

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

PRELUDE “Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn” Darcy Christensen

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,
**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.**

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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW #439 “Soon and Very Soon”

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING - The Candle Of Hope

Let us pray. Holy Spirit, **pour into our hearts your way, your light, your love, that we may become beacons of grace for a world in need. Then, may hope be visible.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

READING Isaiah 2:1-5

DIALOG

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE: "Hope"

ADVENT HYMN ACS #901- vs 1, 2 "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"

- 1 Now the heavens start to whisper,
 as the veil is growing thin.
 Earth from slumber wakes to listen
 to the stirring, faint within:
 seed of promise, deeply planted,
 child to spring from Jesse's stem!
 Like the soil beneath the frostline,
 hearts grow soft to welcome him.

- 2 Heavy clouds that block the moonlight
 now begin to drift away.
 Diamond brilliance through the darkness
 shines the hope of coming day.

Christ, the morning star of splendor,
gleams within a world grow dim.
Heaven's ember fans to fullness;
hearts grow warm to welcome him.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

Word

BIBLE READING

Romans 13:11-14

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"To God Be The Glory"

To God, to God, to God be the glory
To God, to God, to God be the glory
To God, to God, to God be the glory
To God, to God, to God be the glory

To God be the glory great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

To God, to God, to God be the glory
To God, to God, to God be the glory
To God, to God, to God be the glory

To God, to God, to God be the glory

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

“Awake to the Way of Jesus”

Pastor Julie

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HYMN OF DAY

ELW #242

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn!”

- 1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.
- 2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.
- 3 In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.
- 4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

DEDICATION OF PARAMENTS

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

Responses: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

OFFERING & HYMN

ELW #583 - vs 1, 2, 4

“Take My Life That I

May Be”

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. **To Refrain**

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. **To Refrain**

4 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. **To Refrain**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us,**

and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Days of Elijah”

(Verse 1)

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

(Chorus)

**Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice**

**It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes**

(Verse 2)

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord *(To chorus above)*

(Bridge)

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah *(sing 3x)*

(Final Chorus)

**Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes
So lift your voice
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And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**