

1st of Advent — November 30, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle— The candle of Hope

Hymn Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah ELW 240 vs. 1

Confession

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. Jesus Christ promised to forgive our sins. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding ELW 246

Apostolic Greeting ELW Pg. 147

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C And also with you.

Kyrie ELW Pg. 147

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you C And also with you

L Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they¹ said to me, "Let us go to the house¹ of the LORD."

²**Now our¹ feet are standing
within your gates,¹ O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built¹ as a city that is at unity¹ with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes¹ of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name¹ of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the¹ thrones of judgment, the thrones of the¹ house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace¹ of Jerusalem:
"May they pros-¹per who love you.**

⁷Peace be with-¹ in your walls and quietness with-¹ in your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred¹ and companions,
I pray for¹ your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the¹ LORD our God, I will seek to¹ do you good."
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth."

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 151

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

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 24th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O God of Love, O King of Peace

ELW 749

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the

Father,
and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic church,
the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

L In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your
promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

AM God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and
strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your
ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace, **People hear our prayer.**

AM God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower
us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of
grace, **People hear our prayer.**

AM God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out
words of hate and transform them into words for building up community.
Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,
People hear our prayer.

AM God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and
companions who are ill or despairing. Surround all with care and
consolation. God of grace, **People hear our prayer.**

AM God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and
relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists,
counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,
People hear our prayer.

AM God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last,
bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a
home. God of grace, **People hear our prayer.**

L Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **People Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The offering is received

**Anthem: Advent Candle of Hope Words : Don Besig and Nancy Price
Music: Don Besig**

All the world, lost in the darkness, is wandering through the night, in despair, unaware. When will we find a light? All the world, restless and weary, awaits a heavenly sign. Promised one, will you come? When will it be the time? Watching, waiting, hoping, praying; O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Soon the night will pass away, easing fear and longing. Hope and peace will light our way with a new day dawning. Soon God's love will come to earth binding hearts together; Through the promised Savior's birth changing lives forever. Watching, waiting, hoping, praying; O come Emmanuel. Emmanuel.

Offertory Hymn

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

*Today will be a lay-led communion service using wine and wafers pre-consecrated
last Sunday by the pastor.*

The Great Thanksgiving – page 152

L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving

Last week when we were gathered to receive this sacrament the pastor consecrated these elements of bread and wine. Together we were reminded of the events of the Last Supper and the promise Jesus made to us there. We recalled the way that he took bread and wine and invited us to eat and drink. He assured us that in these elements, we would be receiving his own body and blood. Our Lord told us that this meal is a pledge of a new covenant between God and humanity. Trusting in Jesus' holy words, we are set free from our sin and all that stands between us and the promise of new life in Christ. Today we will again accept what has been given to us- these gifts of bread and wine- and the promise of mercy that come to us in and through them. We will also speak together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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**

Agnus Dei Pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

L Let us pray: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C Amen.

Dismissal

**AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.
C Thanks be to God**

On to the outside tree lighting portion of the service

Closing Hymns

267 - Joy to the World

270 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

277 - Away in a Manger

279 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

283 - O Come All Ye Faithful

300 - The First Noel



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Charlie Blakeslee

Kathleen Bowler
Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Kathy Ann Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso

Carol Cianciolo
Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson

Winifried Diorio
Irene Douglas
J.J. Eby
Judy Elliott
Walt Esker

Jan Eucalitto
Jennifer Ezzo
Weston Faith
Bruce & Liz Falls
Tommy Fitzpatrick

Bob Frantz
Ashley Friday
John Fox
Joan Gerard

Danise Hall
Jack & Barbara Heintz
Brayden Herzberg
Renate Higgins
Charles Hilton

Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren
Erma Horn

Eunice Jones
Colin Keeley
Marilyn Killingbeck
Jason Lashbrook
Gail Lavoie
John Lewis

David Little
Rebecca Little
Amy & Dave Louen

Kari Machowski
Mary Ellen Mackinnon
Jerry MacManus
Irene Madore
Audrey Marquard

Abigail Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin

Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers
Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller

Bob Murphy
Barbara & Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family

Karen Pagano
Russell Palmer
Maria Payne
Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Caroline Quintal

Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard
Louise Roche
Baerbel Roehl
Patricia & Richard Sawitzke
Holly Schaff

Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Denae Seelye
Matt Simpson
Lori Sola
Dana Steele

Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Arlene Soja
John Sproat

Dana & George Steele
Jennifer Stella

Deb & Jon Sterling
Tom Sterling Sr.
RuthAnn Stone

Patricia Switzer
Gloria Thibault
Andy Thomas
Julia Thompson Carroll
Kyle Thurlough & family

Susan Tyciensi
Carol Vrlík
Eveyn Walters
Steve Warner
Sue Watkins
Renee Woodard

Bruce Yauney
Clayton Young
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jen O.

Jaiden
Steve
Lou W.
Steve
Todd

Robert K.
Diane A.
Terry
Joe
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared

Vinny
Hagbard
Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut

Colleen
Ken
Kathy
Jaxson
Gail

F.C.H.
Chantel
Stephan
Jason R

Diane L.
Holly L.
Al & Mary

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Judy Schaller
Ernest Marquard
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia USCG
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Lighting of the Outdoor Tree	11/30	After Service
New Evangelism Team meeting	12/7	After church
Yankee Chorale Concert	12/7	4 pm
Annual Congregational Meeting	12/18	6:30 pm
Pageant Rehearsal	12/19	6:00 pm
Blue Christmas Service	12/21	4pm
Christmas Eve	12/24	10 am 4 pm

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
 In person Bible Study Wednesdays
 10:00 am
 Wednesdays
 Tai Chi 11:00 am
 Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$4,561
Received	\$3,262
Shortfall	(\$1,299)
YTD shortfall	(\$63,173)

Minimalist bulletin

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