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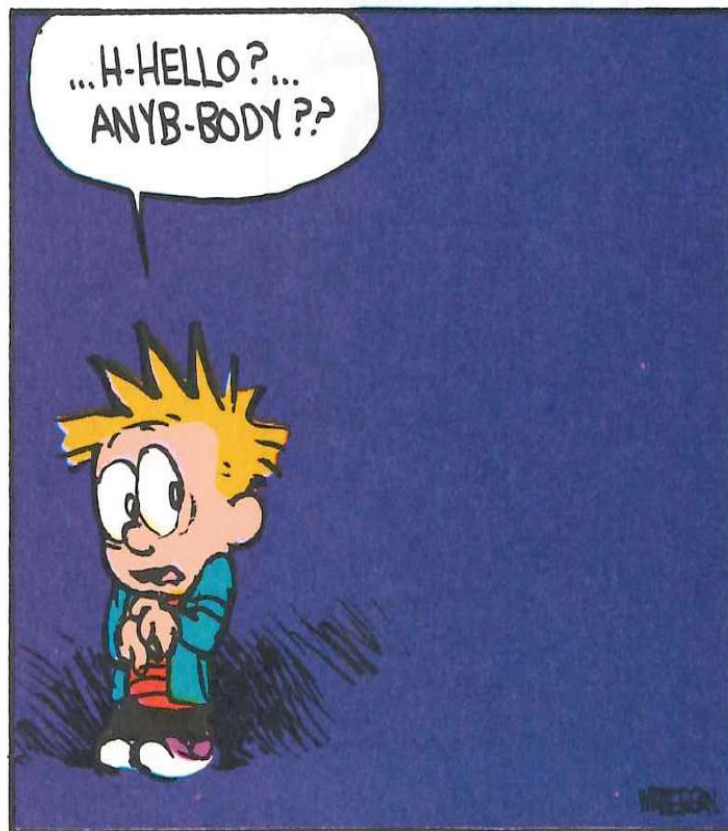
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First Sunday of **ADVENT**



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Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Advent Wreath Lighting

Christ, Be Our Light

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
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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Hymn

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

I Corinthians 1:3-9 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from First Corinthians

May all the gifts and benefits that come from God and the Master, Jesus Christ, be yours.

Every time I think of you—and I think of you often!—I thank God for your lives of free and open access to God, given by Jesus. There's no end to what has happened in you—it's beyond speech, beyond knowledge. The evidence of Christ has been clearly verified in your lives.

Just think—you don't need a thing; you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God's very self is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of the Son and our Master Jesus. God will never give up on you. Never forget that.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Gospel**Mark 13:24-37** (Inclusive New Testament)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the Temple and climbing with his disciples up the Mount of Olives, Jesus sat and said to them, “After the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will fall from the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then you will see the Promised One coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then the angels will be sent to gather the chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Promised One is near, right at the door. The truth is, before this generation has passed away, all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it – neither the angels of heaven, nor the Only Begotten – no one but Abba God. Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come.

“It is like people traveling abroad. They leave their home and put the employees in charge, each with a certain task, and those who watch at the front gate are ordered to stay on the alert. So stay alert! You do not know when the owner of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows or at early dawn. Do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.**Message*****AWAKE IN THE DARK*****Ministry of Music*****Advent Hope***arr. Derek Hakes
Chime Choir

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, David Hairston, DeeDee Jimison, Bill Boys, Kay Ernsthausen, Kristi Hildebrand's grandmother Hazel Plice.

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

Children's Time

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the table of Emmanuel – a place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God’s time, and work to build God’s Kingdom. A place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence because here it is Emmanuel who watches for our coming, and who waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life. It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, where he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:

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

God of grace, as we follow the example of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may find the imagination, the courage, and the strength to use our waiting times to build your Beloved Community of joy, justice and peace, for which we now pray as Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sharing the Meal



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Mystery, the earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the dreaming times to re-imagine the world; inhabit and use the liminal times to discover your patterns. Open our hands and hearts to embrace and use the quickening times to learn how to live and love. So may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize your beloved community here on earth. Amen.

