# Come Now, Christ our Peace! Advent I



December 3, 2023
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

## **About Us**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, we celebrate our diversity of age, race, gender identities, sexual orientations, culture and citizenship.

# Welcome, Visitors!

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter,

The Sentinel, from the entry table.

**Need hearing assistance or larger print?** Please ask an usher.

**Children** are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We offer kid's worship folders. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. In our reading corner in the Hospitality Center, we offer books, a few toys and more. Kids and parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

**Safe Church.** For the safety of all our children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

# Transportation and Parking

**Parking.** Handicap access is available in the small lot at the back of the church, accessed from the alley. Sunday morning, we may use the Hope Academy lot (across Chicago Ave). Please note street parking is limited to residents only during certain hours.

**Buses**. The D line runs every 10 minutes and stops right at 24th. The 5 bus line still does run on Chicago Ave, but it is about every hour, and does stop at the new bus shelters, along with other intersections. For more options, please check our website: oursavioursmpls.org, call Metro Transit at 612-373-3333 or visit metrotransit.org.

# Advent I

Stir up your power and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

# Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **Gathering Music**

#### Welcome

## Lighting the Advent Candles



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Come now, Christ our peace!

We long for your presence in our lives and in our world.

Enter into the bleakness of these cold winter days,

and bring us your comfort and your peace.

Listen to our pleading, sustain us in hope.

Come now, Christ our peace!

\*Opening Hymn "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" #242

## \*Greeting

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

\*Prayer of the Day

# Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

- Quiet reflection -

#### First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

<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.

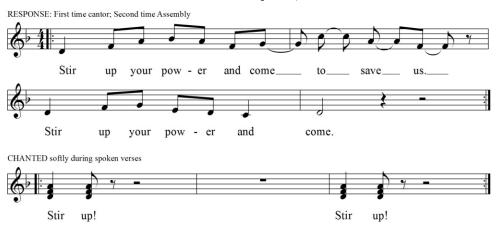
<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for you. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <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 God, you are as a parent to us; 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 GOD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



#### Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

#### All - Refrain; Cantor - Verses



Please rise to greet the gospel.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O God.** 

## \*Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37 Spark Bible page 346

Jesus said: "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see the Promised One coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then the angels will be sent to gather the chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the Promised One is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it – neither the angels of heaven, nor the Only Begotten – no one but Abba God. Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come."

"It is like people traveling abroad. They leave their home and put the workers in charge, each with a certain task, and those who watch at the front gate are ordered to stay on the alert. So stay alert! You do not know when the owner of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows or at early dawn. Do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: stay alert!"

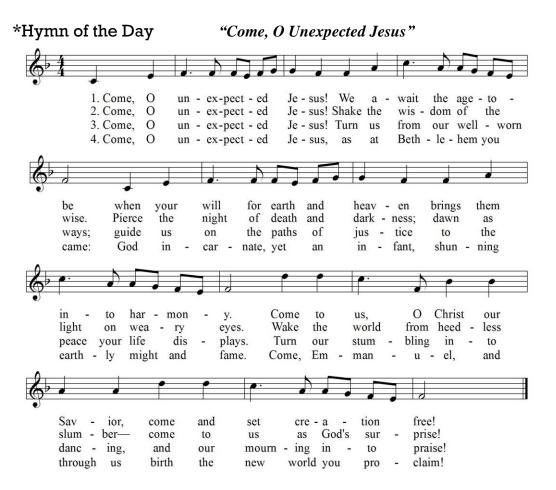
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Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Children's Sermon

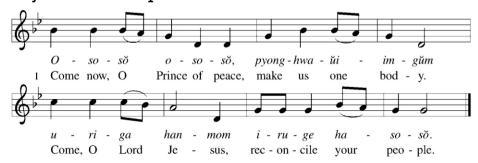
After the children's sermon, young children may go with the nursery minister to the nursery for children's church time. They are also most welcome to stay in the sanctuary. We will welcome them back during the Peace.

#### Sermon



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## \*Prayers of the People



(Each petition will conclude with, "Merciful God," and the congregation responds, "you hear our prayer.")

