First Sunday in Advent **November 29, 2026**

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Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever. **Amen.**

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God's love. (*Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Comforting God,
we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in the Lord!
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH – Week One – "Hope"

(Pastor Kirstin - you might have to ask for volunteers this week.)

Reader One: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight.

Reader Two: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer–and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight.

Reader One: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope.

Reader Two: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope.

Light the first candle {blue} in your Advent wreath.

Reader One: Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

Candle Lighting Song "We Light This Candle"

We light this candle for Hope
Await the new Life within
May our hearts now live each day
So Hope can find a way

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.**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

BIBLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Kirstin

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #646- vs. 1, 2 " The Peace of The Lord"

1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.
The peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.

2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.
The peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

SERMON Pastor Kirstin

HYMN OF DAY CCLI "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Verse 1
Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2
Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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 *(ask for candle prayers)*

In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

Responses: God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

OFFERING & HYMN "Change My Heart O God"/"Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver"

Chorus: Change my heart O God Make it ever true
Change my heart O God May I be like You

Verse

You are the Potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray ***To Chorus***

(Medley 2nd song)

Lord, you are more precious than silver.
Lord, you are more costly than gold.
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and
Nothing I desire compares with you. *(repeat as necessary)*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy Creator,
we are the clay and you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our 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.

<u>Sending</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(see newsletter)*

BENEDICTION
The Lord bless you and keep you. *(sign of the cross)*
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
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

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

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

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There is no god like Jehov – ah

Chorus
Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
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DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.
Thanks be to God.