

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶{Jesus said,} “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, 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 when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master 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 hour you do not expect.”

Lessons for Next Week:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12



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The Order of Word and Sacrament
First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

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We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields

*Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God
Postlude

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and 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 anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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 my brethren and companions’ sake,**
 I pray for your prosperity.
⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek to do you good.”

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Notes and News

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- **Important!! The Call Committee survey is available and is due December 21.**
- Thank you to all who decorated the church for advent and Christmas!
- Let Me Shine Preschool would appreciate homemade cookies for their programs. Cookies should be brought by Sunday, December 14.
- Donations are being accepted to replace the ceiling in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex. For \$15 you can purchase a tile that you will be able to dedicate, on the back of the tile, with a blessing or to honor or remember someone. Forms are in the narthex. Please note “ceiling tiles” on your donation payment.
- Instead of gathering donations for poinsettias this year, we are asking for donations toward either the Salvation Army, which supports transient people in our committee, or the Outreach Clinic. Your donation may be dedicated to honor or remember someone and those dedications will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Make checks to FLC, noting your donation preference.
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CHRISMONS

Chrismons are white and gold Christian monograms and symbols, originally handmade ornaments created to decorate a Christmas tree. The word Chrismon refers to "Christ" and "monogram". The white symbolizes joy and holiness, while the gold represents glory and royalty, and each symbol is meant to teach about Christ.

- **Origin:** The concept was developed in 1957 by Frances Spencer at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA.
- **Purpose:** The ornaments are used to decorate a "Chrismon tree," which is often adorned only with white and gold ornaments and clear lights. The purpose is to explain the story of Christ through the ornaments, which are used during the Advent and Christmas season.
- **Symbols:** Chrismons are decorated with various Christian symbols, such as:



- **Chi Rho:** A monogram of Christ, formed from the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ.



- **Alpha and Omega:** The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, representing Christ as the beginning and end of all things.



- **Fish (Ichthys):** An acrostic for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior," which was once a secret sign for early Christians during times of persecution.



- **Crosses:** In various forms, symbolizing the crucifixion and other aspects of Christ's life.
- **Materials:** Chrismons can be made from a variety of materials, including white felt, foam, and craft wood, and are often decorated with gold paint, glitter, and other embellishments. Making them is considered a project for all ages.