

**First Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021**

Prelude / Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: November is soon ending. December soon begins.

C: We find our beginning and our ending in God.

L: Month after month, our God attends us and supports us.

C: For God's company, we offer thanks and praise.

L: Let us worship the God who gives us Jesus Christ:

**C: God who is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,
the Living One and our Redeemer, now and forever. Amen.**

Song

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW 436

Lighting the Advent Wreath

L: Keep awake. Stay alert. The kingdom of God is near.

C: We are God's partners in hope.

L: The days are surely coming when God will fulfill the promise.

C: We are God's partners in hope.

L: A righteous branch will spring up and will bring forth justice.

C: We are God's partners in hope.

L: Stand up. Raise your hands. Your redemption is drawing near.

C: We are God's partners in hope.

L: As we light this first Advent candle, the candle of hope, may we be partners in hope, witnesses to the promise that hope is coming. It is being born into the world. **Amen.**

Song

Light One Candle

ELW 240 v. 1

Prayer

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming, we wait filled with hope,

C: Knowing that your light will shine in the darkness.

L: We wait anticipating your peace. **C: Believing that one day it will fill our world.**

L: We wait embracing your love, **C: May we reach out to share it with our neighbors.**

L: We wait with joy, **C: Filling us with expectation of your birth,**

L: Lord we wait, **C: Come soon and fill us with your life. Amen.**

Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**C: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

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

**C: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love
remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

L: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257 v. 1

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Hymn *Savior of the Nations, Come*

ELW 263 vs. 1-3,6

Apostle's Creed / Prayers

Offering / Offertory *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

ELW 204

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Advent Sending

L: Advent is our season of waiting for the coming of Jesus, our Lord.
But long ago he came already.

C: So, what are we waiting for, then?

L: For his real coming to you, to me, to our world.

C: Where is his kingdom among us?

How can people see whether he is here?

L: Can they see him in us, in our communities?

**C: This is what we are waiting for,
or rather, what the Lord is waiting for.**

L: The Lord is waiting for our active preparing
of his love and justice among people.

We are not alone. He will do it with us.

C: Let the Lord come and inspire us, move in us.

Let us go with one another, walking in the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Closing Hymn *Soon and Very Soon*

ELW 439

Dismissal

Bell / Postlude

We Thank

Ushers / Sound / Screens/ Recording
Reader: Jan Volkenant

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Organist / Pianist: RaNae Martinson
Communion: Donna Haagenson, Judy Deadrick

Nordland's Week & Notices

Today 9:15 /10:30 Fellowship / Communion Worship
Wed. 9:00 am Christian Service Day
6:30 pm Confirmation
Sat. 8:00 am Men's Group
Sun. 9:15 /10:30 Education & Fellowship / Communion Worship

The Mitten Tree is in the entryway, any donations of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, & socks in all sizes are very much appreciated!! We would like to make an early donation before Christmas to The Link & Community Service Center. We hope to make another donation to the New London-Spicer & Paynesville schools around the New Year as there is a need there also.

If you would like to order poinsettia plants in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete a form (check you church mailbox or extra forms at ushers counter) and place in the Sunday's offering. Orders due Dec. 1, make check payable to "Sisters at Heart". Your poinsettia(s) will be delivered to church and we would appreciate you leaving them in the display until after Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24.

Sunday School Christmas Program will be Dec. 19, during the 10:30 am Worship. Reminder to parents that program practice will be on Sundays Dec. 5, 12, & 19 at 9:15 am.

NLCW Secret Sister Potluck Christmas Party will be after worship on Dec. 19, 11:30 am; all women are invited for fun & fellowship. The Secret Sister's will exchange gifts and share who their sister was.

The Women of the New London Covenant Church invite you to the Scandinavian Christmas Brunch on Sat. Dec. 4, 9:30 am. RSVP information on the poster, or sign up on the west bulletin board today!