

# Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church

*Experiencing and Sharing God's Presence*



First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

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*WELCOME TO MT. HOREB LUTHERAN CHURCH! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ. Make a special effort to speak to those you do not know and welcome guests.*

*Visitors, welcome! We are delighted that you are here to worship with us this morning and encourage you to sign our guest book in the narthex, or fill out one of the visitor cards in the pew holders and place it in the narthex's offertory plate when you leave today. We would love to stay in touch with you and let you know more about Mt. Horeb and upcoming events in the months ahead.*

*HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.*

**+GATHER+**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

***PRELUDE: The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns***

***Theodore Beck***

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**L** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things.

**C** **Amen**

**L** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**L** God for whom we wait,

**C** **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.**

**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**

**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**

**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**

**We fear those different from ourselves.**

**We forget that we are your children**

**and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,**

**and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**


L God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven.  
You are children of the Most High,  
inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C **Amen**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**“LIGHT ONE CANDLE”**

**ELW 240**



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.

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

L Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning. As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

C **Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Let us pray.

**C 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.**

**+WORD+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*We sit*

**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16**

<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."

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be to God!**

**PSALM: PSALM 25:1-10 Read responsively by whole verse**

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your

good- | ness, O LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

## **SECOND READING: 1ST 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.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

*We stand*

## **HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36**

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

[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.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!** (*spoken boldly*)

*We sit*

SERMON

PASTOR JOANNA

HYMN OF THE DAY “**Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**”

Verses 1-3

LBW #27



## Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;  
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 those who set at nought and sold him,  
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:  
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: HELMSLEY, Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799

*We stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**L** Hear us, O God.                    **C** Your mercy is great.

**L** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.....

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son Jesus. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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.



## Create in Me Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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### +MEAL+

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

#### HOLY COMMUNION

L The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### *We sit*

L (*hold communion elements*) In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

L The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

### **CHOIR HYMN      “LORD HASTEN THE DAY”      (VERSE 4)      ELW #785**

*Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul.*

*We stand*

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in his grace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**PRAYER**

L Most High God, you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

L 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.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"**

**Verse 4 (see Hymn of the Day)**

**LBW #27**

**DISMISSAL**

L Go in Peace. Christ is near.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *The Day is Surely Drawing Near*

**LBW #321**

**Georg Friedrich Kauffmann**

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**EXPERIENCING AND SHARING GOD'S PRESENCE**

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*To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall*

WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*

LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*

WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*

SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*

SUPPORT: *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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