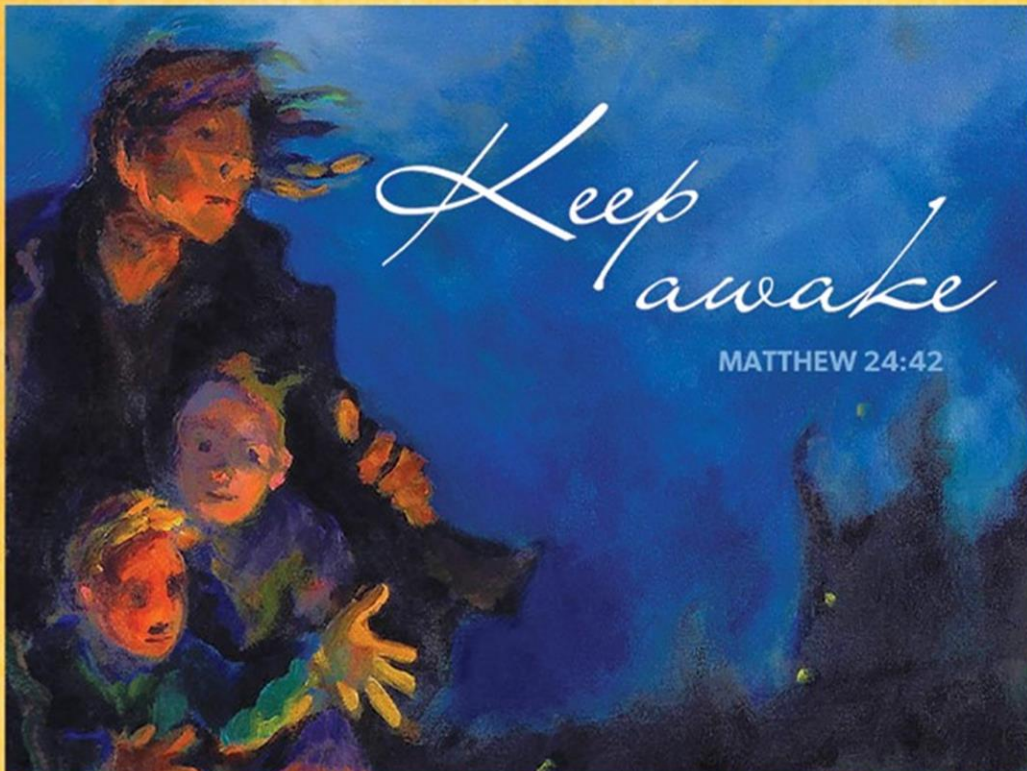


# *Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church*



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022

# GATHER

## Words of Welcome

### Advent Preface

### *My Soul in Stillness Waits*

Refrain



For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness  
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Mary Haugen, b. 1950  
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### Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
our life, our mercy, our hope.

Let us prepare for Christ's coming by turning from sin and darkness  
and turning toward the light of God's compassion and renewal.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Great and Holy One,  
**in this time of waning daylight,**  
**we confess the shadows of sin in our lives.**  
**Our words and deeds have not proclaimed**  
**your reign of justice and peace.**  
**We have failed to watch and pray**  
**for the signs of your advent among us.**  
**Come to restore us in your image,**  
**remake us into your people,**  
**and restore what sin has broken,**  
**that we and the whole creation may rejoice.**

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy\_\_ on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy\_\_ on\_\_ us.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.\_\_ Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Shine your light in\_\_ to our dark - ness. Fill\_\_ us\_\_ with your ho - ly love.  
Heal all\_\_ con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us\_\_ how to\_\_ live as one.

Be our strength in times of\_\_ trou - ble. Set us free from chains that\_\_ bind.  
Show us how to love our\_\_ neigh - bor. Run to those who\_\_ cry for\_\_ help.

Breathe new life in - to our\_\_ spir - its. Pu - ri - fy our\_\_ hearts and minds.  
Word made flesh who lives a - mong us; Christ our\_\_ Lord, Em - man - u - el.

