

**First Sunday in Advent**  
**December 1, 2024, 10:30 am**

Prelude / Bell / Welcome

Call to Worship

L: November ends. December 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 (verse 1)*

ELW 240

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.**

Baptism

*Dallas Duke Spaeth*

Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Closing Hymn

*Soon and Very Soon*

ELW 439

Dismissal

*You are a beloved child of God, deserving of love and respect,  
and God is using you to care for the world.*

### **We Thank**

Ushers; Tech Desk

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson

Reader: Chase Schoumaker

### **Nordland's Week**

Today 9:30 am	Education (Age 3 – Adult) & Fellowship/ Adult Service Trip Meeting
10:30 am	First Sunday in Advent Communion Worship / Baptism- Dallas Spaeth
Wed. 6 / 6:30 pm	Potluck Wed. Meal / Education & Confirmation
Sat. 10 – 11:30 am	Nordland Christmas Tea with Treats & Speaker from the Loon Center Free with an opportunity to donate to the National Loon Center.
Sun. 9:30 am	Education & Fellowship
10:30 am	Communion Worship

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 are at the ushers counter) and place in the Sunday's offering. Orders due Dec. 4, make check payable to "Sisters at Heart".

The NLCW will again be sharing Christmas goodies with our shut-ins and we are asking for a few of our bakers to share 6-12 of their cookies or candies to help fill our Christmas treats. They will be needed Dec. 7, contact Becky Thompson 320-293-6008 if you can donate and/or help with delivery!

The Mitten Tree is up! The Link & Community Service Center appreciate your donations of hats, scarves, mittens & new socks. The Link is in dire need of coats so help us Pack the Rack! The east side of the entryway steps is designated to hang new or gently used coats. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please write your check to Nordland Lutheran Church with "coat drive" or mitten tree" in the memo and leave in the offering or office. We'll be taking donations up till Christmas but delivering a couple different times to the centers early to help those already in need. – Congregational Life Bd.

Scandinavian Christmas Brunch, Bakery & Craft Sale is Sat. Dec. 7, 9:30 am at Evangelical Covenant Church, New London. Please RSVP by Monday, Dec. 2 call 354-2446 or email [office@nlcovchurch.org](mailto:office@nlcovchurch.org).

Christmas at Trinity Lutheran Church, Grove City on Sat. Dec. 7, 9 am -12 noon. Brunch \$13 adults, takeout available, coffee & roll \$4. Bake sale, cookies, candy, lefsa, crafts, quilts, cards & napkins.

Salem Historical Church [Christmas](#) event is [December 14](#). Come between 3 & 4:15 pm for horse drawn wagon rides. An old-fashioned [Christmas](#) program will begin at 4:30. Please bring gifts of non-perishable food items for the Food Shelf. An offering will be taken for the restoration of Salem Church. Refreshments and treat bags for all. The address is 28547 220th Street, Paynesville MN. For more information, visit the website <https://www.salemhistoricalchurch.com> or call 320-249-0373.

Sunday School Christmas Program is Dec. 15, at 10:30 am Worship. Practice Dec. 8 & 15, 9:30 am.