

First Sunday of Advent

30 November 2025

5:00 PM- Livestream



Worship Team- 5:00 PM

Presiding Minister- Pr. Ben Colahan

Audio/Visual- Kyle Groh & Kaylen Wilson

Assisting Minister- Denise Parkin

Children's Ministry- Cindy Ross

Coffee Hour-

Communion Servers-

Council Person- Dawn Stafford

Equipping Minister-

Healing Minister- Gen Brink-Capriola

Musicians- Linn Brownmiller, Linda Greer-Wegener, Mark Lund, Christian Ross, & Lise Yellen

Parking Lot-

PP7- Jill Bentler & Bill Kees

Set up Team-

Ushers- Craig Fellner

Welcome Table- Annette Jefferson

Band Leader- Christine Buckstead

AV Guide-

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Thank you!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Intro

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Eric Owyong arr. Dustin Loehrs

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Verse 1

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And ransom captive Israel,
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Until the Son of God appear.

Verse 2

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

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Verse 3

O come, desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind,
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Instrumental

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Welcome

Josh Edwards

Josh welcomes congregation to worship:

- *Thank you for joining us today at Faith Lutheran Church, mine name is Josh, and I'll be guiding you through our service tonight.*
- *At any point during the music, if you feel moved to respond to God's Word, there is someone ready to pray one-on-one with you for whatever is on your heart. If you'd want that reminder of the light of Christ in your life, you're also welcome to come up any time and light a candle. And if you want to remember the promises of God's love given to you in baptism, come forward to the water of baptism, dip your fingers in and use the water to make the sign of the cross by which Christ claimed you forever.*
- *We are blessed to have __, ____, ____, and __ leading us in our musical worship tonight. Let's thank them (applause), and then stand as you feel moved, and lift up your hearts and your arms as we give thanks to God.*

Music

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
Brenton Brown & Paul Baloché

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Songs will flow together and there will be not stop-AV be prepared to go right into the next song.

Verse 1

Praise is rising,
eyes are turning to You;
We turn to You;
Hope is stirring
hearts are yearning for You;
We long for You;

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You,
we find strength to face the day;
In Your presence
all our fears are washed away,
(Washed away).

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna,
you are the God who saves us,
worthy of all our praises;
Hosanna, hosanna,
come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
hearts returning to You;
we turn to You;
In Your Kingdom
broken lives are made new,
you make us new;

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Instrumental

Pre-chorus (2x)

Chorus (2x)

Tag

Hosanna, hosanna.

Light of the World

Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, & Paul Mabury, arr. Dan Galbright

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Verse 1

The world waits for a miracle.
The heart longs for a little bit of hope.
Oh, come, Emmanuel.
A child prays for peace on earth
and she's calling out from a sea of hurt.
Oh, come, Emmanuel.
And can you hear the angels singing?

Chorus 1

Glory to the Light of the world.
Glory, the Light of the world.
It is here.

Verse 2

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother.
A baby's cry is the sound of love come down.
Come down, Emmanuel.
Here's the song for the suffering.

Here's Messiah, the Prince of peace has come.
He has come, Emmanuel.

Chorus 2

Glory to the light of the world.
Glory to the light of the world.
Glory to the light of the world.
Glory to the light of the world.

Bridge

For all who wait.
For all who hunger.
For all who've prayed.
For all who wonder.
Behold your King.
Behold Messiah.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

Chorus 3

Glory to the light of the world.
Glory to the light of the world.
Glory to the light of the world.
Behold your King.
Behold Messiah.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

Ending

The world waits for a miracle.
The heart longs for a little bit of hope.
Oh, come.
Oh, come, Emmanuel.

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.
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truly our hope is in you.

WORD

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

Sermon

Pr. Ben Colahan

Sermon Response

Josh Edwards
Wait for the Lord
Taizé Community

Text: Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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While the band plays, Josh invites the congregation to respond to the message in a variety of ways:

- *We've just heard Pastor Ben remind us [INSERT LAW/GOSPEL STATEMENT].*
- *For the rest of the service, we invite you, whenever you feel called, to respond to God's word through*
 - *Praying one-on-one with our prayer minister*
 - *Lighting a candle*
 - *Remembering your baptism*
 - *Dropping off a prayer request in the box at the back of the church*
 - *Giving to support our shared ministry either in that same box or via the QR code*
 - *Or by joining your voice to ours as we lift up prayers through song*
 - *Once a month, instead of Josh, Pastor Ben invites the congregation to respond to the message by coming forward as they feel moved to receive communion.*

Communion is offered at two stations where the bread and only individual cups are placed on stands. One communion server is at each station. Pastor Ben is one communion server.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Karen Avis

Response: Wait for the Lord

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As the music continues, and as people move to respond however they feel called, the Assisting Minister says:

- *Psalm 141 says, "Let my prayers be set before you, Lord, as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."*
 - *The Assisting Minister lights a stick of incense on the altar*
- *So let us lift our hands and our prayers to God.*
- *Band and Assisting Minister alternate speaking prayers and singing refrain*

AV TEAM- continue immediately to prayers- do not wait.

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

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Outro

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Blessing

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