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Setting 10

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.

Joys and Concerns

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**

Gathering Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

Lighting of Advent Wreath

P. Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

C. **Amen**



Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



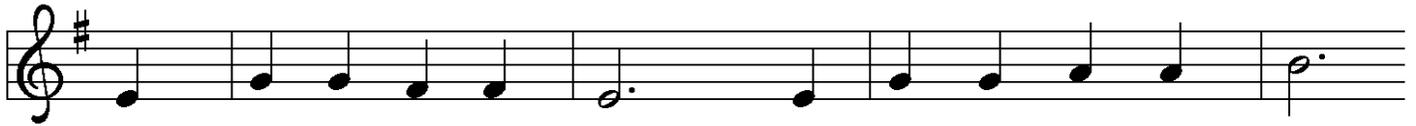
He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Greeting

P. 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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

A. Let us pray.

C. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protections 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

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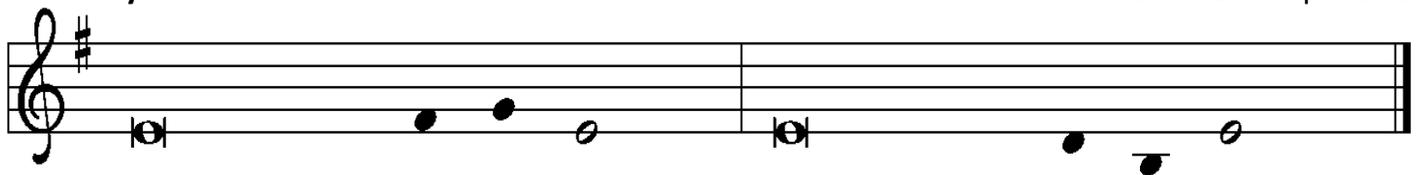
L. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Psalm 122

Chanted Responsively



I was glad when they ¹ said to me,
"Let us go to the house ¹ of the LORD."

**Now our ¹ feet are standing
within your gates, ¹ O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built ¹ as a city
that is at unity ¹ with itself;

to which the tribes go up, the tribes¹ of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name¹ of the LORD.

For there are the¹ thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the¹ house of David.

Pray for the peace¹ of Jerusalem:
"May they pros-¹per who love you.

Peace be with-¹ in your walls
and quietness with-¹ in your towers.

For the sake of my kindred¹ and companions,
I pray for¹ your prosperity.

Because of the house of the¹ LORD our God,
I will seek to¹ do you good."

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

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C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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P. The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter twenty-four.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.



The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

- A. As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

- P. God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C. Amen.

The Peace

- P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.



The Offering

Anthem

Come Now, O Prince of Peace ~ G. Lee

Brad Hunnicutt

Offertory Prayer

- A. Eternal God,

- C. 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**

The 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.

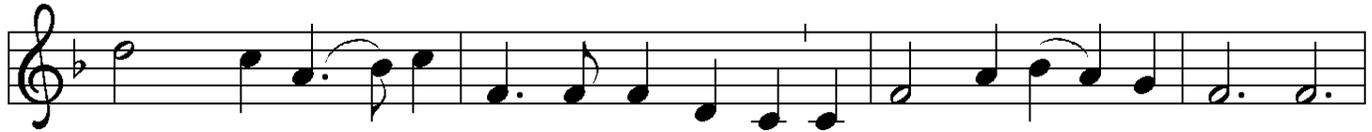
C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P. It is right that.....we praise your holy name saying:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Invitation to Communion

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

C. Amen

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns

<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>	ELW 241
<i>Creator of the Stars of Night</i>	ELW 245
<i>Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending</i>	ELW 435

Post Communion Blessing

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

C. Amen

Post Communion Canticle

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW 693

Post Communion Prayer

A. 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.

C. Amen.

The Blessing

P. God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who hold us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
† bless you now and forever.

C. Amen

Sending Hymn

O Day of Peace

ELW 711

Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. Christ is near.
- C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Brad Hunnicutt

Servers for Sunday, November 27th:

- Assisting Minister..... Alecia Harrison
- Reader Sylvia Lambert
- Altar Guild Sarah Watkins
- Greeters Julie Bogle / Sylvia Lambert
- Acolyte Antonio Smith



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

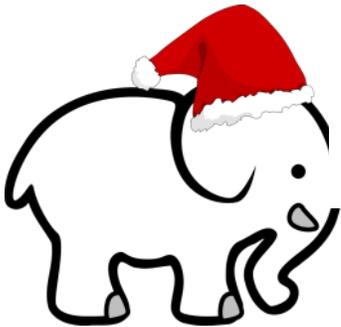
Candles in the sanctuary this month are provided by Terry & Grace Barnes, in Loving Memory of passed Family Members.





& Mid-Week Worship

REMINDER: Each Wednesday during Advent there will be a Simple Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm, followed by an Advent Worship Service at 7:00 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend!!



CHRISTMAS PARTY



December 2nd at 7 pm

The LOL Men's Club will again host our annual Congregational Christmas Dinner for all members and their families on Friday night December 2nd in the LOL Fellowship Hall. A **sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board** near the entrance to the hall. Please sign the sheet to let us know how many individuals from your family will be in attendance. The men will provide turkey & dressing, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, dinner rolls, and sweet potato and green bean casseroles. We will also provide coffee, tea, wine and soft drinks. We are asking the congregation to consider providing desserts and any other special holiday dishes that you would like to contribute.

President Steve Brantley will be in charge of the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please bring wrapped or bagged gifts that cost no more than \$15 for each person in your group that would like to be involved in the gift exchange.



Mary Jo Albert
7th Annual Memorial
Christmas Concert
December 19th at 7:00 pm

