</b>  <b>Special prayers for the citizens and victims and families who lost loved ones to gun violence.</b>  <b>Special prayers for the citizens of Ukraine.</b>  <b>Special Prayers for the marginalized, people of color, and essential workers.</b>  <b>Special Prayers for all of our military.</b>  <b>Special Prayers for all those out of work, homeless and hungry across the globe.</b></p>		