

First Sunday of Advent

November 28 2021

HYMNS

Gathering Hymn: #530 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather
Hymn of the Day: #241 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
Sending Hymn: #441 Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-17

NRSV

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."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-10

- 1) To | you, O Lord,
I lift | up my soul.
- 2) **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- 3) Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- 4) **Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths. R**
- 5) Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- 6) **Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. R**

7) Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- |
ness, O Lord.

8) **You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

9) You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

10) **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

NRSV

9) How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10) Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

11) Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12) And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13) And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

NRSV

[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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers for Fellowship Hour:

As of December 5, we will be returning to hosted fellowship hour. You will be grouped alphabetically by last name for a monthly chance to bring a treat and host coffee & tea, and cleanup. You'll receive an email to your group with more details.

Offering Counters

Our offering counters are looking for new volunteers. looking for new volunteers. They can train you! Please contact the office if interested.

- Nov. 28 Lorie Lind
- Dec. 5 Jan Olson
- Dec. 12 Linda Hedlund
- Dec. 19 Eileen Little
- Dec. 26 Lorie Lind

Community Prayer List

Every week in worship, we speak aloud prayer updates received in worship and a portion of our full prayer list. If you would like the full list to add to your personal prayer practice, you may contact the church office or visit the **member resources** section on our website (ask any staff member for the password.)

A Pastoral Message on the Rittenhouse Acquittal from Presiding Bishops Elizabeth Eaton

Dear Church,

In the book of Leviticus we read: “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor” (19:15).

Our social message on [Community Violence](#) urges us to become more involved in countering the reality and fear of violence in our communities and our neighbors’ communities, pursuing justice and seeking peace no matter how long the journey or complex the challenge.

When a child is allowed to become a vigilante in our society without recourse, we are forced to confront the idols of our society: guns, violence and white supremacy. To be sure, this is not about one person, but indeed about all of us, together.

Today's acquittal is an injustice. It points to the disorder in which we all live. As we seek to restore justice, so also will we restore God to God’s rightful place at the center of our life together.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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