At the conclusion of the prayers we sing:

Come now, O God of love, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

# Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### \*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

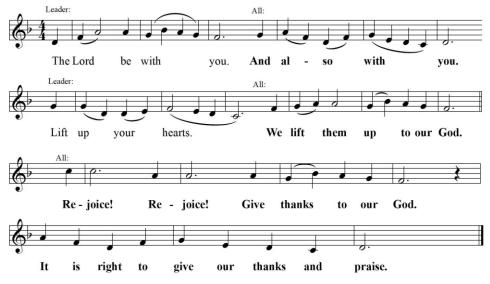
(The people greet each other: "Peace be with you.")

#### Gathering our Gifts

During this time you are invited to place your prayer star on the back wall.

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. Those worshipping online may contribute on our website: <a href="http://oursavioursmpls.org">http://oursavioursmpls.org</a>.

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

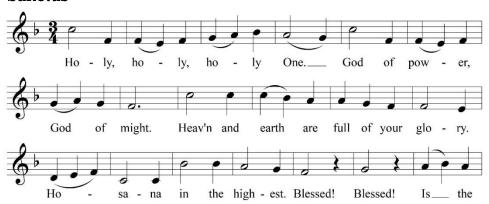


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It is indeed right ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### \*Sanctus





## \*Eucharistic Proclamation and Prayer

## \*Lord's Prayer

Joining with the people of God throughout the ages, let us pray with confidence.

Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

\*As part of our unfolding commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this Advent we are choosing to modify the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into loving relationship with God and neighbor.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

#### Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. We will serve from the front of each section. Ushers will guide you. After you have received bread, or a gluten free wafer, hold out your glass to the server and indicate whether you would like wine (the dark liquid), or grape juice (the light liquid in the second pitcher which has a shiny band attached to it). You are invited to eat and drink and then deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing.

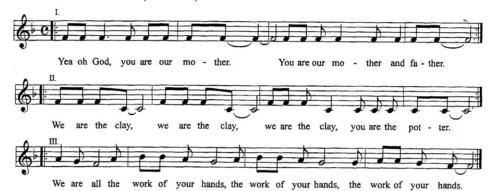
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

#461

"Each Winter As the Year Grows Older"

#252

"Yea, O God, You Are Our Mother"



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## \*Blessing

#### \*Post Communion Canticle

"We are all the work of your hands"

# Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### Announcements

#### \*Blessing

#### \*Sending Song

#### "God Came Down"

#253

God came down that we may have love; God came down that we may have love; God came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore!

.... Peace.... Hope ..... Joy .....

#### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Stay awake! Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

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# Today's Worship

Ministers: You!

Preaching: Esther Sianipar

Presiding: Martha Schwehn Bardwell

Prayers: Dan Swenson-Klatt

Reader: Laura Twedell

Accompanist: Tom Witt
Cantor: Mary Preus
Livestream: Jakob Johnson

Information about Our Saviour's can be found on our <u>website</u> and on our <u>Facebook page</u>.

If you're interested in becoming a member of Our Saviour's, please reach out to Pastor Martha.

We call this process: Living Questions

Mission of the month is Helping Hand Fund.

#### This week at OSLC:

Bible Study *Live and In Person* at church (also on Zoom) Wednesday morning, Dec. 6 at 10:15. We hope you can come! If you're not able, you can find a zoom link in your weekly update or on the website.

Wednesday Evening Advent gatherings in homes. Choir gathers at church. 6pm for supper, 6:30 Advent prayer, 7pm Rehearse



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community, centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent – to celebrate, serve and do justice.

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# Come, Now! Christ, Our Peace

## **Advent and Christmas at Our Saviour's 2023**

**Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am** 

December 3 - Advent I

December 10 - Advent II

December 17- Advent III
and Sunday School Christmas Program

December 24 – Advent IV plus 9am Coffee/Tea gathering with 9 Lessons & Carols from King's College

Caroling December 21

Meet at church at 3pm

Christmas Eve Worship
December 24 two services: 4pm and 9pm
Candle lighting and Carol Singing

Wednesday evenings: December 6, 13 and 20 at homes or at church with the choir for a meal, prayer, song and reflection