



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Sunday November 27

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

**We're glad that you are here
as part of worship.**

We gather for worship called by God's Spirit from many places of compass and heart. We bring stories of where God has met and sustained us along the way. We bring questions and yearnings to see God's presence more fully in our world. We are brought together by a God who knows us as Creator, and who gathers us as only a Good Shepherd can—to lead us into what it means to be God's people here in this place.

As God's people, we are continually learning what it means to be truly encouraging and supportive to all. We are committed to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, social or economic status. To all we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us on this journey, as partners in the full life and ministry of Christ the Servant.

Children are welcome in worship.

There are children's bulletins and crayons available at the ushers' station. As well as Worship Bags just outside the entrance to the sanctuary. A small room on the right of the sanctuary is available for families with infants or small children who become restless. It has books, toys, rocking chair, window and a speaker to hear the service.

Childcare is available from 9:15-11:00. Ask an usher for directions to the nursery.

We hope that you will feel at home.

We would like to know you better and learn of any needs you may have. We hope you feel Christ's welcome in our service, and hope to see you again soon. You will find contact information for clergy and staff on the back page of this bulletin.

Land Acknowledgement

We gather on the ancestral land of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Lummi, Nooksack, and Semiahmoo, who have lived in this region since time immemorial. May we live consciously and respectfully, honoring our Coast Salish neighbors.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *"I am Thankful"* by Angie Killian Kids' Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *Awake My Soul, and with the Sun* ELW 557

GREETING

We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; + Jesus, the Light of the World;
and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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 salva-
tion, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.**

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

We give thanks for the light of Christ, shining in the lives of all God's people.

With the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, we watch and wait for the coming of Christ
who will bring light and peace to all the world.

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 1)* ELW 257

**O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Today's Children's message is "The Prophets point the way to Bethlehem."

Children's Advent Prayer (*Sung to the tune of Frere Jacques*)

Light of Jesus	Echo: Light of Jesus,
Show the way	Show the way.
Shine in us forever	Shine in us forever,
This we pray	This we pray.

Following the children's message, children ages 3-8 are welcome to join us for Children's Chapel. Children return to the sanctuary at the Offering.

Children's Blessing

Go in peace, have fun, and learn. AMEN.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

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.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now 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 lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery 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.

GOSEPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most high!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most high!

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most high!

Gospel

[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 those 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 unexpected hour.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* ELW 244



Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth (other places of conflict may be named). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (especially). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Intercessions from our prayer book will be shared for all to hear.

God of glory, we praise and thank you for the faithful in our own congregation. This week we pray especially for **Anne and Angel Soine, Mary Solum, and Bonnie Stewart**. Let the peace of Christ rule their hearts and let your holy word dwell in them richly. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING MUSIC Men's Choir

CONFESSION OF SIN AND GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

As we await the fullness of Christ's coming and prepare to share in a foretaste of the great feast to come, let us acknowledge our sin and failures before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Our impatience for your coming, **we confess to you, Lord.**

Our desire to control time and seasons, **we confess to you, Lord.**

Our failure to be alert to signs of your presence in our midst, **we confess to you, Lord.**

Our lack of concern for those who come after us, **we confess to you, Lord.**

Our injustices toward all the people you came to save, **we confess to you, Lord.**

In the mercy of almighty God, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins, and the grace to know joy in the Savior's coming. Amen.

MEAL

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 God thanks and praise.

Holy God, the beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At the end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Communion Hymns	<i>I Received the Living God</i>	ELW 477
	<i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace</i>	ELW 247

Post-communion Blessing

Post-communion Prayer

Together, let us pray,

Lord God you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn	<i>Fling Wide the Door (Verses 1-2, 4)</i>	ELW 259
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Please Remember as You Pray

Pastor Deanna, Pastor Andy Yee, the Council, and the Call Committee as the call process continues.

For the eternal rest of **Jeanne Burt**, who died and entered glory on November 17. For the comfort of Jeanne's family and friends, especially her son and daughter.

Mary Hess and her family in the loss of her mother, **Joan Chionis**.

The health and healing of **Brenna Sebens**, and for her family, Ben, Bentley, and Bryce. **Ginger**, mother of **Kori Fish**, as she enters hospice care.

The **Cargill Family**.

Baker Ennen, Granddaughter of Patti and David Ennen, as she struggles with Crohn's Disease resulting in delayed growth and related complications; prayers for the medical team at Swedish, her parents Nate and Kate, brother Bode.

Jon Ross, son-in-law of Doug and Char Sutton, as he battles long Covid.

Healing and patience for **John Reitz's daughter and her partner** as they confront her partner's recent MS diagnosis and treatment.

Diann Christey, as she recovers from back surgery.

Phil Christey, weaning off steroids for six months and we pray his heart inflammation will not come back.

John J. Chionis brother of Mary Hess, for healing from cancer treatments and that he might regain strength to use his hands and arms again.

Amy Raduege enduring intense nerve pain, hoping for effective medical treatment.

