

Advent 01

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Celebrate (Introduction)

“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.”

Opening Hymn: [ELW 241 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 122

Song of Praise and Prayer for Jerusalem

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- ² Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
- ⁴ To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- ⁵ For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers.”
- ⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
- ⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 262 – Wait for the Lord](#)

Advent Prayer – Lighting of the First Candle: Preparedness

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is nearby. 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 hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace and goodwill. Amen.

The Advent Hymn: [ELW 257 \(v1\) – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#)

1st Reading: [Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

2nd Reading: [Romans 13:11-14](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 24:36-44](#)

Hymn: [ELW 239- Hark, the Glad Sound!](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

The ELCA World Hunger Campaign is underway, and you may choose to give an additional offering to the World Hunger Campaign and add an angel to our Angel Tree.

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Judy Cosentino, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, David Kieffer, Charles Larsen, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, Debra Pastor, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, Pastor Jack, and the family of David Kieffer.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 244 – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers](#)

Announcements

- Christmas Nativity Village is Open to the Public, Sundays 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- World Hunger Campaign is underway to add angels to our Angel Tree
- Please contact Debbie Fultz if you would like a Christmas Poinsettia (\$10)
- **Advent Craft Night** – December 3rd 5:00 pm
- **Putting up the Greens** – Saturday, December 10th, 10:00 am
- **Night of Caroling and Hot Chocolate**, Sunday, December 18th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- **Christmas Eve Service**, Saturday, 12/23/2022 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day Service**, Sunday, 12/24/2022 9:30 am

*Offering to be sent to

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Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291