

SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 27, 2022-9:00 AM



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love
with all people.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 27, 2022 | 1st Sunday of Advent | 9:00 AM
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *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.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

#254 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

READER: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6) Today we remember the hope that was proclaimed through the prophets, speaking of a "child to come". This child was an unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God. This child is HOPE.

ALL: Dear God, as we begin our Advent pilgrimage, grant us the courage to hope. Hope for your presence, Hope for your peace, Hope for your promise. Amen.

READER: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the HOPE that comes in Christ Jesus.

CHRISTMAS CAROL:

#279 O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1-2)

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 26

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

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

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: #248 *People, Look East*

+APOSTLES' CREED pg. 105

OFFERING –

MUSIC - Praise Team *God with Us*

OFFERTORY #186 “*Create in me....*”

THE PRAYERS (pg. 143)

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words:

“Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**”)

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 145) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

#257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27TH, 2022

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 124, Thanksgiving for Deliverance

Tuesday, Genesis 9:1-17, The Covenant with Noah

Wednesday, John 1:35-42, The First Disciples

Thursday, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, A Prayer for the King

Friday, Isaiah 30:19-26, God's Promise to Zion

Saturday, Isaiah 40:1-11, God's People are Comforted

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

“Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” -- Luke 24:34

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

- Isaiah promises the nations shall not learn war any more. How can you live this out in your love for neighbor and God? (Isa 2:4)
- Paul says, “Make no provision for the flesh.” What does this mean for working, shopping for clothes, and cooking meals? (Rom 13:14)
- Matthew says, “The Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” How is this bad news? Good news? (Matt 24:44)

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.**

BLESS: 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.