

**Saved By Grace  
Lutheran Church  
Advent 2  
Theme: Waiting and Watching  
for Jesus' Second Coming  
December 10, 2023**



We are a Biblical church giving God's Word first place in our faith and life. We are a Lutheran church that proclaims forgiveness for all through Jesus Christ. We are a Christian church that gathers to praise God, to be strengthened by His Word, and to reach out to those around us in Christian love.

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**Welcome!** We are glad you can join us for our services today. If you are new to us, a step by step guide to our service is available in the church entry. May God bless the hearing of his Word this morning!

**Our communion practice:** On Sundays that we have the Lord's Supper, we follow the guidance of the Scriptures and the example of the historic Christian Church by practicing close communion. If you are not a member of our congregation, please speak with the pastor before communing. Everyone is welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

**On Today's Theme:** The signs in nature of Jesus' second coming bring fear and fainting. But to those who believe, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: "... *straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*" (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord that "*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope*" (Rom. 15:4) and watch diligently for Jesus' coming. Then, by God's grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man

**Congratulations to Tony and Marisol Bahena!** God blessed them with a healthy baby boy, Armando, on December 5th. We look forward to the day of Armando's baptism into the Christian faith.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex for donating Christmas poinsettias in memory of loved ones.

**An Advent Devotional** is available in the narthex for everyone. It is entitled, "Peace Came to Earth."

**Midweek Advent Services/Offering:** Midweek Advent Services begin Wednesday, December 6th. The midweek Advent Service offerings are designated for the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS]. Offerings to the ELS help support the training of future lay members and pastors; and, home and world missions. Offering envelopes marked "ELS" are available in the narthex.

**Weekly Calendar**

- Wednesday - 7 PM, Advent Compline
- Thursday - 10:30 AM, Bible Class  
4:30 PM, Thursday School
- Saturday- 8:30 AM, Trustees 9 AM Council
- Sunday - 10 AM; Matins  
11AM Christmas Carol Sing  
11:30 AM, Bible Class