



First Sunday of Advent

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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,
we are glad to have you with us.*

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ. More and more candles, more and more light, as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World. **God of Promise, come into our darkness. Renew your hope in us, for you alone bring life out of death.**

Receive God's promise of hope from Psalm 33: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

(Light the Candle of Hope)

Candle Lighting Song:

“The Messiah”

vv. 1

**Someone’s shouting from the desert. Someone’s shouting from the sea.
Someone’s shouting from the mountain. Someone’s shouting from the valley.**

Chorus: Messiah, Come and be our King. (repeat)

Opening Hymn:

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

ELW #436

vv. 1&2

**1. Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.**

**Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:**

**"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"**

Alleluia!

**Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.**

**2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is ris'n; her light is come.**

**Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.**

Sing hosanna!

**Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.**

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Jesus said, Do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for the grace of God, who will save you in your time of trial. With confidence in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

(Time for reflection and self-examination)

Light of the world,

Your patience with us is never ending. You have shown us wonders, yet we are so often complacent. You have showered us with mercy, yet we withhold mercy from others. You have given us everything, and we act as though we were entitled all along. Forgive us these and all our secret sins. You know our hearts; we implore you to make us whole again. Amen.

As the world darkens, the light of Christ shines even brighter. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the forgiveness of sin and walk in the light of Christ. May our hearts overflow with gratitude at the gift of God's mercy, and may we also be merciful in our turn. In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***This is the Feast of Victory**

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*Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain.***

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain.***

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**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.
Amen.**

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

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!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

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

³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

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

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

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**

"May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

Epistle 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.

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***Gospel Acclamation:**

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

***Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶But 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.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon

Bill Huelle, PMA

Sermon:

Bill Huelle, PMA

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD‡

Hymn of the Day:

“My Lord, What a Morning”

ELW #438

Refrain

**My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.**

- 1. You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***
- 2. You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***
- 3. You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***

***Profession of Faith: The 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:**

Each petition ends with:

God, in your mercy,....**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with:

...In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another)

“Emmanuel, God With Us”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts, let us pray... Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
‡ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn:

"Hark, the Glad Sound!"

**ELW #239
vv. 1,3&4**

- 1. Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.**
- 3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.**

**4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, live in love,
and seek to be holy in all that you do.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡

Prayers for healing: **Joy Arnold** (cancer— friend of Deb Brown), **Marsha Bueide** (stroke), **Marj Nikont** (covid), **Randy Schafer** (issues from another stroke), **Cindy Cole** (recovering from surgery—Carolyn Jensen's sister), **Marti Wegelin**, **Mel Knoedler** (recovering), **Mary Jane Brown** (stroke—Deb Brown's mother-in-law), **Becky Michael** (stage 1 breast cancer), **Paul Bueide** (recovering), **Kevin Feil** (sepsis & cancer— Lindsey Singer & Melissa Guerrero's father), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Rita Schafer** (Randy Schafer's mother).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson), **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Donna Hessler, 11/30; Tammy Lutz, 12/2

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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DECEMBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Packaged Cookies

BACKPACKS: Applesauce

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW DECEMBER MISSION PROJECT:

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is up! Paper ornaments are on the tree with first name, age, and gift idea. Names are from the Lakota Lutheran Center. **Please bring your gift NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th.** Please see the December Tidings for more information.



Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.



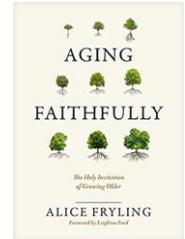


JAM on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. We begin with dinner (tater tot casserole/fruit/dessert) at 5:30 p.m. followed by storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun until 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie at the church.

Pastor's Sunday Morning Study

You are invited to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM from November 6 - December 4 as we go through "Aging Faithfully" by Alice Fryling. As many at Calvary Lutheran enter later seasons of life, questions of life and faith take on new meaning. Aging faithfully doesn't 'just happen,' but there are wise guides who have modelled the way into this uncharted land. The group will be facilitated by Pastor Brett.



If interested, please sign up on the sheet outside the office so we can make sure to have enough study books.

Endowment Fund application forms are now available in the office. These funds may be used for outreach: Churchwide, Nebraska Synod, and local. The deadline is January 31, 2022.



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BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Volunteers are needed to ring bells for the Salvation Army at Safeway on **Saturday, December 17th from 9 am through 6 pm**. If you are willing to volunteer, please stop or call the church office to sign up.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Brett Vander Berg

This Sunday – November 27

PMA: Bill Huelle

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Chris Jensen

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Ben Moravec & Jacey Cochran

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

Next Sunday – December 4

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

HEAD COMMUNION ASST: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASSTS: Rick & Lynn
Margheim

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & Max Judy

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Barb
Jensen, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten,
Nannie Walsh

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: *Please sign up!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 27

9 a.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 28

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, November 29

NO Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, November 30

5:30 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, December 3

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, December 4

9 a.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in
Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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Jesus is coming to bring hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 24:36-44	The coming of the Son of Man
Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5	Peace that lasts forever
Tuesday	Romans 13:11-14	The day when Christ returns
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people will celebrate
Thursday	Psalms 147:1-11	Sing and praise the Lord
Friday	Romans 12:9-13	Marks of the true Christian
Saturday	Psalms 122	A song of praise
Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Prepare the way of the Lord

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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. Isaiah 2:3a (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, in the power of your mystery and majesty, you do great things for us so that we may live with hope through Christ Jesus, the Son of Man. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who give food to the nations, we thank you for feeding us this day and for being with us now and always through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of peace bring you hope now and always.



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NOVEMBER 27, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
All Earth Is Hopeful

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WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When something important is about to happen, how do you prepare for it?
- During the Advent season, how do you prepare for the coming of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 24:36-44.

With Advent we begin a new church year. Last year our Gospel readings came from Luke. This year they will be from the Gospel of Matthew. This passage leads us to raise many questions, to take life and faith seriously, and to wonder, "Who is in and who is out? Remembering that some people were living with the intimidation of Roman occupation in Galilee and Judea, we wonder on what basis is one person taken and another left? What does it mean to stay awake and be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man? Are the pleasures and responsibilities of daily life leading us to complacency? Are we not seeing the signs of the times? What the Gospel tells us is to be attentive and live a life that walks in the ways of the Lord. Jesus has come and is still coming into our lives so that we may know the good news of God's love and faithfulness. God's reign in our lives brings peace, not power grabbing, hope, not despair, and joy, not fear (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Discuss: What does it mean to you to stay awake and be prepared for the Son of Man? *Pray:* Dear Jesus, give me a living faith to seek your presence in my life each day so that I may know, trust, and share your love for all people and be the loving presence you want me to be. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others that they may experience hope?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Advent means "coming." During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus Christ. Make a circular Advent wreath for your home to remind you of God's unending love and eternal life through Jesus. Use evergreens to decorate the wreath as a symbol of life and growth. Place four candles around the wreath. Put a white candle in the center that will be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent Christ. For this first week of Advent, light one candle to focus on the hope we have in God through Jesus Christ. *Soy:* Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, the light of Christ that gives us hope.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to www.milestonesministry.org