Our friends in La Mica, Honduras and their water project.

"Jeff's House" Leadership team as they raise funds for Jeff's House and work on repairs.

Bob Ham for strength during dialysis and progressing Parkinson's.

Lynn McKinster thanksgiving for her current remission from Multiple Myeloma.

Carol Ebergson as she enters hospice care.

And our residents at local Senior Living or care centers: **Sophie Mueller, Ruthann Jensen, Phyllis Segren, Anita Stoffer, Shirley Abt**

Christ the Servant Calendar

Sunday November 27 (First Sunday in Advent)

9:15-11:15 Childcare (Birth-5)

9:30 AM Worship with Children's Chapel

Children pick pageant costumes during Children's Chapel and after services

10:30 AM Advent Workshop

Advent Crafts and activities for all ages!

Monday November 28

7:00 PM Property Committee

Tuesday November 29

11:00 AM Women's Book Club

7:30 PM "Into Action" AA

Wednesday November 30

4:30 PM Private Event (Troutman)

7:00 PM Advent Liturgy (Holden Evening Prayer)

Thursday December 1

6:45 Men's Choir rehearsal

7:30 PM Servant Singers Choir rehearsal

Friday December 2

9:00 AM Men's Fellowship

5:00 PM York Street AA

Christmas and Advent

Sundays in Advent 9:30 AM Worship

Wednesdays in Advent 7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve, Sat 12/24: 5:00 PM Family Service

8:00 PM Candlelight Service

Christmas Day, Sun 12/25 9:30 AM Christmas liturgy with carols

Events TODAY November 27

Prayer requests: There is a small table just inside that sanctuary doors holding a book for prayer requests to be offered by the Reader during the Prayers over microphone so that *all* can hear, including those of us participating over live streaming.

Advent Workshop: Come to the fellowship hall after services for make-and-take or take-and-make Advent crafts and projects to help you celebrate the season of Advent. Prepare the way of the Lord!

Children pick costumes for Children's Pageant: Your child/grandchild is invited to pick their own costume for our low-stress, no-lines pageant TODAY during Children's Chapel or after church in the youth room. Nicole can give you more information. Important pageant dates:

Pick costumes TODAY or Next Sunday, December 4.

Rehearsal December 10, 10:30 AM (Optional for younger children)

Pageant Day is Sunday December 11 during the 9:30 Service. Arrive at 9:10 am

Cards for children in detention centers: Today is the last day to turn in cards for refugee and immigrating children held in detention centers. You'll find all the supplies you need at a table in the fellowship hall after church.

Interfaith coalition holiday Joy Program: Pick up a tag today in the Narthex and purchase a gift for the age of the child on the tag. There is a list of suggested gifts by the trees. Return the gift(s) unwrapped by next Sunday, December 4.

Poinsettias for the sanctuary: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the church during Advent and Christmas, suggested donation to the flower fund is \$12. You will find envelopes and a basket in the narthex (foyer). If you would like to donate in honor of a loved one, please note the name and it will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins.

Announcements

“Breaking Bread” small group fellowship: Groups will meet at homes, restaurants or the church to share fellowship and food. There will be a virtual group for those folks who would prefer to meet in an on-line format. Sign up on the board in the Narthex or email office@ctslutheran.org.

Bunk Beds needed: Interfaith Coalition needs three bunk beds for Jeff’s Hope House. Please contact Rick Gordon at 360-739-6941 if you can donate a bunk bed.

One Parish One Prisoner: The team has been involved in the past months communicating with and seeking to build a relationship of mutual trust with Nathaniel (“Nate”). We have learned more about the prison system. We are now beginning to work on the practical matters related to Nathaniel’s release.

The OPOP team will be leading a forum following worship on Sunday January 8 related to our growing relationship with Nathaniel and preparing for his release.

Please continue to hold Nathaniel and the OPOP team in your prayers.

Property committee help needed: The property committee needs a couple of people to help change out the furnace filters around the church in the next few weeks – Dan Whittle will train you on how this job is done. We also need 2 people to step forward to clean out the gutters at the church. The gutter job could be done whenever the people are available to do it in the next few weeks. If you can help with either of these projects, please contact Kirstin Doud at Kirstin.doud@bellingshamschools.org or text her at 360-715-9650.

Thank you to Pastor Rebecca: Transition Facilitator Pr. Rebecca Langholz has ended her time with CTS. Thank You cards can be sent to Zion Lutheran Church: 7215 Valley View Rd, Ferndale, WA 98248. The Call Committee has been meeting and will begin interviewing pastoral candidates after the first of the year.

Adult Forum – December 4 – Building on Prayer: Pastor Deanna will lead a conversation about prayer. Why pray? Stories of prayer. Your history with prayer. Types of prayer. Questions about prayer. Prayers rise for a shared conversation that is rich and enlightening. This class will conclude by noon (perhaps sooner) as Pastor Deanna must leave for Jeanne Burt’s graveside service.

Serving Sunday November 27	
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