

The First Sunday of Advent, year B

November 29, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Focus on the Season: The First Sunday of Advent, year B

The new Church Year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of God's coming. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, our mission, what it means to be awake, is carrying God's promises in our bodies, hands, gifts, voices in this fragile, broken world that also yearns for light, life, and salvation.

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Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," BWV 645 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Recorded on the First Sunday of Advent, year C, December 2, 2018.

ADVENT DIALOG AND KYRIE



- P** The Spirit and the ^l Church cry out:
- C** **Amen.** ^l **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** All those who await his ap- ^l pearance pray:
- C** **Amen.** ^l **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** The whole cre- ^l ation pleads:
- C** **Amen.** ^l **Come, Lord Jesus.**

KYRIE

A: Chri - ste e - lei son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

C: Chri - ste e lei - son.

A: Ky - ri - e e - lei son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

C: Ky - ri - e e - lei son.

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Sung at Mount Olive on the First Sunday of Advent, year B, December 3, 2017.

Kyrie led by the Youth Choir

Word

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.**

HYMN: ELW 436, "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 19 C, August 11, 2019. Introduction by Paul O. Manz

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9; reader – Adam Krueger, lector

- ¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence –
- ² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil –
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- ³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

- ⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
- ⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
- ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- ⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
- ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
- ⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALMODY: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (*sing along with the leaders; the tone is printed in the video*)

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph ¹ like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned up- ¹ on the cherubim.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, ¹ and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and ¹ come to help us.
- ³ Restore ¹ us, O God; * let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.
- ⁴ O LORD ¹ God of hosts, * how long will your anger fume when your ¹ people pray?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the ¹ bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of ¹ tears to drink.
- ⁶ You have made us the derision ¹ of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh ¹ us to scorn.
- ⁷ Restore us, O ¹ God of hosts; * let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.
- ¹⁷ Let your hand be upon the one at ¹ your right hand, * the one you have made so strong ¹ for yourself.
- ¹⁸ And so will we never turn a- ¹ way from you; * give us life, that we may call up- ¹ on your name.
- ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD ¹ God of hosts; * let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.

Recorded on the First Sunday of Advent, year B, December 3, 2017. Antiphon sung by the Mount Olive Cantorei

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1:3-9; reader – Consuelo Crosby, assisting minister

Paul writes: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung before and after the reading*



Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B, December 24, 2017.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said: ²⁴“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

SERMON

Sweet Coming

Pastor Joseph Crippen

Silence for reflection.

HYMN: LBW 38, “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

Sung at Mount Olive at the Advent Procession Service, November 27, 2016.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. *The Olive Branch* has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

OFFERTORY “Sweet Coming”

Sweet com-ing for which we long: soft com-ing of star-voiced Child; still
com-ing in fra-grant meal; swift com-ing for won-drous weal. Sure
com-ing, both hope and trial; soon com-ing, our wist-ful song.

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Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday of Advent, year C, December 6, 2015.

Sending

LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

BLESSING *Response: Amen*

HYMN: LBW 27, “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Sung at Mount Olive on the First Sunday of Advent, year B, November 30, 2014.

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation based on “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” (WACHET AUF)

Recorded on the First Sunday of Advent, year B, December 3, 2017; Cantor Cherwien, organist.



In Our Prayers

- Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Mary Lee; Elizabeth Beissel, Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Christine Walberg; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; David Senjem, Marlys Senjem, and Ingrid Brandy, relatives of Sue Browender; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Donald

Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, James Alexander, and Peter & Faye Kaliher, daughter and friends of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Jerry Baack and Todd Erickson, friends of Jean & Doug Parish; Melissa Suchor, niece of Mike Rader; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilkes and Julius Underwood, and Lonell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Jeff Sartain, husband of former Mount Olive Cantor, Mark Sedio; Judy Bonnes, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

- **At the death of:** Terrence Fretheim, professor emeritus at Luther Seminary; Swan Johnson, friend of Russ & Lynda Pearson.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Bradley Holt, Arthur Halbardier, James Johnson, Marlin Kirschbaum, Paul Stone, Theodore Thompson, John Marty, Sabrina Bresnahan, John Crippen, Mark Spitzack, Jacob Melson, and Carol Peterson.
- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle – The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

December 3: St. Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552 – A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

December 4: St. John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749 – A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.