

ADVENT I

December 1, 2024



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *My Lord, What a Morning*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn music begins and a candle is lit on the advent wreath.

HYMN - ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - PRAYER

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn v.1 No. 242

1 **Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning, sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.**

L: Let us pray. Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **ALL: Amen.**

◆ *please stand*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

P: God of might,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

P: God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* No. 247

1 **Come now, O prince of peace, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

2 **Come now, O God of Love, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

3 **Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

4 **Come, Hope of unity, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

A righteous branch springing up from David

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteous-ness."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM 25:1-10 *We read responsively*

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

Strengthen hearts in holiness for the coming of the Lord

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO : LUKE 21:25-36

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Be alert for the coming of the Son of Man

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see

these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE *Pastor D.J.*

◆ *please stand*

HYMN *My Lord, What a Morning* No. 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

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.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING—OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.

◆ *please stand*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God,

C: you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy; come to the table.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

Creator of the Stars of Night No. 245*
*hymnal use recommended **

- 1 Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.**
- 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch but the child, of Mary blessed mother mild.**
- 3 At your great name O Jesus now, all knees must bend all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven shall call you Lord.**
- 4 Come in your holy might we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below, from all assaults of our dread foe.**
- 5 To God the Father God the Son, and God the Spirit three in One, praise honor might and glory be, from age to age eternally. A - - men.**

O Come O Come Emmanuel vs. 2-3-4 No. 257

2 O come O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh: in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. >

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

3 O come O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height, in ancient times you gave the law, in cloud and majesty, and awe. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel*

4 O come O Branch of Jesse free, your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel*

TABLE BLESSING & PRAYER

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.

C: We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.

◆ *please stand*

HYMN Soon & Very Soon, vs 1,3,4,Last No. 439

1 Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King. (sing 2 more Xs) Hallelujah! Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

3 No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King. (sing 2 more Xs) Hallelujah! Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King. (sing 2 more Xs) Hallelujah! Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

LAST **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

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SENDING

P: Go in peace.

Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

Sun 12/1	9 WORSHIP- <i>ADVENT ONE</i> 10 TECH TEAM TRAINING 101 MORE BELOW 10 Sunday School 10 Coffee 10:15 Adult Forum 2-5 JEAN HINER 100TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE - <i>All welcome</i> 
Tue 12/3	Noon-1 Open Prayer Time
Wed 12/4	6 Advent Contemplative Worship & <i>maybe Cookies?? If you have some to Share, sign-up or let Pr. DJ know.</i> 6:45 EdYou Mtg
Thu 12/5	1 LOVE DAY 7 AA
Sun 12/8	9 WORSHIP- <i>ADVENT 2</i> 10 <i>Sunday School Chr. Shopping & Costume fitting</i> MORE BELOW 10 Coffee 10:15 Adult Forum

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

SEEKING TECH TEAM MEMBER

The Team is looking for another member to assist with live streaming on Sunday mornings. Tech Training 101 is planned for **Sun. Dec 1 after worship**. Contact Steve Johnson 507-213-9577 or Heidi Haugen 507-649-0517.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING - DEC 8.

Donations are welcome & now being collected. Special needs: Gifts for Men, Large Gift Boxes & Large Gift Bags. Designated bins can be found around the church.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – SAT DEC. 14 at 6 pm (Christmas in Kenyon) Concessions available.

ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT FUNDRAISING is on-going.

Your ideas and contributions are welcome and appreciated. Envelopes found in the Narthex.

