

First Sunday of Advent
November 30 2025
Facebook live
10am Worship

Advent

A SEASON OF HOPE



Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket.

We have "Busy Bags" for kids in the narthex, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

GATHERING "Way Maker"

(Verse 1)

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

(Chorus)

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
(Repeat)

(Verse 2)

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

(Repeat Chorus x2)

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THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

C: Amen.

SONG “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*stz. 1, 2, 6, 8*)

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

SONG “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

He has come for us, this Jesus
He's the hope for all mankind
He has come for us, the Messiah
Born to give us life

All the angels sing, hallelujah
Jesus Christ is born
All the children sing, hallelujah
He is Christ the Lord

He has come for us, this Jesus
He's the hope for all mankind
He has come for us, the Messiah
Born to give us life

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born, the Son of God by name
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

He has come for us, this Jesus
He's the hope for all mankind
He has come for us, the Messiah
Born to give us life

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

SONG “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

3 And lo, when they had heard it,
they all bowed down and prayed;
They traveled on together
To where the Babe was laid. *Refrain*

4 Down in a lovely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - Maasai 1-2-1- School Empowering Maasai Youth
*Through Education. Helping them build a future. We're partnering with a Maasai
community in Tanzania to create a quality school that is a road to hope and a
future for the Maasai.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!"*

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 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 instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; 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 any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

SECOND READING *Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL *Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

Matthew 24:36-44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, 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 Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the

coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG "The First Noel"

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

- 3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

- 4 This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

- 5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, Anita Vadis, James Vadis, Brandi Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Suzanne Till, Carol Bergdahl, Mike George, Diane Raines, Kathy Kelly, Anastasia Balmaceda, and the family of Carol Bergdahl at her death.* Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG "Away in a Manger"

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE 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.

C: Amen.

SONG "Lay My Burden Down" (Glory Glory)

Chorus

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah
Since I've laid my burden down

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah
Since I've laid my burden down

Verse 1

All my friends they , treat me better
Since I've laid my burden down
All my friends they, treat me better
Soince I've laid my burden down

Repeat Chorus

Verse 2

I'm going home to live with Jesus
Since I've laid my burden down
I'm going home to live with Jesus
Since I've laid my burden down

Repeat Chorus (2x)

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Reader: Christine Durnell

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

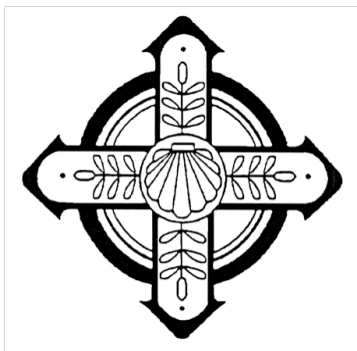
Weds., December 24th

We will have two services this day - 4pm, 6:30pm. There will be a special Christmas concert at 6pm leading into the 6:30pm service. All Services will conclude with the traditional "Candlelight Singing of Carols".

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

THURSDAY, DEC. 25TH, 11:00AM.

Our Christmas Day Worship will incorporate a beautiful liturgy including responsive Christmas hymns and readings.



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