



***PIONEER LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH***  
***Evangelical Lutheran Church in America***

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**Advent 1**

**December 1, 2024**

**9:00 am.**

## Prelude

### GATHERING

## Welcome

### Gathering Litany

P. Blessed be God, the eternal † One-in-Three,  
who was, and is, and is to come.

**C. Blessed be God forever and ever.**

P. During a season of busyness and in a culture that demands  
immediate response,

**C. we pause and wait for your appearing.**

P. In the midst of anxiety, chaos, and fear,

**C. we pause and trust that your hand is leading us.**

P. Uncertain about the future and weighed down with worries in the  
present,

**C. we pause and know your presence fully.**

P. Come, O Christ, and set us free.

**C. Come, Emmanuel, bring in your reign of justice and peace.**

P. We wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

**C. where righteousness is at home.**

GATHERING HYMN- " Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" # 244

### Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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.**

**P:** O God, eternal and unchanging, you are the source and center of  
all life. Help us to cease our constant hurry and hustle, worry and

anxiety, that we may rest in you. Teach us patience and endurance as we wait for the appearing of Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel.

**Amen.**

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent Hymn “Light One Candle To Watch for Messiah” #240-(vs-1)

Advent Wreath Blessing

**C. Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.  
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.  
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.  
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.  
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,  
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.  
Amen.**

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The LORD is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.*

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> 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.”

L. The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10**

*(Read responsively by verse, the **READER** begins with the light text and the **CONGREGATION** responds with the dark text. All read the refrain.)*

**Refrain: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)**

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>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.

- <sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- <sup>9</sup> You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.
- <sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

***Refrain: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)***

### **Second reading-1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.*

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

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

“He Came Down” #253 (vs.1)

**GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup> “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. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “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, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> 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 the Lord.

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

Sermon     Pastor Peggy Rose

HYMN- "Creator of the Stars of Night" #245

***Apostles' Creed***

*P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

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**Prayers of Intercession**

P: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

C: God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

C: God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

C: God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

C: God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering (*especially*). In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

P: God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another (*especially through [local ministries] supported by this congregation*). Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*



God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died (*especially*). Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

P: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
alive in the world,  
reviving creation,  
arriving soon.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**  
**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have turned away from our neighbors.**  
**We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We plead: come to us.**  
**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:  
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,

in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
receive the grace and forgiveness of God  
through ✝ Christ Jesus,  
whose day draws near.  
**Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**Offertory Hymn**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #257  
Vs. 1-3

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray together

**C: Creator God,  
you made the whole world,  
even the farthest stars,  
and you draw near to feed us.  
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.  
Strengthen us with this food  
that we may live in expectation  
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**MEAL**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: Preface Prayer for Advent

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE-ELW PAGE-132**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.

### Invitation to Communion

The Communion

*As the minister gives the bread and cup to each communicant, they say  
these words:*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond.*  
Amen.

Communion Hymn- "Joy to the World" #267

### Post-communion Blessing and Prayer

P: Let us pray together.

**C: Generous God,  
we thank you for the gift of life,  
for the bread of salvation.  
We thank you for coming among us,  
for leading us into peace.**

**We thank you for showering us with mercy,  
for sending us into the world.  
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us  
as we feed the hungry in your name.  
Amen.**

**SENDING**

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✝ bless and keep you now and forever.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**C: Amen.**

HYMN "The King Shall Come" #260

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

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***Welcome to Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church!***

As a congregation of the ELCA, Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church practices open communion. All who believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and renewing of their lives are invited to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The sacrament is offered in bread – *the body of Christ given for you*, & red wine or white grape juice – *the blood of Christ shed for you*. Those not receiving the

sacrament are invited forward for a pastoral blessing – please fold your hands to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament. Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. Please fill out the *“Welcome” card* to indicate that you communed.

As we begin a new Church year, we begin our prayer list anew. Please use the back of the *“Welcome” card* to make a prayer request or call the church office: 715-479-4966

**Please take a moment or two** to check out the sign-up sheets: **helpers** are needed for the **Altar Guild**; **Readers** are needed for worship and volunteers are needed to prepare **fellowship time coffee and goodies**. Your help is most assuredly appreciated!

**Serving in Worship**

**Music: Kay Hickson**

**Lector: Keith Hughes**

**Communion Assistant: Worship and Music**

**Altar Guild: Worship and Music**

**Ushers & Greeters: Harold Johnson and Richard Martin**

**Acolytes: Members**

**Presiding Minister- Pastor Peggy Rose**

**THIS WEEK AT PIONEER**

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 am-Fellowship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4:30 pm- Confirmation</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 pm-Youth Group</b>

**Saturday**      **10:00 am Church Decorating**  
**Sunday**        **9:00 am Worship-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
                     **10:00 am Fellowship**  
                     **4:00 pm Lutefisk Dinner**

**Attendance----34**

Jan-Oct 2024  
Revenue \$84,627  
Expenses \$116,329  
Balance (-\$31,702)

**Looking Ahead:**

**Blue Christmas at PLLC –Saturday, December 21, 2024 – 11:00 A.M.**

While Advent is a season of hope and Christmas is a season of joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Even those who are not struggling with losses may feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time. A Longest Night/Blue Christmas service may provide a time and place of solace during the often frenetic days surrounding the celebration of Christmas. We come together seeking healing and room to share grief, sadness, loneliness, or confusion when these emotions often feel out of place during the holidays.

In the Northern Hemisphere, December 21<sup>st</sup> is the longest night, the winter solstice. It marks the shortest day of the year, the official start of winter. Tradition says that nature and all her creatures stop and hold their breath to see if the sun will turn back from its wanderings, if the days will lengthen and the earth will once again feel the sun's warmth.

This year we come with our honest yearnings seeking the return of light and hope on Winter solstice- December 21<sup>st</sup>.

12/24 Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 pm

12/29 Service of Readings and Carols at 9:00 am

1/5/2025 9:00 am Epiphany Worship and Church Undecorating at 10:00  
am

We need Salvation Army Bell Ringers @ Trigs on Saturday, Dec. 7. The sign-up sheet is as you walk into church.



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God's work. Our hands.