

# First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

## Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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### Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

*Pastorale*

Domenico Zipoli

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I



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therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

**ELW 242**



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**ADVENT HYMN OF PRAISE: *Everyday God***

*Congregation - sing at bold print*

<p><i>Earth's creator,</i>  <b>Everyday God</b>  <i>Loving Maker</i>  <b>O Jesus</b>  <i>You who shaped us</i>  <b>O spirit,</b>  <i>Recreate us,</i>  <b>Come be with us.</b></p>	<p><i>God of laughter,</i>  <b>Everyday God</b>  <i>God of sorrow,</i>  <b>O Jesus,</b>  <i>God of shelter,</i>  <b>O Spirit,</b>  <i>Strong and patient,</i>  <b>Come be with us.</b></p>	<p><i>Alleluia,</i>  <b>Everyday God</b>  <i>Now and always,</i>  <b>O Jesus,</b>  <i>Alleluia,</i>  <b>O spirit,</b>  <i>Through the ages.</i>  <b>Come be with us.</b></p>
<p><i>In your presence,</i>  <b>Everyday God</b>  <i>We are gathered.</i>  <b>O Jesus,</b>  <i>You have called us,</i>  <b>O Spirit,</b>  <i>To restore us,</i>  <b>Come be with us.</b></p>	<p><i>Word of gladness,</i>  <b>Everyday God</b>  <i>Word of mercy,</i>  <b>O Jesus,</b>  <i>Word of friendship,</i>  <b>O Spirit,</b>  <i>Word of challenge,</i>  <b>Come be with us.</b></p>	<p><i>Bernadette Farrell</i>  <i>Restless is the Heart</i></p>
<p><i>In our dreaming,</i>  <b>Everyday God</b>  <i>In our daring.</i>  <b>O Jesus,</b>  <i>In our searching.</i>  <b>O Spirit,</b>  <i>In our sharing,</i>  <b>Come be with us.</b></p>	<p><i>Our beginning,</i>  <b>Everyday God</b>  <i>Our Unfolding,</i>  <b>O Jesus,</b>  <i>Our enduring,</i>  <b>O Spirit</b>  <i>Journey's ending,</i>  <b>Come be with us.</b></p>	

**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 THE ADVENT WREATH      *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*      ELW 240**

*Congregation sings verse 1 only*

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
 let the light banish darkness.  
 He shall bring salvation to Israel,  
 God fulfills the promise.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9**

Lector: Dave Cuatt

- <sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as 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!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From 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.  
<sup>5</sup>You 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.  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>There 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.  
<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Do 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.**

**PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** *The congregation responds with the bold (alternating) verses.*

- <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**  
<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**  
<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**  
<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**  
<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a-way from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.  
<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

**SECONG READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Lector: Irene Amon

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given

you in Christ Jesus,<sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

**ELW 263**

*Congregation sings verse 1 only*

Savior of the nations, come;  
virgin's son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:  
God has chosen such a birth.

**GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

[Jesus said:]<sup>24</sup> “In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.<sup>27</sup> Then 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.

<sup>28</sup>“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.<sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.<sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.<sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.<sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.<sup>34</sup> It 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.<sup>35</sup> Therefore, 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,<sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.<sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Zach Johnson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ELW 436

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite  
Music: WACHETAUF, Philipp Nicolai  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assistant Karen DeGilio

*Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," The assembly responds with "Hear our prayer."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The presiding and the assembly share a virtual sign of peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### 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.**

### PREFACE

*Spoken by the presiding minister.*

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*All speak the words together.*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord. Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The presiding minister begins the prayer.*

Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The presiding minister and the assembly speak the following words together.*

**In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread (each plate of bread may be raised at this time), and gave thanks; broke it, and give it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me (bread plate may be lowered).**

**Again, after supper, he took the cup (cup of wine/grape juice may be raised at this time), 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me (cup of wine/grape juice may be lowered).**

*The presiding minister continues the Eucharistic prayer.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup...We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your spirit...Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are invited into a time of reflection before they receive communion. During this time, you may prepare your hearts to receive the sacrament. Once ready, you may commune yourself and those around you with the bread and wine/grape juice. A representative from each household may say the following—bread: “**The body of Christ given for you.**” Wine/grape juice: “**The blood of Christ shed for you.**”*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep in his grace, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All speak the prayer together.*

**God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**BENEDICTION**

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****Soon and Very Soon****ELW 439**

1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon

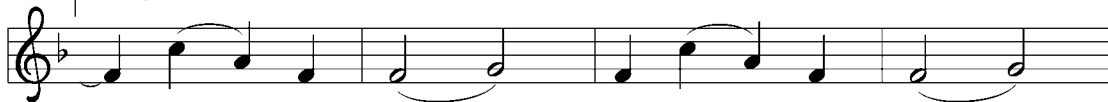


soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

arr. by Paul Manz

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Calendar This Week		
Today	10:00 AM	Worship
Wed 12/2/2020	7:00 PM	Virtual Pandemic Support Group
Thurs 12/3/2020	7:00 PM	Virtual Choir Sing-a-Long
Sat 12/5/2020	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sun 12/6/2020	10:00 AM	Worship
Sun 12/6/2020	5:00 PM	Virtual Advent Dinner

**Join us this Sunday at 10am for our Virtual Worship via Zoom!**

**Check in a few minutes early and hear prelude by Grace! You may also join us on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing your faces and worshipping together in this new format! We will continue after our service on the same link for our fellowship time!**

**Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church Worship**

**Time: Sundays at 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/95007590439?pwd=M2NmMUZCZzhMOUY0SG8xeHpzcU5RUT09>**

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