

November 29-30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

5p/9a Worship Service



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discover more : **together**

The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the cast - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison. *Kentucky Harmony*. 1816

Prelude 9am: Variations on “Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying”

— Arr. J. S. Bach, Manz

Welcome

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

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

All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(*brief silence*) Long-expected God,

**All: 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. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to
live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing,
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.
You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *ELW* #260 (st. 1,4,5)
“The King Shall Come”

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Family/Lector come forward during music

Advent Candle Lighting ... *ELW* #715 (st. 1) “Christ, Be Our Light”

Family lights ONE candle during the litany below.

Lector From the Ambo:

L: We light the candle of Faith.

All: We remember the God who keeps promises.

In the darkness of doubt and fear, God speaks words of comfort.

L: By faith, we trust God’s promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

L: O God of promise, kindle our faith that we may live as your people
now and always; Amen.

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Prayer of the Day *Pastor @ Altar*

P: Let us Pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. 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.

All: Amen.

(9a) Children's Message *Pr. Craig*

Sit

Intro to the Reading:

L: Advent begins with a call to awaken and trust in God's promises, even when the future feels uncertain. Jesus calls us to be ready—not out of fear, but in faithful expectation. As we light the candle of faith, we ask: how can we live as people who trust God's promise, even in the unknown? Psalm 122 invites us into joyful worship, reminding us that faith is nurtured in community. Let us read responsively, Psalm 122.

The Reading: Psalm 122 *NRSVue*

L: ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**All: ² Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

L: ³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**All: ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

L: ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment
the thrones of the house of David.

**All: ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**

L: ⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

**All: ⁸ For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

L: ⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

L: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation pg. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Gospel according St. Matthew chapter 24...

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44 *NRSVue*

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon ... Pr. Steve Knudson

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voice - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Stand

Hymn of the Day: ELW #436

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Lector: Go to the Ambo for the Prayers

The Apostles’ Creed...Page 105

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS →

L: God of faith,

All: receive our prayer.

Passing of the Peace:

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you

P: Let us turn to one another, offering a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering of Gratitude:

(Sit) P: You may be seated.

We give God our thanks and praise in response to God's mercy and abundance.

We invite you to place your gratitude card along with any offering you have in the plate at this time or make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Lector—Go to Ambo before Prayer; remain up front for communion.

(9a) Special Music: "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" ... Jennings
Adult Choir

(9) Offertory Hymn: *ELW* #247 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" (st. 1,3)

All: Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Offertory Prayer:

L: *(5p) Please Stand and*

(9a) Let us pray.

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

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

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: ... page 107

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Advent Preface:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"...page 108

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All: 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.**

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward. There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Lamb of God ... page 112

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

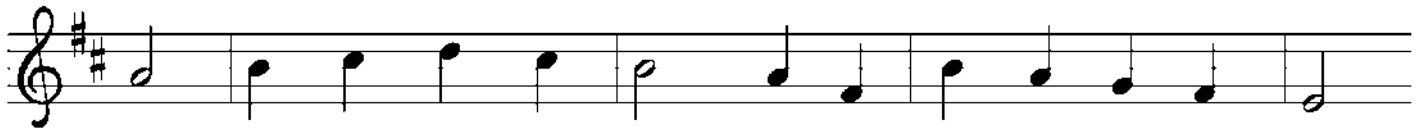
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
 2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
 3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
 4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
 send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite

Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN. Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Communion Hymn: *ELW* #241 “O Lord, How Shall We Meet You”

Lector—go to the ambo as Pastor covers communion elements.

Stand

The Communion Blessing

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

All: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

L: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth,
eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of
Jesus.

All: Amen.

- Sending -

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.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *ELW* #435(st. 1,3) → *on the back*

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds"

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

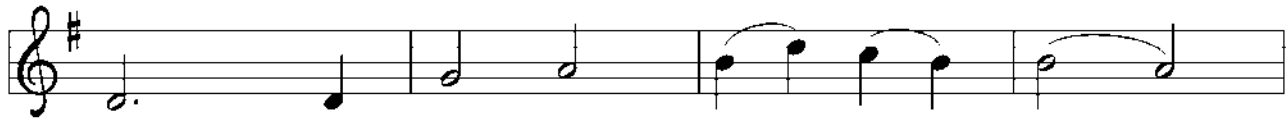
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata on “Lo! He Comes with Clouds” - Arr. James Vivian

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee.



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 all the saints this world re - ject - ed
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
 thrill to the trum - pet sound to hear:
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

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