In the advent of Christ the dawn from on high  
breaks upon us with light and healing.  
Through Jesus Christ, God looks upon you with favor  
and forgives you all your sins.  
**Amen.**

## Light of the Advent Wreath

Schultze Family

(to the tune of *O Worship the King*)

The candle of hope we light in this hour  
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.  
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,  
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

## Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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**

## Children's Time

## WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

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

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>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."

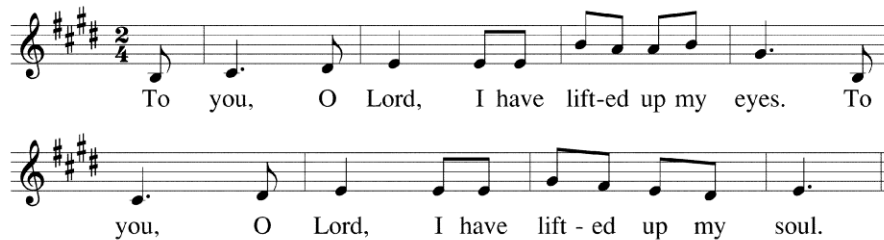
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
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 any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 121



Verses

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.
2. The Lord is your guard and your shade, for ever by your side.  
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.
3. The Lord ever watches over you, the guardian of your soul.  
The Lord will guard your coming and your going now and for ever.

Text: Psalm 121:1-2, 5-6, 7-8; Michel Guimont  
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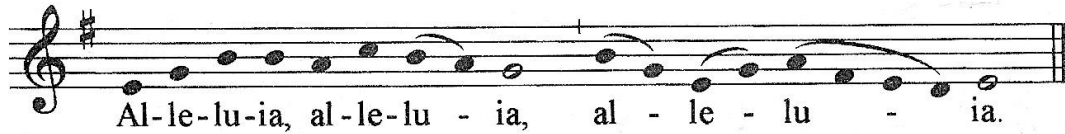
## Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and

make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.  
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Verse



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### Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

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

### **Praise to You, O Christ**

### Sermon

**Pastor Richard Rollefson**

### Song of the Day

### *Even So Come*

#### Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

#### Verse 2

Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

#### Chorus 1

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

#### Verse 3

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

#### Bridge

So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon

**So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon**

**Chorus 2**

**Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come**

**Bridge**

**God we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
(REPEAT)**

**God we wait we wait for You  
Yes we wait You're coming soon  
God we wait You're coming soon oh**

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**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God,  
Creator of all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ, God's child.  
His coming is the advent of God's reign of justice and peace.  
Through his life comes healing,  
Through his death comes hope,  
And through his rising, life eternal.**

**We believe in the Spirit,  
Who speaks through the prophets,  
inspires the witness of the Church,  
and through our baptism into Christ,  
dwells within our hearts.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Prayer requests:* Sid & Beryl Bennett; Elsa Brody; Steve & JoAnn Bennett; Dave Lonsway & Family; Matthew Moersdorf; Ed Dresp; Janis Sexton; Blair Pate; Dorothy Adams

*Prayers for our church family:* Mike & Val Lund; Wyatt Lund; Diane Mansell

**The Peace & Announcements  
Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

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.**

# MEAL

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### 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

Come to the table, where Christ comes to make a home in you.

## Communion Songs

### *Lamb of God*



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give\_ us your  
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive\_\_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-  
joice! Re - joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra - el.

### *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Verse: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You,  
I want to see You. (repeat)

Chorus: To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love,  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.  
(repeat vs. 1 & chorus)

Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see You

## SENDING

### Closing Prayer

God of wonder,  
we give thanks that you have fed us once again  
with this foretaste of the great feast to come.  
Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbor with joy,  
that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song

#### *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



*Refrain*  
Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

### 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.**



**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Thanks to:**

Greeter:

Usher:

Lector: Patti Frey

Communion Servers:

Coffee Server: Carol Harvey

Altar Guild: Jeanie Schultz

Musicians, Singers: Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen / Richard Rollefson / Matt  
Schultze / Ryan Reck / Phil Strauss / Talia Ortega / Janis Sexton / Carlyn Hinds