



Sunday, November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

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.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshipping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion. *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

Coffee Hour. We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C **Amen.**

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

Pause for silent reflection.

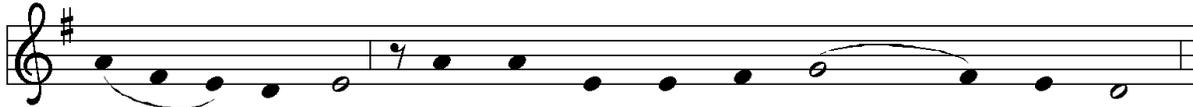
P Gracious God, C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. C **Amen.**

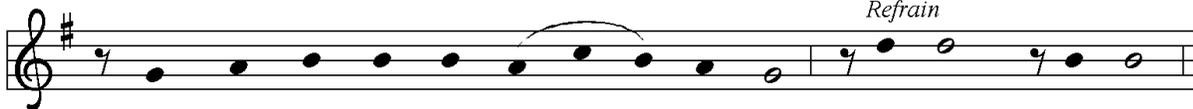
GATHERING SONG: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (ELW 257)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P 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.**

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, God of life, for you promise your gift of peace to us. Please beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. Help us to live in harmony and safety until we reach the fullness of your kingdom. As we light the first candle on this wreath, help us to remain awake for the day of the Lord's coming.

SUNG RESPONSE TO LIGHTING OF WREATH

Sung to the tune of "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"

*Come and find the quiet center, in the crowded life we lead.
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we may see
all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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. C **Amen.**

+ **WORD** +

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

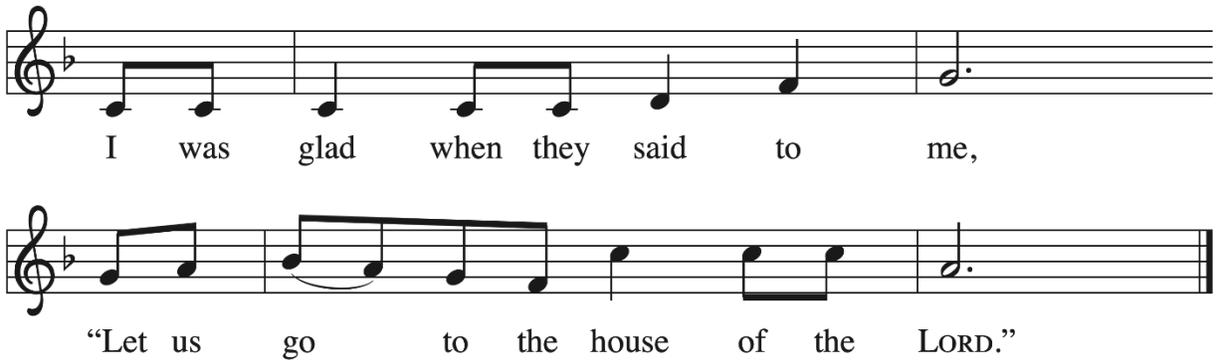
A reading from Isaiah.

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!
...The word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 122



I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

¹ I was glad when they | said to me, “Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

² **Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD. R**

⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: “May they pros- | per who love you.**

⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the | LORD our God, I will seek to | do you good.” **R**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

