

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH 2022



*Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church is an open,
welcoming and affirming community, fulfilling God's vision of a world
where peace, love, and justice become a reality for all.*

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GATHERING

Prelude

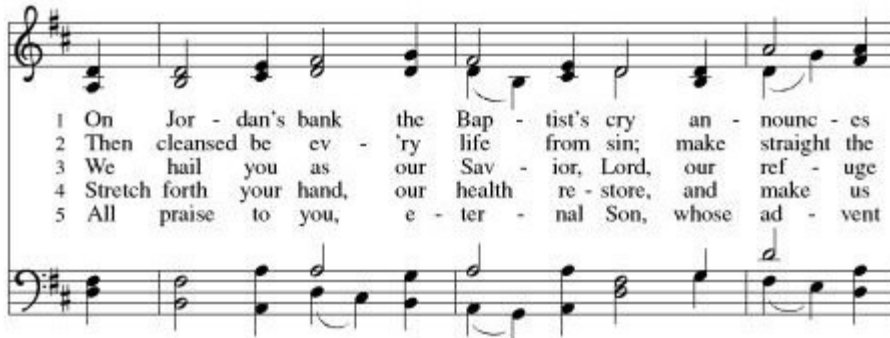
Welcome

Pastor Darlene Muschett

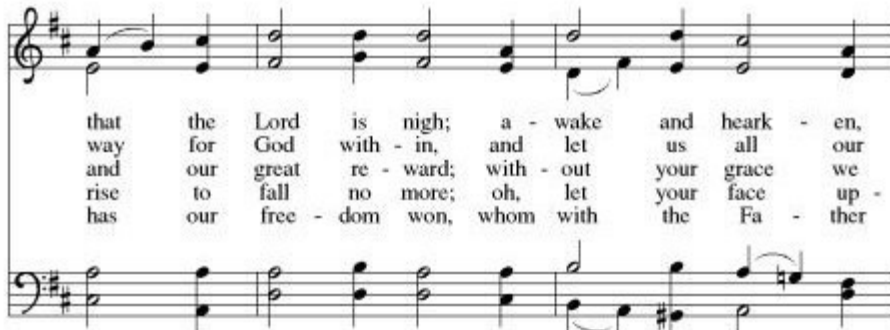
Moment of Silent Centering

Opening Hymn (#249, vs. 1,3,5)

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en, our
way for God with - in, and let us all
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Pastor : 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.

Pastor : Faithful God,

All : You proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried out to you in distress. Be present in our distress, and show us how to be faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Welcome of Visitors & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Advent 1, sing vs. 1

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.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles 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.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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Ken and Kevin Maldonado: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
You light our way as we walk,
seeking your ways of justice and peace,
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.
Rouse us from sleep,
that we may be ready to greet you when you come,
and welcome you into our hearts and homes.
Amen.

Repeat “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

WORD

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19

Chapter 1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ⁵Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. ⁶For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. ⁷Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

Chapter 2 I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Chapter 3 A prayer of the prophet Habakkuk according to Shigionoth.

²O LORD, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O LORD, of your work. In our own time revive it; in our own time make it known; in wrath may you remember mercy. ³God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran, Selah, His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

⁴The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. ⁵Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. ⁶He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low. ¹⁷Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹God, the LORD, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights. To the leader: with stringed instruments.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation (#242)

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 lives now in - side us for - ev - er.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:36-38

Pastor : The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 26.

All : **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

Pastor : The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Where Certainty Ends..."

Pastor Darlene Muschett

Hymn of the Day (#715)

Christ Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

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Prayers of the People

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

A brief silence.

(...at the end of each petition)

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

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.

All : Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Pastor : The peace of Christ be with you always!

All : And also with you!

Pastor : Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

Offering

At this time, you are invited to share generously from the blessings God has provided. Live streaming attendees are able to donate online, following instructions on our website. Offerings can also be received via mail to the church office.

continued

Offertory Anthem

Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night

John Bowring & Joseph Parry, David Lantz

Chris Keelan and Ron Gebhardtsbauer, duet

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are. Traveler, or yon mountain's height, See that glory-beaming star.

Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell? Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends. Traveler, blessedness, and light, Peace and truth its course portends.

Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth? Traveler, ages are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, For the morning seems to dawn. Traveler, darkness takes its flight; Doubt and terror are withdrawn.

Watchman, let your wandering cease; Hasten to your quiet home. Traveler, lo the Prince of Peace, Lo the Son of God is come. Amen

Offertory Response (#685, vs. 1)

Take My Life That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Offertory Prayer

Pastor : Eternal God,

All: 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

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Pastor : As we gather at this table hosted by Jesus, we give thanks and open ourselves to the lavishly given gifts of forgiveness, grace, and peace that unite us and ignite us in love.

All : Spirit of God, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so direct our wills that we may be wholly yours and dedicated to follow the challenges of Jesus' love.

Sanctus (#473, Sing twice, first time in Spanish)

Holy, Holy, Holy



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Pastor : Come to the table, here is your God to welcome you.

Communion Hymn (#726)

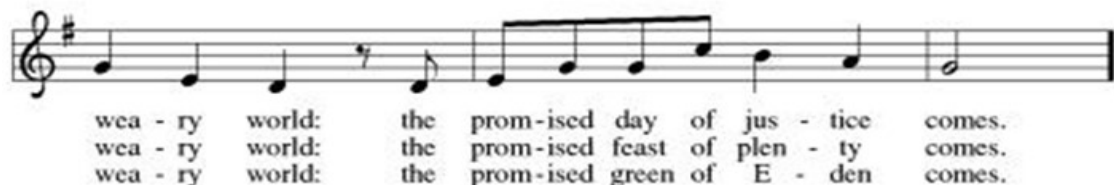
Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;

the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



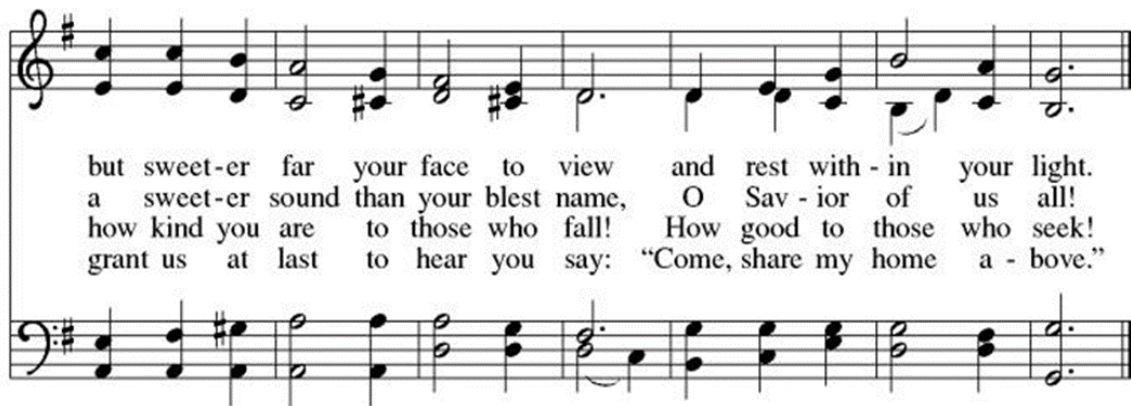
as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Communion Hymn (#754)

Jesus the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Blessing After Communion

Pastor: Faithful God,

**All: in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth around this table.**

**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.**

Amen

SENDING

Benediction

Pastor : May starlight guide your steps towards this place of wonder, May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger, May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth, and may faith tell you God, Emmanuel will be with us soon.

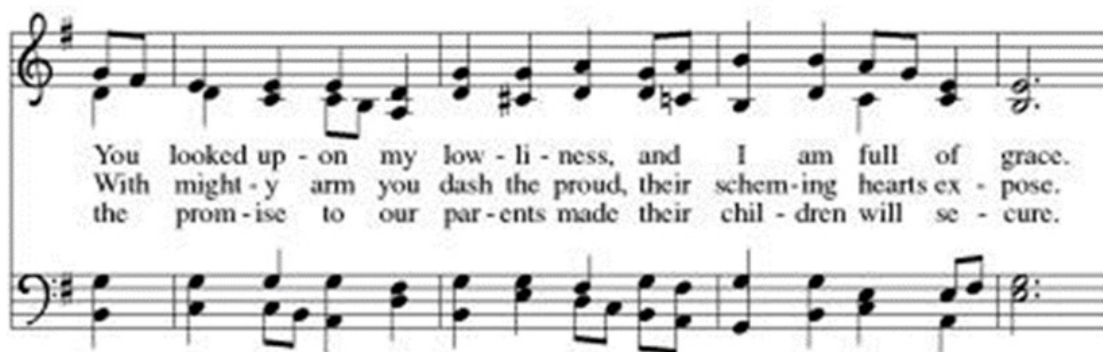
All : Amen.

