

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
✠ “First Sunday in Advent” ✠
“The Hanging of the Green”
Sunday, November 30, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O bride of Christ, rejoice; Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory Foretold in sacred story.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

A humble beast He rides, Yet as a King presides;
Though not arrayed in splendor, He makes the grave surrender.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;
Thy garments spread before Him And honor and adore Him.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 122

L I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’

C **Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

L Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!

C **Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!**

ALL **For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**

Opening Song

“House of the Lord”

Verse 1

We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors.
He parted the raging sea.
Our God, He holds the victory, yeah.

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross
then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.
We shout out Your praise.

Chorus

Bridge

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (repeat)

Chorus 2x

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Mark 13:31, Luke 21

P The hope of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Today we light one Advent candle. The first candle of Advent is the candle of hope.

C **In Christ there is life and light for all people.**

P Christ said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

C **We lift up our heads and rejoice: our Redeemer is drawing near.**

Response (Sung)

"Light the Candle" - Carl Schalk

Light the candle of HOPE today, the Giver of hope is here!

Welcome the hope we long and wait for, but only Christ can give.

Flicker and flame and glow with hope, light up the world around you.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

It 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, and 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He 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. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response

"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL" LSB 357

Chrismons will be placed on the Christmas tree. Everyone is invited to participate: children, adults, families, singles, couples.

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11–14

Besides 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. The 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. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response

“O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL” LSB 357

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-four chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For 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, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LSB 338

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev’ry nation,
Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Sermon

“House Preparations” Isaiah 2:1-5

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the † life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Offering

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

"Once in Royal David's City" LSB 376

- 1 Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 For He is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.
- 5 Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Confession and Absolution

P Restore us, God Almighty,

C that we may be saved.

P The hope that we have in Christ is the strongest hope of all. It gives us confidence to come together in a shared confession of sins, with the firm knowledge that we will be forgiven of those sins. We confess together:

C We have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We are unworthy of Your grace. Savior of the nations, come. Make our hearts Your home. Abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Silence for reflection

P Christ came to earth to save you. He died for your sins. "For in this hope we are saved." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the U Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Mark 14:22-24

Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

- C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

John 1:29

Distribution

Song

“GRATITUDE”

Verse 1

**All my words fall short; I got nothing new.
How could I express all my gratitude?**

Verse 2

**I could sing these songs, as I often do,
But every song must end and You never do.**

Chorus

**So I throw up my hands
and praise You again and again,
‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.
And I know it’s not much,
But I’ve nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing,
“Hallelujah, Hallelujah.”**

Verse 3

**I’ve got one response, I’ve got just one move:
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Come on, my soul, Oh, don’t you get shy on me.
Lift up your song,
‘Cause you’ve got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord. (repeat 3x)**

Chorus

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Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
C **Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect

- P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
C **Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Song

“Good Grace”

Verse 1

People come together,
Strange as neighbours, our blood is one.
Children of generations,
Of every nation, of Kingdom come.

Verse 2

Jesus, our redemption,
Our salvation is in His blood.
Jesus, Light of heaven,
Friend forever, His Kingdom come.

Chorus

Don't let your heart be troubled;
Hold your head up high. Don't fear no evil;
Fix your eyes on this one truth:
God is madly in love with you.
Take courage, hold on, be strong,
Remember where our help comes from.

Chorus

Bridge

Swing wide all you heavens,
Let the praise go up as the walls come down.
All creation, everything with breath
repeat the sound.
All His children, clean hands, pure hearts
Good grace, good God. His Name is Jesus. (3x)

Verse 2

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We rejoice in the following baptisms in the sanctuary this weekend!

✠ Emory Reese McIntyre ✠
Daughter of Kyle and Elsje McIntyre
Sponsors John Link and Grace Link

Preacher
Liturgist
Instrumentalists

Pastor Schudde
Pastor Wade
Whitney Wade, guitar
Mara Yaeger, piano
Jonny Thompson, bass
Darren Meyer, percussion
Tavia Shively, Annessa Shively, Ellie Pelt, Whitney Wade, vocals
Darren Meyer

Sound

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