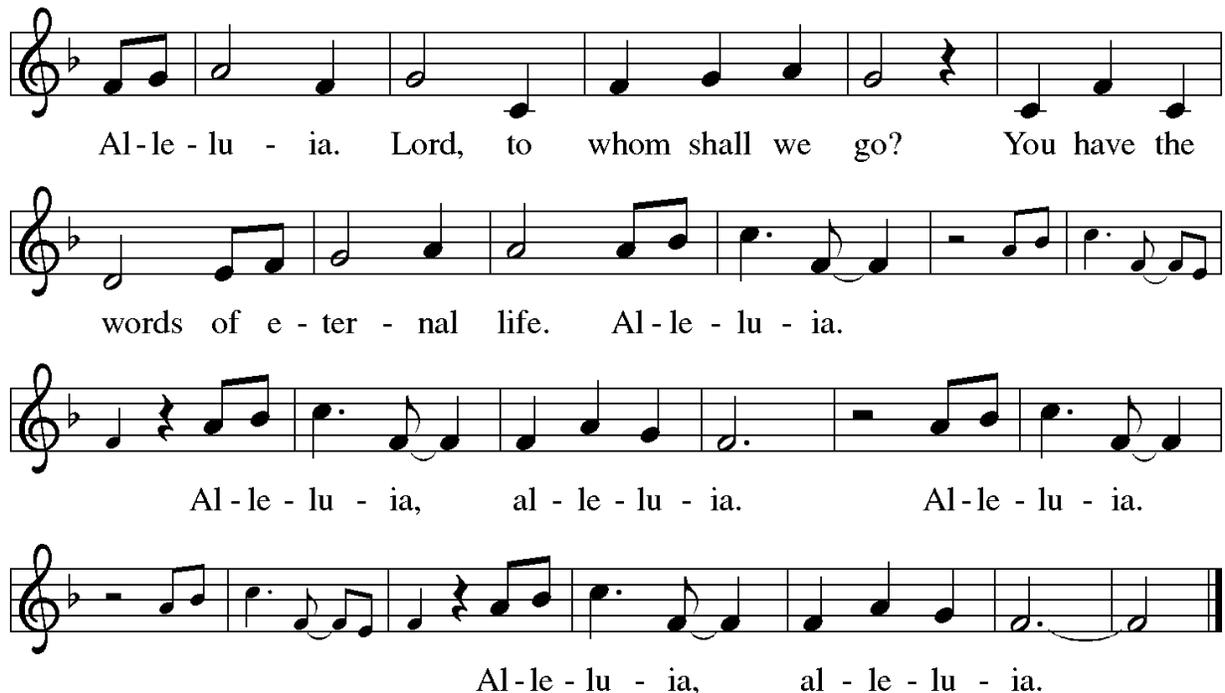
A reading from Romans.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44

P 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.” ...The gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT* (ELW 715)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



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



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

C 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

A 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 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. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A 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. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A 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. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A 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. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

A God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

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

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

C And also with you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Engert (12/3); Brianna Feeney (12/4)

BIRTHDAY SONG

*He who began a good work in you (2x)
Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)
Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!*

+ MEAL +

OFFERING SONG: WAITING IN SILENCE - CAREY LANDRY

1-5. Wait-ing in si - lence, wait-ing in hope; we are your

- 1. peo-ple, we long for you, Lord. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u -
- 2. peo-ple, we trust in your love. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of
- 3. peo-ple, Lord, we seek your truth. Wis - dom In - car - nate, teach us your
- 4. peo-ple, we long for new life. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our
- 5. peo-ple, our hearts thirst for you. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our

- 1. el, Come, Lord Je - sus,
 - 2. Peace, Come with your jus - tice, Lord,
 - 3. way; Show us the path of life,
 - 4. hearts. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,
 - 5. midst. Make us your gar - den, Lord,
- } Ma-ra-na - tha!

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

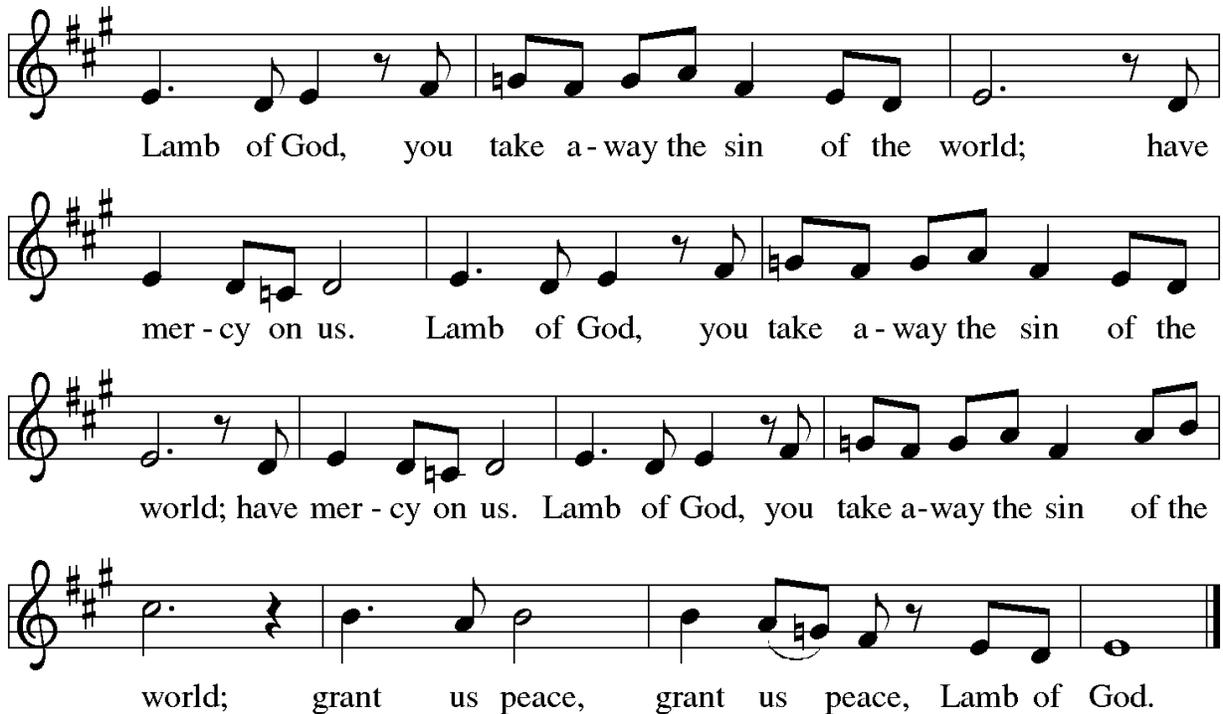
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **C Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS (ELW 254)



