## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1, 2024

## ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Worship - 5pm Welcome & Announcements Invocation Call to Worship Confession & Forgiveness Lighting of Advent Wreath "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"



# WEEKLY WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR **ST. JOHN'S** LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH 2216 PEACH STREET, ERIE PA 16502 814.456.7596 WWW.STJOHNSERIE.ORG

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We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

## TODAY'S THEME

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

## **Today's Bible Readings**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36 Pew Bible p. 645 Pew Bible p. 436 Pew Bible p. 960 Pew Bible p. 856

# Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Blessing & Sending

Prelude Invocation Confession & Forgiveness Lighting of Advent Wreath "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" ELW 257 v. 1 **Opening Hymn** ELW 244 Greeting p. 138 Kyrie p. 138 Prayer of the Day First Bible Reading Psalm of the Day Psalm 25:1-10 Second Bible Reading **Gospel Acclamation** Today's Message Hymn of the Day **ELW 260** Creed, Prayers & Peace Offertory Offering Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord's Prayer p. 144 Lamb of God & Distribution p. 146 Blessing & Prayer p. 146 Benediction & Sending Hymn ELW 259 Dismissal

#### **Today's Message**

"God's Kingdom Is Near"

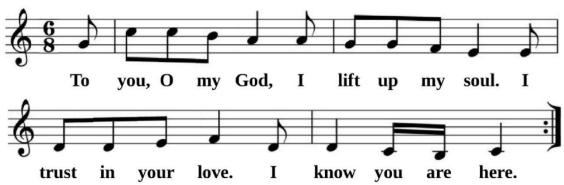
by Rev. Ralph Mineo

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### **PSALM RESPONSE:**



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#### **OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

Members: Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner

#### **Cancer treatments:**

**Friends of the congregation**: Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Ken Marshall, Derf Hopsecger, Vickie Baldwin, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, Audrey Hettrick

Cancer Friends: Canda, Chris

Other prayer requests: the family of Peggy Sue Seigworth

Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir just for the Advent and Christmas Season you would be more than welcome. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord for the Holidays. Please contact Kathy Swanson for rehearsal times over the Holidays.