

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia
November 30, 2025 9:45 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Youth, Lectors

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

PRELUDE: *THANKS GIVER*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE_{see insert}

↑ OPENING SONG: *PREPARE YE* *(THE WAY OF THE LORD)*

L PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

~Please be seated for the Lessons~

READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5;
Romans 13:11-14_{see insert}

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44_{see insert}

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *LIGHT OF THE WORLD*
(SING HALLELUJAH)

↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:
THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace"
please respond, "Hear our prayer."
When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

OFFERING

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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: *COME THOU* *LONG EXPECTED JESUS*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &

- P** May God **BENEDICTION**
who comes among us, Father, + Son,
and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting,
peace in the darkness, and good news to share
today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *GOD SO LOVED*

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sunday, November 30

- ☐ Today we begin the season of Advent by lighting the first candle—the candle of Hope. Hope reminds us that even when the world feels uncertain, God’s promises are steady and sure. The prophets told God’s people, “A Savior is coming!” Jesus came just as God promised, and He brings hope to us today. As we light this candle, we remember that God is with us, God is for us, and God is still at work in our story. (*Light the first candle.*)
- ☑ **Come, Lord Jesus. Bring your hope into our world, our home, and our hearts. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Sunday, November 30

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

- ☐ The first reading is from Isaiah, the 2nd chapter.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

- ☐ The Word of the Lord.

- ☑ **Thanks be to God**

Lessons continue on the back.

SECOND READING: *Romans 13:11-14*

☒ The second reading is from Romans, the 13th chapter.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 24:36-44*

☒ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**