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C Amen.**

SENDING SONG: PEOPLE, LOOK EAST (ELW 248)



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
 Music: BESANÇON, French carol
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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Commemorations

Andrew, Apostle

Sunday, November 30, 2025

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

Thursday, December 4, 2025

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, *The Fount of Wisdom*, remained influential for centuries.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Announcements for the week of November 30, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp Candle for November is given to the glory of God and

- ♥ *in thanksgiving for the lives of Lillian & Joseph Muller & Lois Menik by their Family*
 - ♥ *in loving memory of Sophie & Frank O'Brien by Maureen O'Brien*
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Barbara Engert - December 3rd
Brianna Feeney - December 4th

Christmas Altar Plants & Greens

Christmas is drawing near, and our sanctuary will soon be filled with the beauty of poinsettias! If you'd like to order one in honor or memory of someone special, the form is available on the table in the Narthex. Please return your order/dedication by Sunday, December 14th.

St. Stephen's Family Advent Wreath Making & Pot Luck Supper

SUNDAY November 30th, 2025
5:30pm PASTORS LOUNGE



The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Christmas Cookie Decorating Class

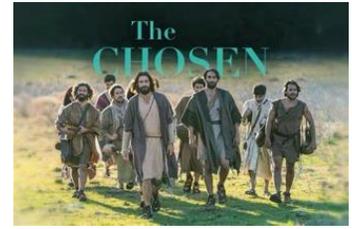
This year's event with Paige will be held on December 14th following our Sunday service. You will learn how to decorate 4 different Christmas themed cookies. The cost is \$50 per person - for more information, please see the form on the table in the Narthex.

Evangelism Committee

Please join us on Sunday, December 7th immediately following worship for a time of conversation and planning as we explore meaningful ways to reach out to new members of our community. Together we'll look at how we can share the welcoming spirit of St. Stephen's with new residents in Hicksville—inviting them not only to worship with us, but also to become part of our church family through fellowship, service, and faith. Everyone is welcome—your ideas, energy, and prayers can make a real difference as we continue to live out Christ's call to “welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you.” For more see Barbara Barcavage



Fellowship Discussion: “The Chosen” takes an intimate look at the real and authentic lives of Jesus and all those around him through this historical drama. “The Chosen” brings the Bible to life. At each meeting we’ll watch an episode followed by a deep-dive discussion about the scripture that inspired that episode. **We will meet every other Wednesday in the Pastor’s Lounge at 2:00. Our next meeting is Wednesday - December 3rd - Join us!**



Christmas Giving Program

As always, we’ll be sharing the joy of the season by donating gifts to local families through our Christmas Giving Program. This year’s program will follow last year’s successful format. In the Narthex you’ll find a manger filled with gift tags - each one representing a wish from a child in need. We invite you to take one (or more!) tags, shop for the requested gift, & return it wrapped with the tag attached. **Please be sure to sign the form next to the tag number that you’ve chosen.** Through your generosity we can help make Christmas a little brighter for our neighbors in need.



Sharing the Joy of the Season

As we prepare for the holiday season, we are once again gathering gifts of food to support our neighbors through Lutheran Life Services. We’re beginning a little earlier this year to ensure that every item reaches those who need it most in time for Christmas. You can help by bringing nonperishable food items, pantry staples, or grocery gift cards to church over the next few weeks. Your generosity helps fill tables, hearts, and homes with the warmth and hope of Christ’s love. Thank you for being part of this ministry of caring and compassion. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for families in our community this season.



