

First Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC

Preservice Music/Announcements

Welcome *Please rise in body or spirit*

A: Among the poor, among the proud;
B: Among the persecuted, among the privileged;
A: In the private home, in the marketplace;
B: On the lonely walk, on the crowded street;
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

A: With a gentle touch, with an angry word;
B: With a clear conscience, with burning love;
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

A: That the Kingdom might come; that the world might believe;
B: That the powerful might stumble, that the humble might be raised.
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

A: Within us, without us,
B: Among us, before us;
A: In this place, in every place;
B: For this time, and for all time,
All: **Christ is coming to make all things new!**

GATHERING

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a symbol of God's holy love, shining like light on the earth.
It is round because love never ends. It is green because love always grows.
It uses four candles, one lit each week, to symbolize the power of love to light the world and dispel the darkness.

We light the first candle of hope. Hope is like a candle in the night.
As we light the first candle, we celebrate the hope we have through Jesus Christ, who came to bring hope to the world. We pray for a day when God's hope is fulfilled for all creation.

The first candle is lit as the congregation sings to the tune of Hymn #247

Come, O hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

O God, you ask us to open our hearts to your presence in the world. In this season of waiting, we make our hearts ready by thanking you for what gives us hope. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait, **in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.

Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favour upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn #245 Creator of the Stars of Night

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God which passes all understanding be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection,
alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us
for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Advent Hymn of Praise #254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Verse Hymn #616 Jesus, Remember Me (sing through 3x)

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

*Prior to reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Following reading: **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #438 My Lord, What a Morning

Apostles' Creed page 105 front section of hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace/Offering

A musical reflection is played while the gifts are brought forward and the table is set.

MEAL

Offering Prayer

God of our waiting and watching,

we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.

Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal,

through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to God for these gifts. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 Saviour 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:

Hymn #190 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the gifts

We praise you, O God, for your creating Word!

You set the foundations of the world and gave breath to every living thing.

There is no Rock like you. Blessed be God, forevermore;

our hearts sing of your mercy and might!

We praise you, O God, for your liberating Word!

In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed, you guided them by your strength to the land of promise.

You have lifted up the lowly. Blessed be God, forevermore;

our hearts sing of your mercy and might!

We praise you, O God, for your life-giving Word!

Your Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

You have looked with favour on the lowliness of your servants.

Blessed be God, forevermore;

our hearts sing of your mercy and might!

Blessed be God, from this time on and forevermore,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
With Miriam, Hannah, and Mary, we give you thanks and praise
for your creating, liberating, and life-giving Word!
Send us forth in the power of your Spirit
to sing of your greatness and serve all people,
following Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Fraction (breaking of bread)

Invitation to the Supper

Hymn #195 Lamb of God

Hymn during the Meal #262 Wait for the Lord

Distribution

*After receiving both elements, those wishing to receive prayer and laying on of hands
and anointing with oil are invited to go behind the table where the rite of healing is offered.
Please return to your seats via the aisle closest to the piano. Thank you.*

Prayer after the Meal

Most High God, **you have come among us at this table.**
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

Sending Song #259 Fling Wide the Door

Dismissal

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

Postlude

