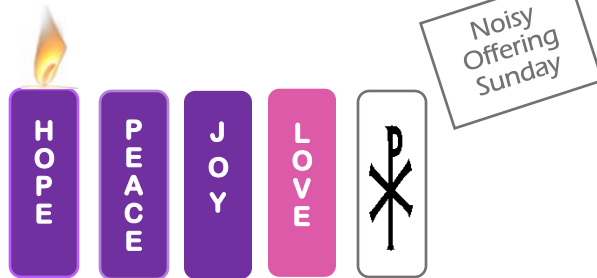


Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent, Yr. A



ADVENT: On the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Christ Jesus. To help us celebrate, we light candles on the Advent wreath to remind us, Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that Jesus is Life - and brings Life to us. All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

Ring of Bell

PRELUDE *Wake Awake for Night is Flying*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

Light One Purple Candle as Reading Begins

Rdr: On this First Sunday of Advent,
we light the candle of *Hope*.
Hope is our assurance
that God will finish all he has started.
Hope is our confidence
that God will do all he has promised.
All God's promises are
fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

All: Come Lord Jesus.
Come be our *Hope* today and forever!

HYMN VERSE: Verse 1

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 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.**

◆ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Long-expected God,

**C: 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. Teach us to live in harmony
with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God,
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. † We are
freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to
welcome the Savior. **C: Amen.**

HYMN *Blessed Be the God of Israel* No. 250

1 **Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set
us free, and raises up new hope for us: a Branch
from David's tree. So have the prophets long
declared that with a mighty arm, God would turn
back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**

2 **With promised mercy will God still the covenant
recall, the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes
to save us all; that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise, in holiness and right-
eousness to serve God all our days.**

3 **My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare
the way, to tell God's people they are saved from
sin's eternal sway. Then shall God's mercy from
on high shine forth and never cease, to drive away
the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

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 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.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

PSALM 122 *we read responsively*

L: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

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

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

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

L: For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

L: Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

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

L: Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

¹¹ 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; ¹² 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; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

◆ **THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

[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. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ 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, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ 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. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor D.J. Chatelaine

HYMN OF THE DAY *He Came Down* No. 253

*THE FIRST LINE OF EACH VERSE IS SUNG 3 TIMES

1 **He came down that we may have LOVE ...
hallelujah forevermore.**

2 **He came down that we may have LIGHT ...
hallelujah forevermore.**

3 **He came down that we may have PEACE ...
hallelujah forevermore.**

4 **He came down that we may have JOY ...
hallelujah forevermore.**

◆ **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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

C: Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. 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:

Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

No. 245

Creator of the Stars of Night

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.**

O Come O Come, Emmanuel v.1-4 No. 257

Please Use Hymnal

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.

C: Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. 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.

◆ HYMN

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Keep Your Lamps Trimmed & Burning...SEE PG. 4

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Soon and Very Soon*

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Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

ALL CREATION SINGS # 949



- 1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
- 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
- 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
- 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

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CALENDAR

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Su 11-30

9 AM WORSHIP - ADVENT ONE

10 AM Coffee

10 AM SUN SCHOOL - Advent Festival...

Crafts, Cookies, Games

Mo 12-1

2 PM Grief Support

5:30 PM Worship/Evangelism

Tu 12-2

12 Noon – 1 pm Open Prayer

We 12-3

5:00 PM **Community Meal @ First**

6:30 PM Advent Worship

Su 12-7

9 AM WORSHIP - ADVENT TWO

10 AM Coffee

10 AM S/School Christmas Shopping

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