

Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ..... “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (sts. 1, 4-6) ..... LBW #23  
(Tune: *St. Theodulph*)

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, your Son has revealed that heaven and earth shall pass away, and that all people shall appear before your judgment seat. Keep us, we pray, anchored in your Word, hold us firmly in the true faith, defend us from sin and unbelief, and strengthen us amidst the cares of this life. By your Holy Spirit, grant that we may ever watch, pray and await with joy the glorious coming of your Son; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Psalm 24  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... II Peter 3:8-15  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds ..... Niki Pokornowski  
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel ..... Mark 13:24-31 and Luke 21:28

Response after the Gospel ..... **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon ..... “Look! Look Up!” ..... Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn ... “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Offering/Special Music “The Yearning” Austin Willhite and Bailey Fields

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Vom Himmel Hoch

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

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.**

The Distribution ..... “Lamb of God” ..... LBW pg. 92  
Communion ..... WOV #701, 627, and 633

Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... “Hark, the Glad Sound” ..... LBW #35

# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota  
8:00 a.m. First Word Service  
December 10, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent

## What Does This Mean?

1. Why is it so tempting for us mostly to look down?
2. What is surprising about Jesus' call to "stand up and raise your heads"?
3. Amidst all the threats around us, how can we confidently look up?
4. What is (or should be) the central purpose of Advent?



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