

# 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

Online Service



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***"Preach. Teach. Reach."***

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PRELUDE      *During this time, everyone giggles and chats while waiting for the YouTube video to load.*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P      Blessed be God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C      **Amen.**

P      Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P      Loving and forgiving God,

C      **we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ.**

P      People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, † comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C      **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

## How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## 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.**

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

- P People of hope, God desires people to remember the ancient promises and hold fast to the vision of heaven and earth made new.
- C Make us those hopeful people!
- P God longs for people who will not let discouragement be the last word; but who wait for God's Word.
- C Make us those hopeful people!
- P God yearns for people who push back against the dark lie of hopelessness. God's call to hope transforms the world.
- C Make us those hopeful people!
- P Let's pray together...
- God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, in this season of Advent, we hold fast to your promises and live in hope. Give us courage to resist the world's anxiety. Bring light to our path as we await the bright dawn of your presence. Amen.

Light the candle of hope

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** God of deliverance,

**You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshiping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshiping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Daniel 6:6-27 (p. 723)*

**R** <sup>6</sup> So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! <sup>7</sup> All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. <sup>8</sup> Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' <sup>9</sup> Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

<sup>10</sup> Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup> The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. <sup>12</sup> Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' <sup>13</sup> Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

<sup>14</sup> When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. <sup>15</sup> Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

<sup>16</sup> Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!' <sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup> Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, ‘O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?’ <sup>21</sup> Daniel then said to the king, ‘O king, live for ever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.’ <sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. <sup>24</sup> The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

<sup>25</sup> Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: ‘May you have abundant prosperity! <sup>26</sup> I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring for ever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. <sup>27</sup> He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.’

**R** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL VERSE

**C Alleluia. [Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.] Alleluia.**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 23:1-5 (p. 859)*

**P** <sup>23</sup> Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' <sup>3</sup> Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' <sup>5</sup> But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Pastor Robert Neubert online*



# HYMN OF THE DAY

## You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see.  
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.  
 Come and rest in me.  
 all will know my name.  
 up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2

To refrain

To refrain

To refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I

To stanzas 3 and 4



love you and you are mine."

4 "I

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE. David Haas

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## THE CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 OF THE CHURCH

**P** God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

**P** We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice, peace, and healing. Attune us to the needs of the world as you draw near. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** We pray for this planet in need of restoration: for devastated habitats, polluted waters, thawing ice, blazing fires, swelling floods, and long-lasting droughts. Renew the face of the earth and our relationship to it. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- P** We pray for all people who care for others in our community and around the world. Fill them with compassion and the power to respond with justice for those who are oppressed, with welcome for those who are excluded, and with relief for those who suffer. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and for those in poverty or facing food insecurity. Relieve their burdens, sustain their bodies, and ease their minds. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace, or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** We pray for the people in our families and congregation who live with depression, anxiety, chronic pain, addiction, and other invisible illnesses. Especially today we lift up Tina Bauman, Lisa Thompson, Bev Lowe, Harper DeBauche, Helen Knuteson, Rudy Nielsen Lucy Wisner, Stuart Svoboda, Diane Moore, Kay Gritzmacker, Paul Beckman, Dave Wisner, Sean Graham and the family & friends of Marvin McCoy. Ease their suffering and support them when they struggle. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## 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 him thanks and praise.**

P 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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.

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

## 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL



## COMMUNION BENEDICTION

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

**C** **Amen.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C** **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

#### *Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## PRAYERS & CARES

**Our Prayer List:** Contact Peri Beal with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Tina Bauman

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)

Bev Lowe

Harper DeBauche

Helen Knuteson

Lucy Wisner

Diane Moore

Paul Beckman

Sean Graham, (Pat Graham's son-in-law)

Family & Friends of Marv McCoy

Rudy Nielsen

Stuart Svoboda

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Due to the weather and recommendations from the Wisconsin Council of Churches regarding the escalation of COVID-19 cases in Wisconsin, we have decided to suspend Parking Lot worship services until further notice. If you need to talk to Pastor Rob, please call his cell phone or email him directly. May God's love and peace surround you and comfort you in these days.**

**Alternate Fill the Altar:** Rather than our usual food donation, please make direct donations to The River or Sunshine Place food pantries. Please give generously, many people who count on school lunch programs or face lay offs are going to need a lot of help in the weeks ahead.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays. Send them to *burkelutheran@att.net*.

**December Light of Life:** Articles are due now. Send items via email to *burkelutheran@att.net*.

**Hospitalized?:** Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

**Budget News:** Contributions through October 31 for the last 3 years:

**2020      \$106,311**

**2019      \$102,808**

**2018      \$94,150**

Despite the quarantine, many members have continued their contributions and some have made special gifts. Please do whatever you can to help Burke pay its \$150,000 annual budget.