Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue). Child care is available for children up to three years of age. Please ask an usher for details.

Holy Eucharist † 9:00 a.m.  
First Sunday of Advent | November 27, 2022

PRELUDE

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 54

Savior of the nations, come!  
[verses 1, 2, & 4]  
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

The Word of God

CELEBRANT

Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
People

You come to set your people free.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Prelude

Hymn 61

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us  
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Gospel

Matthew 24:36—44

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to your Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Susan Beebe

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

Let us pray.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For all in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;  
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFessions of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (congregation kneeling)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Members of this congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

PRESENTATION and Advent DOXOLOGY

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All praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ and the Father all-powerful, who love and forgive us and help us keep your commandments.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.  
People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

DEACON

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

S 130  Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

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Ho, ho, ho, ho—Lord, God of power and glory 

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The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that you may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of your new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable to you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

Postcommunion Prayer

O God, who bids us wait in this season of longing: as you have fed us with the Word of God in the gifts of your Church; so give to us the danske strength to wait in the hope of your kingdom. As you have given us drink from the cup of salvation, make us thirsty for the fullness of Christ's justice in the world; as you have given us food in the bread of life, make us hunger for Christ's justice in the world; as you have given us shelter in this house, make us long for Christ's kingdom.

The Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Hymn 57**

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending from on high 

**Descant**

by Stuart Forster

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*For the Postcommunion Prayer, the congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.*

**Blessing**

**Hymn 57**

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*Postlude*