

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

December 1, 2024 9:45 a.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Carla Knobler, Int. Assoc. Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

P = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

PRELUDE: *AGNUS DEI/KING OF KINGS*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH see insert

OPENING SONG: *LIGHT OF THE WORLD* (*SING HALLELUJAH*)

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 see insert

↑ GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36 see insert

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 "Lord, in your mercy"
please respond, "Receive our prayer."

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

OFFERING

<https://coslutheran.org/give/>

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



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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

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.

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

COMMUNION SONG: *ADVENT HYMN*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *EVEN SO COME*

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, December 1, 2024 Advent 1C

READER: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

[A brief silence.]

READER: God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world.

Lord, in your mercy, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze.

Lord, in your mercy, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love.

Lord, in your mercy, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities.

Lord, in your mercy, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

PASTOR: God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

PASTOR: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Hope

Psalm 130:5

☐ I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope.

“Hope” is the thing with feathers *by Emily Dickinson*

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, December 1

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

☐ The first reading is from Jeremiah, the 33rd chapter.

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “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. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “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, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ 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.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**