



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Prelude (Two preludes on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – G. Krapf, G. Young)

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

GATHERING

SETTING FIVE — HOLY COMMUNION

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*You are invited to stand*)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verses 1, 2, (ELW 257)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
Who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God’s name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,

and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

**Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**





and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn- Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! (ELW 246)

Greeting

Kyrie (ELW P.156)

Gloria- Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (ACS 901)

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord 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.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation (ELW P.160)

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord

[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 Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect 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 he is near, at the very gates. 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 about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon- Rev. David Iefsrud

Hymn of the Day- Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (ELW 435)

Apostles Creed (ELW P.105)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

MEAL

Dialog & Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW P.162)





Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (ELW P.163)

Lamb of God (ELW P.164)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn- In Silence We Wait (ACS 998)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn- The King Shall Come (ELW 260)

Dismissal

Postlude (Saviour of the Nations, Come – J. H. Buttstedt)

"Keep in your prayers"

Linda Dawson

Madeleine Jones

Bruno Tymm

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. David Lefsrud	Livestream Tech	Alin Kucheran
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Drew Nicholson
Assisting Minister	Russell Collins	Communion Set-Up	Carol Laslett
Cantor	Anne Johnson	Communion Assist.	-
Lector	Carol Laslett	Coffee Hour Hosts	Diana Kuyer Jack Kuyer