



**The First Sunday of Advent**  
The Service of Prayer and Preaching  
November 27, 2022  
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## Prelude

Belva Hanson, Organist

## Welcome

Pastor Jake Parsons

## Announcements

- Donations for poinsettias - \$10 each
- Donations for the church's new Christmas Tree – Total cost, approximately \$500
- Advent Mid-Week Worship begins: Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 5:30pm Soup Supper; 6:30pm Worship
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 6:30pm
- Christmas Day and New Year's Day – **worship may be canceled**

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## Gradual

- P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.
- C** **Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

## Welcome Hymn

### 331 The Advent of Our King



- 1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.  
Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

- △ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

## Old Testament Canticle

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done  
 glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the  
 earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sit

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### The Old Testament

*Isaiah 2:1–5*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 2.

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

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and 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 the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and 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 anymore.  
<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

### The Epistle

*Romans 13:8–14*

- A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 13.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsory

- L** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L** He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

*Stand*

### The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 24:36–44*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, 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 when Noah entered the ark,<sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.<sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.<sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.<sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.<sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master 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 hour you do not expect.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### New Testament Canticle



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to



sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.
  
- And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
  
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Sit

Savior of the Nations, Come

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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,

That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

Sermon

Offering

Donations, Tithes and Offerings

Here are three ways to support Grace Lutheran with your tithes, gifts and offerings.

1. Place offering in the plates in the Narthex.
2. Mail your offering to the church directly.

Your offerings are significant in the ministry of the church and preschool and we appreciate them!

Stand

Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.



- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

#### Collect of the Day

- L** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

#### Collect for the Word

- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

#### Morning Prayer

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

#### Blessing

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Once He Came In Blessing

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1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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## Prayers of Grace (updated 11/20/2022)

***...for those who cannot be with us today.***

Liz Lepper, Gene Ryzski, Charlie Larson, Max Hanneman, Nan Lippitt

***...for those recently diagnosed.***

Samantha, Yvonne, Gene Monroe, Cali Pullium

***...for those preparing for, or recovering from surgeries and procedures.***

Mike Hanneman, John Kaylen, D'Arcy, Janet (Abel) Bollinger, Ernie Heuchert (brother of Kathy Valencia), Patty Taylor, Elwyn Byrd

***...for those suffering with the pain of chronic illness.***

Edith Quaid, Ruth Webber, Christy Esparza, Moira Sandroock, Barbara Aris, Henry Span, Theresa Squires, Dorothy Abel, and Delores Feliz

***...for those battling cancer***

Karen Duncan, Scott Gomes (Firefighter), Diana Williams, Barbara Diaz, Sandra Rodriguez, Kim Passmore, Mike Mueller, Jobie Stiegler.

***...for those grieving a lost friend or family***

The family of Lois Harlow, Maxine Raymond, and Joan Edwards, Millie Smith, Nancy Dewey, Lou Brum

***...for those awaiting their final rest***

Mark Payne, Kathleen Fenton, and Norma Chapman

***...for those in suffering the pain of difficult life circumstances***

Jennie (healing and direction), Gene and Deena Redden, Tammie Earl

***...for those serving in the military and the government.***

Marco Bollinger (Navy), President Biden, Vice-President Harris, Governor Newsom and Mayor Alice

***...for missionaries, sister congregations, pastors and Church workers.***

Herb and Markie Burch, Paul and Gena Nelson, Pastor Gary, Pastor Ray and Pastor George

## **The Right Hand** – 11/27//22

### *Preparing for His Coming*

One of the great creations of the early church was the creation of a church calendar. To be sure, Judaism preceded Christianity in this specific regard, but we have made massive improvements on the dissemination of this great aid to faith. Did you know that the Season of Advent goes back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD?

The Season of Advent is a wonderful way of preparing to again rehearse that profound event of “God-With-Us” (Allelulia!). But this entails a major struggle in which to stay “on point,” as the culture demands that the season be observed in its own selfish self-serving way! No, the reason for the season is not to satisfy your own avaricious wants and desires; it is to prepare your life and yourself for the coming of God into human life and human doings!

Why do we continue to practice this on an annual basis? Because there are coming generations and we are still connected to younger generations who watch us and mimic us (though they would never admit it....) The Season of Advent is a superb time of preparing and creating new aspects of self that we might purposefully and more nearly become the persons whom God called and created us to be....

As I write this column in early November, I am planning some home materials to assist us in using the Season of Advent for faith advancements. I am open to any suggestions or commentary that will assist us in becoming His people....

*“May God keep us from complacency, and may we press on to know Him more deeply and obey Him more fully....”* In Deo speramus.

Rev. Gary Hanson, Elder

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