

First Sunday of Advent

30 November 2025

9:30 AM- Livestream



Worship Team- 9:30 AM

Presiding Minister- Pr. Ben Colahan

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Lector- Craig Fellner

Musicians- FLC Contemporary Team

Parking Lot- Molly Barnum, Rick Bentler, Oscar Sample, & Suzanne Steel

Ushers- Molly Barnum & Dave Barnum

Welcome Table- Vickie James & Cheri Sandberg

Cantor- Luke Nicolay

AV Guide-

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Thank you!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Esquisses Byzantines: VIII. Noël
Henri Mulet

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[Camera- Organ (11), Processional (3)]

Welcome

The PRESIDING MINISTER welcomes everyone.

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ELW 266 All Earth Is Hopeful
v. 1, 3

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
new highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

Greeting

Lead the Greeting and Prayer of the Day from the front center of the assembly.

The PRESIDING MINISTER and assembly greet each other.

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

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

**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.

L: Long-expected God,

C: 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.

**L: 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.**

Prayer of the Day

The PRESIDING MINISTER leads the prayer in these or similar words.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

**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.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Sermon

Josh Edwards

Children's Response

ELW 290 Go Tell It on the Mountain

v. 1

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Refrain

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

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

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Craig Fellner

[Camera- Lectern Center (8)]

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 122

Michel Guimont

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Response

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
let us go to the house of the Lord.

Please stand now for the reading of the gospel.

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Congregation stands before the gospel acclamation.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "I O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive". The second staff continues the melody: "Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here". The third staff includes a "Refrain" marking above the notes: "un - til the Son of God ap - pear.". The fourth staff concludes the phrase: "Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el." The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end.

I O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims the gospel.

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ 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. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Hymn of the Day

ELW 715 Christ, Be Our Light

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.
Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

Prayers of Intercession

Rev. William Stomski

Response: ELW 262 Wait for the Lord

Text: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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[Camera- Lectern (8)]

Lead the Prayers of Intercession, Peace, and Welcome from the front center of the assembly.

The ASSISTING MINISTER invites the assembly into prayer.

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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.

A brief silence.

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. Give your bold spirit of servant leadership to all who guide the church, especially for our bishops, Yehiel and Jeff.

Sung Response: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us.

Sung Response: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. Grant fear of the Lord to all in authority that they may govern with wisdom, especially our president, Donald, and our governor, Gavin.

Sung Response: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing *especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

Surround all with care and consolation.

Sung Response: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others.

Sung Response: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

People of God, for what else do we pray or give thanks?

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

The person offering the prayer or the ASSISTING MINISTER may conclude each petition:

Sung Response: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints *especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home.

Sung Response: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pr. Ben Colahan

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Welcoming of Visitors

Pr. Ben Colahan

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, arr. Nancy Lau

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[Camera- Processional (3)]

Great Thanksgiving

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now I invite you to join me in celebrating the mystery of communion, the revelation of Christ physically with us. Please hold your bread and your cup and repeat after me the words that Jesus command us to use in remembrance of him.

**On the night he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
Gave thanks, blessed it, broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,
“This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

**Again after supper,
Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, blessed it
and gave it for all to drink,
saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

Remembering him therefore, 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.

Agnus Dei

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[Camera- Lectern (8)]

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

Plowshare Prayer
Spencer LaJoye

Raquel Krach, *vocalist*

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[Camera- Processional (3), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, 2014.

Chorus

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in you,
truly our hope is in you.

O Lord of life, our only hope.
Your radiance shines on all
who look to you in the dark.
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts. *Chorus*

O joy above all other loves,
in you we find more than enough;
we come as we are,
O heal and restore, come light out hearts.

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in you,
truly our hope is in you,
truly our hope is in you.

Prayer after Communion

Rev. William Stomski

[Camera- Lectern (8)]

**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.
Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

God's Work, Our Hands

Pr. Ben Colahan

Sending Song

ACS 949 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Text: African American spiritual

[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done.

Refrain

Children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for this work's almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

Blessing

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Narthex (15)]

The assembly stands. The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims God's blessing to the assembly.

Receive God's blessing:

A brief silence is kept.

**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.**

Dismissal

Rev. William Stomski

The ASSISTING MINISTER sends the assembly into mission.

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude on 'Mendelssohn'

David Willcocks

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[Camera- Organ (11), Processional (3)]

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