



## Welcome!

We are glad that you are here and hope that you will be enriched by this time of worship. In this unprecedented time, we are exploring worship in new ways and ask for your input and patience. If you are new with us today – welcome!

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## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

### Gathering Song

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” (ELW 242)

### Greeting

### Candle Lighting

“God of the Movements and Martyrs” verse 1

### Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### First Reading:

#### Isaiah 64:1-9

Read by Naomi N

<sup>1</sup>Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would shake before you! <sup>2</sup>As fire kindles the brushwood and the fire makes water boil, make your Name known to your adversaries, and let the nations tremble before you! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we could not have expected, you came down, and the mountains quaked in your presence! <sup>4</sup>From ages past no ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen any God but you intervening for those who wait for you! <sup>5</sup>Oh, that you would find us doing right, that we would be mindful of you in our ways! You are angry because we are sinful; we sinned for so long—how can we be saved? <sup>6</sup>All of us became unclean and soiled, even our good deeds are polluted. We have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. <sup>7</sup>No one calls upon your Name, there is none who clings to you, for you hid your face from us and delivered us into the hands of our sins <sup>8</sup>Yet you are our mother and father, Yahweh; we are the clay and you are the potter, we are all the work of your hands. <sup>9</sup>Don't let your anger go beyond measure, O God, don't remember our sins forever, for we are all your people.

### Second Reading:

#### 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Read by Danian N

<sup>3</sup>Grace and peace from our Loving God and our Savior Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I continually thank my God for you because of the gift bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>in whom you have been richly endowed with every gift of

speech and knowledge. <sup>6</sup>In the same way, the testimony about Christ has been so confirmed among you <sup>7</sup>that you lack no spiritual gift, as you wait for the revelation of our Savior Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>God will strengthen you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Savior Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God, through whom you have been called into intimacy with Jesus our Savior, is faithful.

### Children's Time

#### Mark 13:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, <sup>25</sup>the stars will fall from the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see the Promised One coming in the clouds with great power and glory; <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>“Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Promised One is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup>The truth is, before this generation has passed away, all these things will have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>“But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it—neither the angels of heaven, nor the Only Begotten—no one but Abba God. <sup>33</sup>Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come. <sup>34</sup>“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. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>Do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep. <sup>37</sup>What I say to you, I say to all: stay alert!” The gospel of Christ.

#### Praise to you, O Christ.

### Sermon

### Song

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace” (ELW 247)

### Creed

## The Prayers

God of power and might, come quickly to this weary world with your compassion, as we pray for everyone in need.

We pray for our shared ministry in Christ's name. Provide your wisdom and guidance to the leaders of our church, to our congregations and all with whom we share this journey of faith. Attune us to the needs of the world and open our hearts to your call for justice, peace and healing. Hear us O Creator.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this planet. Help us to use the wisdom and guidance you give us to renew the face of the earth and our relationship with it. Hear us O Creator.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the leaders of all nations, and all levels of government. Provide your wisdom and guidance to them as they wrestle with important decisions in regard to the ever-increasing demand to keep people safe and healthy. Hear us O Creator.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the health care workers and other front-line workers. Give them strength, give them rest, give them endurance for the heavy load which they shoulder on our behalf. We pray for all those who venture out to work in order to keep our communities functioning, our students educated and our needs met. Hear us O Creator.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for people who are in crisis as the seasons change: for those without homes facing severe weather, for those who are unemployed or under employed, and for those facing food insecurity. Ease their burdens, sustain their bodies and their minds. Provide your wisdom and guidance to workers in the Food Bank, housing initiatives, hostels, shelters and others as they work in our community and beyond. Hear us O Creator.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the people in our families, congregation and community who seek healing and respite during physical illness, mental illness, addiction, loneliness, despair and anxiety. Today we pray especially for: *Clarence M, Henry P, Tom d, Cody M, Emmitt B, Myrtle W, Ramon J, Tonia & Jason, Susan K, Tim, Janice S, Charlotte, Diana M, Brendan S, Pastor Richard R, Muriel A, Yvonne, Eva H, Darren F, AnnE & Joel Z, Diane R, the Anderson family, Roland S, Roman W, Wayne & William, and families of Pastor Hanna Schwabe and Bishop Ron Mayan.* In a moment of silence, we lift the prayers on each of our hearts... Hear us O Creator.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the lives and witness of those who died while waiting for justice, peace or healing, those whose names we know and those whose names are known only to you. Sustain all who still yearn for the completion of your redeeming work. Hear us O Creator.

**Your mercy is great.**

Draw near to us, O Creator and receive our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering Prayer

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. **Amen.**

### The 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.

## Community Life

### Blessing

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✚ now and forever. **Amen.**

### Sending Song

"Soon and Very Soon" (ELW 439)

### Dismissal

*Stay tuned following service today for HSLC Online Sunday School Adventure Time!*

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December Newsletter**

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#ALLAREWELCOME

# Coffee Time

Bring your favorite bevy, snack,  
set aside your work, chores, demands,  
reconnect with the world  
through a some familiar faces...



1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 AM  
ZOOM #700 720 450



**SEND IN YOUR**

*Family Photo*

**BY MONDAY, DEC 21**

In this special season we invite you to share a photo of your family as a means to greet one another through time and place in the Christmas season.

Send in your photo by December 21 to be shared at the end of our Christmas Evening Candlelight Service, December 24, 7:00 PM. Please include the names of everyone in your picture.



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YOU TO**

*Help  
decorate the  
tree*

**CALL THE OFFICE TO  
BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT**

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# Giving Tree



Men's or Women's New,  
Unwrapped:  
sweatshirts, gloves/mitts,  
underwear, t-shirts, socks,  
toques, sweatpants

Drop off at the church  
during office hours  
until Dec 14

# Holy Spirit Christmas Worship in The Home

Please call the office to register for a home worship kit.

