

*Thank you for joining us as we  
Worship our Lord  
November 28, 2021  
10:15am Service*



My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness.

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## STEWARSHIP NOTE. . .

If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them, and he will send them at once." The Lord has need of each of us, in each of our callings. ***Matthew 21:3 LCMS website***

*Altar Flowers  
Hamluk Family*



*In Loving Memory of  
John Hamluk*

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**  
**Blended Noncommunion Service**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

***Divine Service II Lutheran Worship***

**Pre-Service Music**

**WELCOME**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

***“Promises”***

Jesus, thank You for the love You’ve brought my way.  
And Jesus, I know I’m undeserving every day,  
But I live on promises You gave us in Your Word.  
Salvation comes from Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
And whatever we ask the Father in Your name  
He’ll give it to us.

We also know that You are with us each and every day.  
And we know we should tell Your people,  
That You’re coming back again,  
And we should prepare ourselves to follow in Your way.

Father, thank You for the gift of Thy dear Son,  
And Father, we know that He died for everyone.  
He suffered, was buried-but rose triumphantly.  
He conquered death and death can’t conquer me.  
You can give me trials and tribulations;  
I know these things will give me patience;  
I also know that satan cannot take my faith away.  
For with the blood of Christ you’ve bound him,  
Sent him into depths astounding.  
And Christ shall reign forever– the King of Kings to stay.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**INVOCATION**

Elder: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Elder: The Lord says, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah."

People: **We thank You, O Lord!**

Elder: The Lord says, "My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up."

People: **We adore You, O Lord!**

Elder: The Lord says, "You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

People: **We praise You, O Lord!**

Elder: The Lord says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

People: **We worship You, O Lord!**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*One Advent candle is lit.*

Elder: Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

***"Light One Candle"***

***Chorus:***

***Light one candle for HOPE  
One bright candle for HOPE  
He brings love to every heart  
He comes! He comes!***

Light one candle for HOPE  
One bright candle for HOPE  
Every nation will find salvation  
in Bethlehem's baby boy.

***Chorus***

He brings HOPE to every heart  
He comes, He comes

## **CONFESSION**

Elder: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

*A time of silence is observed.*

Elder: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**People: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Elder: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

Elder: Forgive us, Lord, for times when hope was lost, And moments when we never thought to trust. For times when we despair and forget that You are where all joy and truth have met. Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins and help us hope and trust You without end.

## **ABSOLUTION**

Elder: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ

**People: Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

*(Spoken)*

Elder: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Elder: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION**

Elder: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Elder: Let us pray.

Ancient of Days, bring to all our days the hope and peace won for us by Jesus on Good Friday and Easter Sunday,

**People: that we may live by Your mercy until that day when Christ comes again to judge the living and the dead;**

Elder: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Jeremiah 33:14–16***

*(English Standard Version)*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.<sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.<sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be

saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

***Psalm 25:1–10***

Reader: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**People: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

Reader: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

**People: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Reader: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

**People: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**

Reader: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

Reader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

**People: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.**

Reader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

**People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**EPISTLE**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9–13**

*(English Standard Version)*

<sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**(Please rise out of respect for the Gospel)**

**VERSE**

***Psalm 24:7***

Elder: Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Elder: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**People: And be lifted up, O ancient doors,**

Elder: that the King of glory may come in.

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE WORD**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

***Luke 21:25–36***

Elder: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man

coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

People: 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 everlasting. Amen

**SONG OF THE DAY**  
***“Days of Elijah”***

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the word of the Lord:  
And these are the days of Your servant  
Moses righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great trial  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying  
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

***Chorus:***

***Behold He comes riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call  
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.***

These are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant  
David rebuilding a temple of praise.  
These are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in Your world  
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard  
Declaring the word of the Lord!

**MESSAGE**

***“Waiting and Watching”***

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***(Responsive)***

Reader: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming,  
we turn to the Lord in prayer.

*A brief time of silence may be observed.*

Reader: O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to yearn for that coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored. We pray,

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

Reader: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

Reader: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

Reader: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your

love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

Reader: O Lord of might, help us during this Advent season both to look back to those days when our salvation was won in Your death and resurrection and to look forward to the day of Your return, when by Your power You will bring the dead to life and restore all creation. We pray,

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

Reader: O Immanuel, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn and use us to express the hope that comes from trusting in You. Bring us to be with them on that great day to come, and until that day give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. We pray,

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

Reader: You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Matthew 6:9–13**

***Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:***

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 LORD'S PRAYER ACCORDING TO JOHN 17**

Holy Father, protect your church  
by the power of your name.  
The name you gave your Son  
so that we may be one  
as the Father and the Son are one.  
May we have the full measure of joy  
within us through the power of your life-saving spirit.  
Protect us from the evil one  
and sanctify us by the truth of your word.  
Having been sanctified by your word,  
send us out into the world.  
In the name of our triune God.  
Amen.

**FIRST FRUITS OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

***Hymn #461***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

Elder: May the Lord make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish our hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and † give us peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG**  
***“Soon and very Soon”***

Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King,  
Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon,  
We are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
We are going to see the King.

No more crying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
No more crying there,  
We are going to see the King.  
No more crying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
We are going to see the King.

No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King.  
No more dying there,  
We are going to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
We are going to see the King.