

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

December 3, 2023 9:45 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

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P= Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE: *LIGHT OF THE WORLD*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: *O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL*

↑ 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: *JOY TO THE WORLD/THE KING IS COMING*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

see insert

↑ GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

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SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS*

↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God," please respond, "Your mercy is great."

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

OFFERING

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We acknowledge that you may have given Online or through the mail. Thank you.



OFFERING SONG: *ADVENT HYMN*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- ☐ 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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- ☐ 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.

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.

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

COMMUNION SONG: *BE BORN IN ME*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

- ☐ The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain upon you now and forever.

☒ Amen.

SENDING SONG: *WAITING HERE*

FOR YOU

DISMISSAL

- ☒ Go in peace. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☒ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THE LESSONS

Sunday, December 3

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the 64th chapter.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as 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!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From 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.
⁵You 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.
⁷There 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.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter. 🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“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. ³⁰Truly I tell you, 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 slaves 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.”

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.