

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 Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: Joy to the World ELW #267

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.
C: 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.

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.

Benediction

P: May God who comes among us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.
C: Amen.

Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ELW #244

Christmas Carol: I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve ELW #271

Dismissal:
P: Go in Peace, Keep Awake!
C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

Sunday, November 30th, 2025; 9:30 am **First Sunday of Advent**

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Candle - The Candle of Hope (Purple Candle) The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus

Leader: May your hearts be filled with hope as you hear the promises God made to bless all the peoples on earth through Abraham, the father of our faith.

All: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, we will light a candle to remember the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the ancestors of our faith.
Genesis Chapter 12
The LORD had said to Abraham, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.
(A person lights the first candle here)

Leader: Let us pray:
Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David’s city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today.

Advent Song He Came Down ELW #253 vs. 1

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

Amen.
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

C: Long-expected God, we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.
P: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God’s own righteousness. You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.

Opening Hymn: *The King Shall Come* ELW #260

Apostolic Greeting
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Call to Worship Psalm 122
P: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
C: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
P: Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together.
C: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
P: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.
C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
P: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."
C: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."
P: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Prayer of the Day:
P: Let us pray.
C: God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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Sharing of the Peace
Special Music: **Performed by:** Shelby Wiertzema and Jesicka Hynek

First Reading: **Isaiah 2:1-5** Will Kruse
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In 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. Many 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. He 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. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Second Reading: **Romans 13:11-14**
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Acclamation: *All Earth is Hopeful* ELW #266 VS.1

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 24:36-44**
*(After the reading is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*
"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 the 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 hour you do not expect.
*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children’s Message Pastor Josh Schunk
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Hymn of the Day: *Savior of the Nations Come* ELW #263