



# UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LONG ISLAND

GLORIA DEI KING OF KINGS ST. PETER'S

November 30, 2024  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church Campus

## PRELUDE

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

*J. S. Bach*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

ELW Hymn # 257 v. 1

## CALL TO WORSHIP

A new dawn stirs on the mountain of God.

**We lift our eyes toward the rising light.**

Nations strain toward peace not yet born.

**We long for the day when swords become plowshares.**

Christ whispers, “Stay awake, for the hour is near.”

**We ready our hearts for the One who comes like morning.**

Come, travelers in the growing dusk.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the Coming One, the Dawn without end,  
our Light in the shadows.

**Amen.**

Let us return to the mercy that always rises.  
(Silence)

God of dawning hope,

**we confess that we grow weary of waiting.**

**We clutch our fears more tightly than your promises.**

**We let the world's anxieties dim our watchful hearts.**

**We forget the paths of peace you call us to walk.  
Forgive us. Shine upon us.  
Wake us to your nearness  
and teach our feet the way of your light.**

Hear this good news:  
The night is far gone, the day is near.  
In Christ, grace has already awakened you,  
forgiveness has already found you,  
a new path has already opened before you.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      *Awake! Awake*      ELW Hymn # 242

## **GREETING**

**KYRIE**      ELW page 147

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      *Glory to God*      ELW page 148

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of the mountain dawn, you call all peoples to your holy ways,  
turning violence into planting, and fear into readiness.  
Stir our hearts awake, that in the uncertain hour  
we may walk by your light and stand ready for Christ's appearing.  
Lead us toward the peace you promise,  
and set our feet upon the path of your eternal day.  
**Amen.**

*You may be seated*

## **READING: Isaiah 2:1-5**

A reading from Isaiah, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In 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.

<sup>3</sup> Many 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.

<sup>4</sup> He 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.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW page 151

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup> “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But 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. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*You may be seated*

## **SERMON**

*Please rise as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Hark! A Trilling Voice Is Sounding*

ELW Hymn # 246

## **APOSTLE’S CREED**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation. . . God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

## **SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE AND OFFERING**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*You may be seated*

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

“Hymn of Promise”

*Natalie Sleeth*

*In the bulb there is a flower,  
in the seed an apple tree;  
In cocoons a hidden promise:*

*butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future,  
what it holds a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning;  
in our time infinity.  
In our doubt, there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection,  
at the last a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
something yet unknown,  
Which God alone can see.*

[Text: Natalie Sleeth]

[Chancel Choir]

*Please rise as you are able.*

## **OFFERING HYMN**

*Let the Vineyards*

ELW Hymn # 181

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of rising hope, receive these gifts—  
small lanterns of gratitude kindled by your promise.  
Use them to build pathways of peace, to lift weary hearts,

and to scatter seeds of your coming day  
across the places still waiting for light.  
**Amen.**

## **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.**

It is indeed right... their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW page 153

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

Come, people of the promised dawn.  
Come to the table where Christ meets the weary and the watchful.  
Here the night grows thinner, here the light grows stronger,  
here you are fed for the road of peace.

*You may be seated*

Please follow usher's directions. Wafers are to be dipped into the chalice of wine,  
communion kits are available in the basket.

## COMMUNION SONGS

*Lamb of God  
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW page 154  
ELW Hymn # 490  
ELW Hymn # 468

*Please rise as you are able.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION LITANY

We have tasted the food of the coming day.

**The dawn draws near.**

We have been strengthened by Christ's promise.

**Our hearts stay awake.**

We go now as children of light.

**To walk, to watch, to weave peace.**

*You may be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please rise as you are able.*

## BLESSING

May the God who calls us to the mountain,  
the Christ who awakens us to the dawn,  
and the Spirit who lights every step  
guide your feet in peace  
and keep your heart awake  
until the day breaks in fullness.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

ELW Hymn # 244

## CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE AND DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

“Vom Himmel hoch”

*J. S. Bach*



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**United Lutheran Church is a collaboration of Lutheran Congregations  
serving the Huntington/Melville Communities.  
We gather for Sunday worship as one congregation and serve our communities  
through our three unique campuses.**

### Joint Worship at St. Peter's Campus

10 am Worship Service  
9:30 am Sunday School

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**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.  
We are blessed by your presence.**