Sending Hymn (#251, vs. 1&3)

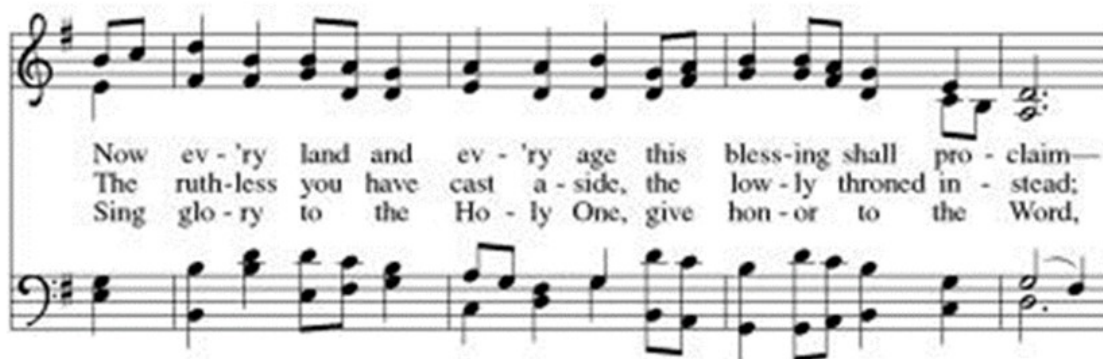
My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.
3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;



You looked up-on my low-li-ness, and I am full of grace.
With might-y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex-pose.
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil-dren will se-secure.



Now ev-ry land and ev-ry age this bless-ing shall pro-claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a-side, the low-ly throned in-stead;
Sing glo-ry to the Ho-ly One, give hon-or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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Dismissal

Pastor : Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

All : Thanks be to God.

Postlude

PEACE BE WITH YOU

Special thanks to today's service participants :

Pastor Darlene Muschett

Altar Guild, Ferol Menzel

Music Director—Chris Keelan

Reader—Ken Maldonado

Accompanist for Service—Caroline Hesford

Flowers provided by Greg Wright and Ron Gebhardtshauer in celebration of their 9th "official" wedding anniversary.



SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX! SO MANY CHOICES AND WAYS TO HELP!

Worship assistants for our Sunday Services

Poinsettias for the Advent Season

Soup, Bread and Desserts for our Soup Suppers on Wednesdays during Lent, before the Holden Services

Help with Day Services! Learn how you can help from the pros, Karen Johns and Larry Cope. Sign up or call the office, 970-468-6809.

Flowers for our Sunday Services

Adopt an Angel tags and the collection box are on the narthex back wall and available for you to take! Please take one and give to make this Christmas special for some child.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Starting this Wednesday at 5:30 pm we will begin our weekly Soup Supper followed by our Advent Holden Service at 6:30 pm. Come for one or preferably for both!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Welcome to Lord of the Mountains

We rejoice that diversity in God's creation enriches, nurtures and challenges our life and ministry as followers of Jesus and as servants in the world.

Because we believe with Jesus that God's grace is truly amazing, we are committed to welcoming all people to this place... no matter where you come from, no matter what age, race, socio-economic or family status, no matter what gender identity or sexual orientation, no matter what your faith tradition or theological beliefs.

Grace is for everyone or it isn't grace.
It's that simple.
It's that amazing.

We really do welcome all!

In the spirit of the Reformation, Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church continually seeks meaningful ways of expressing our commitment to the life and teachings of Jesus.

We do this by...

- welcoming all people to full participation in our community of faith.
- recognizing there are many ways to God.
- striving to be compassionate toward all of creation.
- aspiring to live what we believe.
- respecting diversity of thought and opinion.
- working for peace and justice for all people and all creation.
- committing ourselves to serving others.

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