Planting Fields Guided Holiday House Tour

Join us on Friday, December 19th at noon as we step into the Main House, a 65-room house-museum, where holiday magic meets historic charm. Delight in seasonal décor crafted from the estate’s natural treasures, each room brimming with story and surprise. The cost of the guided tour is \$25 per person. We each have to purchase our own tickets and will meet at 11:00 to carpool from the church parking lot. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Speak to Barbara or Lauren for more information.



Coffee Hour Sign-Up

The November–December sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please consider hosting by providing treats for a given Sunday.



Do you love to sing?

Come add your voice to our church choir! No experience is necessary—just a willing heart and a love for music. Choir is a wonderful way to share your gifts and be part of something that uplifts the whole congregation in worship. All are welcome—join us and help fill our sanctuary with song!

Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Candle

A chart on the lobby bulletin board allows us to designate weekly Sunday service altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp candle as special memorial or in honor of gifts. Use the envelopes provided to forward the gift (\$25.00 for flowers; \$15.00 for candle). Be sure to include information concerning who is being honored or memorialized by your gift as well as your name, address and telephone number. You may also contact the church office at 516-931-0710.

Altar Guild Needs You

Our numbers are few, and the Guild would welcome your help. We're a small team that prepares the sanctuary for Sunday Communion, festive services, & Services of Word & Light. Don't be overwhelmed—seasonal changes & tasks are handled in pairs, as a group, or with help from the Property Committee. It's a meaningful act of service to the Lord. If you're interested or have questions, speak with Lauren, Bill, Beth, or Jane.

Bible Study

Beginning with Advent, 2025, we will be reading Matthew's Gospel. This Gospel, written to a mostly Jewish audience, takes great care to show how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament. Please join us for six weeks of study on this important text. All are welcome! The study concludes on Monday, December 1.

Time: 7:00 PM | Every week on Mon, until Dec 1, 2025, 6 occurrences

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572873310?pwd=QWhu3azsyJ1gNpWIga2JeOLDGiUwdk.1>

Meeting ID: 895 7287 3310 | Passcode: 224913

Parish Calendar This Week (November 30th - December 7th)

Day	Event	Time
Sunday, November 30th	First Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion 9:00 am
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
	Wreath Making	5:30 pm
Tuesday, Dec 2 nd	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec 3 rd	N.A.	7:00 pm
Saturday Dec 6 th	N.A. Event	TBA
Sunday, December 7th	Second Sunday of Advent	Holy Communion 9:00 am

Serving at Worship Today - Sunday, 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister Lauren Aiello **Usher** John Musi
Lector Kevin Dolan **Greeter** Ann Casey
Acolyte Natalie Mangiaracina **Audio/Visual** Tyler LaVorgna
Music Director Mason Griffin **Altar Guild** Beth, Christine, Jane

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

Pray For Our Congregation

Bill Artus
Dottie Eberhardt
Richard Engert
Judi Meinhardt
Rick Mosebach
Ilona Riggers
Joe Shurman
June Waller
Ilse Zeeck

Pray For Our Families

Fred Barrell (brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz)
Peter Denning (son-in-law of Lois Angstadt)
Joe DiSalvo (cousin of Maureen O'Brien)
James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)
Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
Andrew Ojeda (son of Pastor Moira Ahearne)
Bernd Pfeiffer (brother of Christel LaVorgna)
Laura Panero (mother of Laureen Aiello)
Eddie Piazza (brother-in-law of John Musi)
Linda Pisano (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
Jean Riolo (mother of Christine Carlson)
Deacon Fred von Voigt (uncle of Muller/Shurman family)

For Our Friends

Sadie & Jennifer Amiruddin (friends of Maureen O'Brien)
Alice Brahs (friend of Maureen O'Brien)
Angela Capo (friend of Laureen Aiello)
Sue Eletti (friend of Christel LaVorgna)
Ellen Grace (high school friend of Joan Hagner)
John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)
Mark Kravitz (friend of John Langbehn)
Diane Litterer (friend of Joan Hagner)
Jenn Logan and her Mother (friends of Janet Muller)
Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)
Natalie (daughter-in-law to friend of Laureen Aiello)
Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)
Bill Schlatter (friend of the Hesse Family)
Martina Schmid (former member of the congregation)
Mark Trommsdorff (friend of Dave & Laura Staton)