

## Prayer

### The Benediction

### Three-fold Amen

### Closing Hymn

*People, Look East*

ELW #248 (Vss. 1, 3, 4)

### Sending

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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*Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!*

*“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”*

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024; 9:30 am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: God of mercy,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

P: God of might,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

P: God in our midst,

C: **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

### Opening Hymn

*Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying*

ELW #436

### Apostolic Greeting

## Prayer of the Day (All)

**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 Light the Advent Candle – The Prophecy Candle

**Hymn of the Day**      *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*      ELW #240 (Vs. 1)

## First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sue Johannsen

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says 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 live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

## Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever 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, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Gospel Acclamation**      *All Earth is Hopeful*      ELW #266 (Vs. 1)

## Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

*(Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.)*

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>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, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that 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 tell you, this generation will not pass away until

all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*(Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.)*

## Children’s Message

Mary Lee

## Sermon

Bishop Andrea De Groot-Nesdahl

**Hymn**      *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!*      ELW #246 (Vss. 1-4)

## Prayers of Intercession

## Sharing the Peace

## Offering

*(The children’s offering basket will be on the front steps of the church so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



**Offertory Hymn**      *Light Dawns on a Weary World*      ELW #726

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn:      *Christ, Be our Light*      ELW #715

## Post-Communion Blessing