

## First Sunday of Advent

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"*

PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME and INVOCATION

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's timing.

**C: We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.**

P: In Him our hearts rejoice,

**C: for we trust in His holy name.**

P: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,

**C: even as we put our hope in You. (Psalm 33.20-22)**

P: Today we now light the first Advent Candle, the Hope candle.



*After the candle is lighted, we speak together:*

**C: Jesus, You are the world's hope and answer to the brokenness of this world! We place our hope and trust in You, Amen!**

ADVENT OPENING HYMN: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" (348)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### ADVENT LITANY PRAYER

P: O Christ,

**C: In Your first Advent You fulfilled Your promise to come to Your people.**

P: O Christ,

**C: You came to save us from our sin. (Matthew 1.21)**

P: O Christ,

**C: You have promised to return and to liberate all of creation from the bondage to decay. (Romans 8.21)**

P: O Christ,

**C: We look forward to that day when You return!**

P: O Christ,

**C: May we not become weary as we wait for You!**

P: O Christ,

**C: May we be watchful and ready for Your return.**

P: O Christ,

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen!**

ADVENT HYMN OF PRAYER: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (357, vs. 1-2)

### PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

**C: 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, Amen!**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is **Isaiah 2.1-5**. In this reading, the prophet Isaiah lifts our eyes to God's promised future and invites us to walk in the Lord's light even in the present.

Our Epistle reading is **Romans 13.11-14**. The Apostle Paul urges us to wake from spiritual sleep and live in the light of Christ's coming.

The Gospel reading is **Matthew 21.1-11**. This reading recounts Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday - the moment when the promised King arrives to save His people.

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "The Advent of Our King" (331)

THE SERMON: Isaiah 2.1-5

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response is ***"Hear our prayer"***

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory  
in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C: CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL COME  
AGAIN!**

BENEDICTION

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" (919)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed  
and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let  
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to  
Jesus."**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing  
in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!  
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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