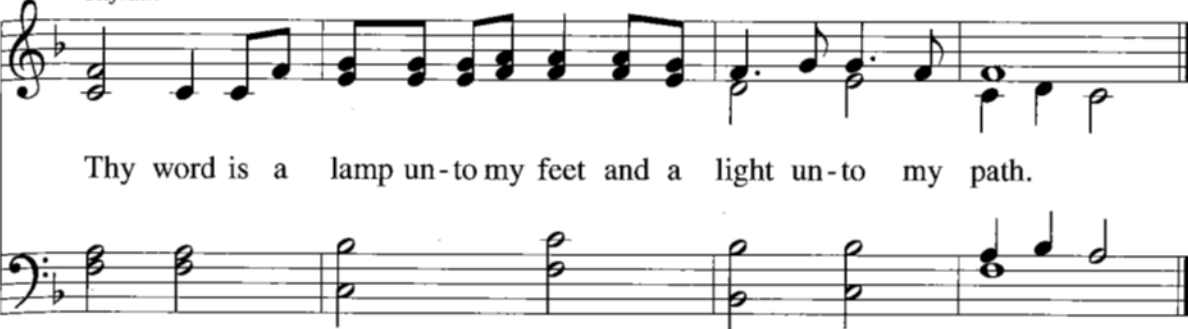
Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Thy Word


Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

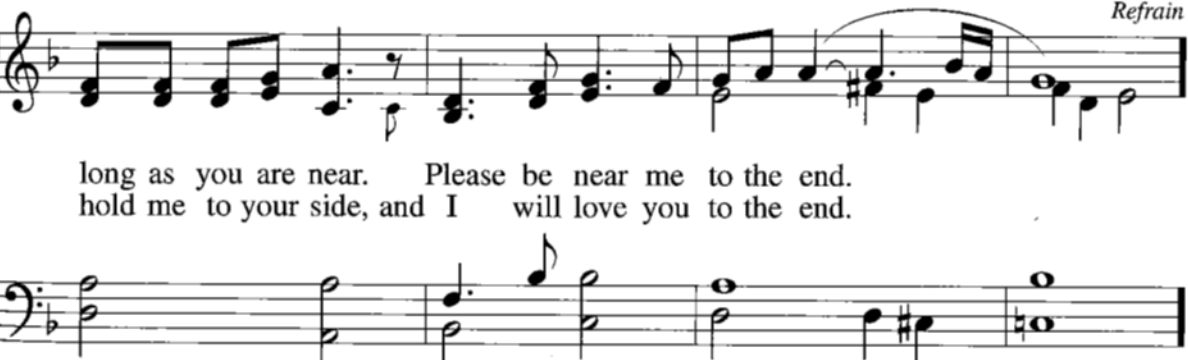


1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me and yet my



still you're there right be - side me, and noth - ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and

Refrain



long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Text: Amy Grant, b. 1960

Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957; arr. Keith Phillips, b. 1957

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, arr. Mark Hayes

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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Adult Sunday School
10 am Sundays
Via ZOOM



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ___?

Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting
Time: Sunday mornings 11:15 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hqd1dQR3lUbjdvYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885
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Phone only: 646 876 9923

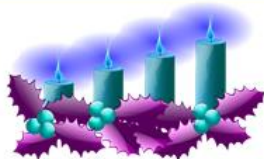


Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm
The Book of Genesis
We'd love to have you join us via ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Time: Tuesdays 1:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYNlYrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983
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Advent Wednesday evenings

December 2, 9, 16

7:30 Livestream

Holden Evening Prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sGE88YtJrLWuGWO0sS-yw>



Sister Act

Saturday, December 5

4:00 pm

Zoom

Happy Hour

Please join us for fellowship and fun

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Bernice Stewart
ASL Interpreter	Tori Reed
Reader	Damon Stewart
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent

Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 6

Today	10:00 am	Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	Stewardship Team
	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	3:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team
	7:30 pm	Livestream Advent Worship
Saturday	11:00 am	ZOOM Sister Act
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



LSS Food Pantry

December 2
1-4 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer



Birthdays this week:

- 29 - Mary Bowling
- 2 - Doretha Holland
- 2 - Ruby Jacobs
- 3 - Julija Volfa
- 3 - Walton Wolfe
- 4 - Hitoshi In Phillios