



BE WATCHFUL THE
SON OF MAN
IS COMING AT THE TIME
YOU LEAST EXPECT.

MT 24:44

The First Sunday in Advent
November 27, 2022
9:00am
Word and Prayer
Be Awake and Watch

PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the **YELLOW** card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(P: pastor A: assistant C: congregation)

All who are able, stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: The day of the Lord is coming soon. The signs have been fulfilled.

C: **But who can abide the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?**

P: Lest that Day surprise us unawares, let us confess our sins to God our Father, imploring his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, who will soon come as Judge and King.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We are unprepared for your coming, for we have sinned. In our thinking and speaking and doing, we have disobeyed your will. We have ignored the signs of Christ's return. We implore your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ and seek the power of your Holy Spirit to restore our faith.**

P: He who is coming has come, born among us to live our life and die our death, and guarantee our resurrection. For his sake your sins are forgiven. The gifts of the Lord are yours in great abundance.

C: **Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen**

HYMN: “Come, O Precious Ransom” LBW 24

(Green book)

**Come, O precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world; Open are to you all portals.
Come, your beauty let us view; Anxiously we wait for you.**

**Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and never leave, Though I am but poor and lowly.
What vast riches will be mine When you are my guest divine!**

**My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray you;
Evermore, as best I can, Homage I will gladly pay you,
And in faith I will embrace Life eternal by your grace.**

**Hail! Hosanna! David’s Son!, Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let your kingdom, scepter, crown Bring us blessing and salvation;
That forever we may sing; Hail! Hosanna to our king!**

A si **todos**

The Choir hi d en **All** e invi **todos** ed **todos** **Choir** me f w **All** d f **All**
mess **All**ge.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

C: As fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known.

P: One candle is set ablaze, as we wait with eager expectation for you, Lord, to come down.

C: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come!

One candle is lit.

All who are able, stand

ADVENT HYMN: “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” WOV, 630, st. 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.

P: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: All those who await his appearance pray:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The whole creation pleads:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

All sit

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5, *Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace*

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and 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 the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, either shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 122

The psalm is read responsively by the pastor and congregation. The pastor begins.

P: I rejoiced when I heard them say: “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
And now our feet are standing within Jerusalem.

C: Come, let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

P: Pray for peace, pray for peace, pray for peace within us forever.

C: Come, let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

P: For the love of my family and friends, may the peace of our God be with you.
For love of the house of the Lord,
I will pray that his kindness be with you.

C: Come, let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8-14, Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

All who are able, stand

VERSE

The verse is spoken by the congregation.

Alleluia. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44, The sudden coming of the Son of Man

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

⁴³But know this, that if the master 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

All sit

SERMON

All who are able, stand

PRAYER CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

HYMN: “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” LBW 29 (Green book)

**“Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!” So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness Mourning under sorrow’s load.
To God’s people now proclaim That God’s pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!**

**For the herald’s voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him!
Straight shall be what long was crooked, And the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord Now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That God’s word is never broken.**

NICENE CREED

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**C: 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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 AND INTERCESSIONS

P: Awaiting your promised light, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: 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**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "Hark, the Glad Sound! LBW 35

(Green book)

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne An ev'ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst, The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.**

We strive to use our gifts and the best resources available to support people in their faith. To inquire about our sermons and/or the resources used to produce them please contact us through our church office. To God be the glory!

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