1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 3, 2023—9:00 am



"Preach. Teach. Reach."

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.
- C Amen.
- P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Everlasting God,
- C you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.
- P Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.
- C Amen.



ENTRANCE HYMN



Text: African American spiritual Music: BURLEIGH. African American spiritual

GREETING

- P 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.

Please be seated.



HYMN OF PRAISE





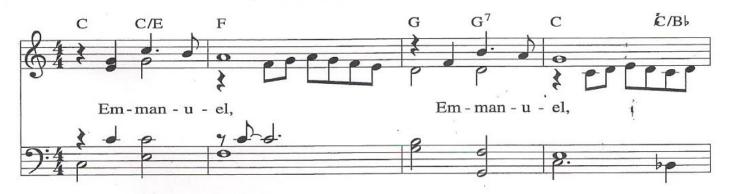
PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us Pray
- C 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Emmanuel









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FIRST READING

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

- ¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the R 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. ⁶We 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.
- R The Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

- R Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- C ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
- R ³Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- C ⁴O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
- R ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- C ⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- R ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

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- C ¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.
- R ¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
- C ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

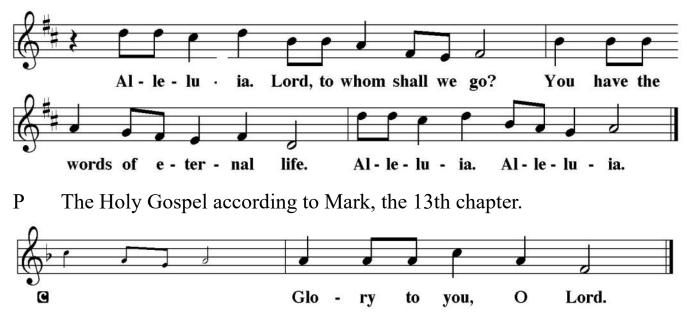
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

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

Please rise.

GOSPEL VERSE



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Mark 13:24-37

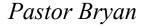
Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

- [Jesus said:]²⁴"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, Р and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and 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."
- P The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Please rise.





HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

R Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

R All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

R Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

R Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

R You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence (*especially Francis Xavier, whom we commemorate today*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief, especially the family and friends of Debra Butenhoff, Lisa Thompson, Mark Gehrke, Virginia Steward, June Chadwick, Dan Sullivan, Martha Dallman, Kay Gritzmacker, Nancy McClurg and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. Deliver all in any need. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- P Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.
- C Ămen.

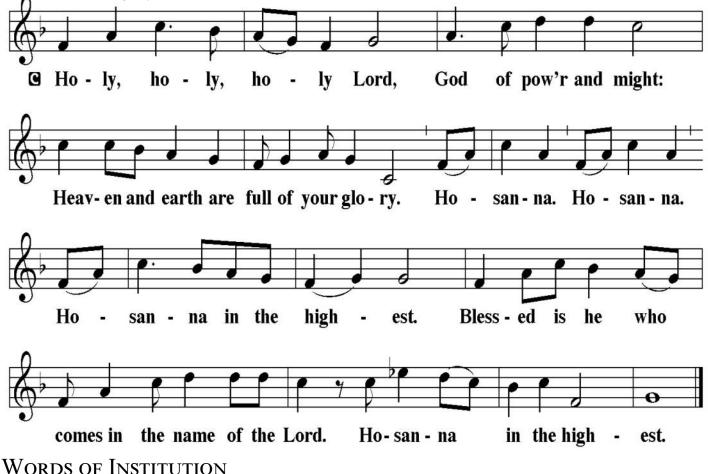
SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you. (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

Please rise.

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 God thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THE 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, for ever, and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

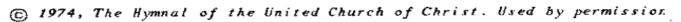
Christ, Be Our Light



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Please rise.

COMMUNION BENEDICTION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

Blessing

- P 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.
- C Amen.

Soon and Very Soon



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Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Keep awake.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY: Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as glutenfree wafers. Please fill out a communion card and place it in the offering plate if you are communing today.

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Nursery (Youth Room) for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke) Mark Gehrke (son of Bob and Jeannette Gehrke) Virginia Steward June Chadwick Martha Dallman (Mother Kathy Sandridge) Patricia Wisner (Sister-in-law of Dave Wisner) Sonja Nielsen Nancy McClurg

Congregational Opportunities

BIBLE STUDY: Every Monday, at 11:00am.

QUILTING: Every Wednesday at 9:00am. no experience needed.

YOUTH & KIDS

Sunday School: (ages 3 - grade 6) Children will start out in worship and be dismissed after the children's sermon.

Confirmation Classes [grades 7-8]: 10:30am-noon in the Fireside Room

CALL TO ACTION

December Food Pantry Focus: December focus is "Protein," such as canned tuna, chicken, beans, peas, nut butters, rice, etc. Cans with pop tops are especially welcomed. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway.

Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

Advent by Candlelight December 3, 2023

Come join us this evening for fellowship, Christmas Caroling and potluck. There will be a social hour at 4pm followed by the potluck. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. If you are willing to decorate a table, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. This is a family friendly event, be sure to invite your neighbors and friends.

LIVE NATIVITY

Come and be part of Burke's "live" nativity. It will be Sunday, December 17, 4:00 to 5:30. We are in need of individuals to be Mary, Joseph, Wisemen, Shepherds, etc. We think we have most of the costumes. If you know someone that has lambs or a donkey or bales of hay or straw we could borrow let Mary TeWinkel know or call the church office. Watch for a sign up sheet in the narthex. Volunteers are needed to help set up the scene and to help assemble and hand out food bags to those driving through.

Sunday, Dec. 3		Advent By Candlelight, 4:00pm
Monday, Dec. 4	Bible Study, 11:00am	
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Quilting, 9:00am	
Sunday, Dec. 10	Worship, 9:00am Sunday School, 9:00am	

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Dec. 3 9:00am Service	Dec. 10 9:00am Service	
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Praise Team	
Music Leaders	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Praise Team	
Communion Assistant	Sharon Hughes	Mary TeWinkel	
Communion Prep	Mary TeWinkel	Gloria Lundquist	
Lay Reader	Deb Brown	Barb Hennings	
Usher Team	Bob Lenzendorf	Roger Kittleson	
Coffee Hour			
Counters	Gloria Lundquist Deb Brown	Linda Hughes Mary TeWinkel	

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Nov. 26 - 9:00am	Total	34
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