

**Second Sunday of Advent
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
November 23, 2025**



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Vertrau Auf Gott!
[Trust in God]
Services are being live-streamed and recorded.

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude – “Canon in D”

Johann Pachelbel
Luke Comer, piano

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Pastor Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord!
People **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor O Adonai and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush and gave him the law on Sinai:
People **Come, and with your outstretched arm redeem us.**

Reader
With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins." *Isaiah 11:4-5*

Pastor
O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sing

**O come, O Come, great Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.**

The Gathering – *Invocation and Confession*

Pastor
In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Pastor prays a prayer asking for the Spirit of God to lead us in worship.

Pastor

Every day we fail to love God completely and love our neighbor as ourselves. And every day, God offers us forgiveness and a chance to start again. This is the love and forgiveness that comes to us because Jesus died on the cross for us. So that we may be forgiven and make a new start, let us confess our sin to God.

The Pastor and People together

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Pastor

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Gathering Hymn – “Awake! Awake! And Greet the New Morn”
Hymnal #242

The Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.

Pastor

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Song – "The B-I-B-L-E"

A Reading of the Gospel according to Luke 15:8-10



Children and youth are invited forward for the Gospel reading with the Pastor, and are welcome to stay for the Children's Sermon – all are invited, no age limits!

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] suppose a woman has ten silver coins[a] and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A Children's Sermon

A Hymn – “Hope is a Star”

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 2 Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,
 3 Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,
 4 Love is a flame that burns in our heart,

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

The Apostles' Creed

The Pastor and People together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The Prayers of the People

After each petition, the Intercessor says, "Hear us, O God"

The People respond, "Your mercy is great."

The Peace

Pastor The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Children's Songs – *"This Little Light of Mine" and "He's Got the Whole World"*

The Great Thanksgiving

First, the Pastor prays an offertory prayer.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Pastor
God, our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise because you love us.
With Jesus we sing your praise:

People **Glory to God in the highest!**

Pastor
Because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world. With Jesus we sing
your praise:

People **Glory to God in the highest!**

Pastor
Because you love us, you sent Jesus your Son to bring us to you and to gather us
around him as the children of one family. With Jesus we sing your praise:

People **Glory to God in the highest!**

Pastor
For such great love, we thank you with the angels and saints as they praise you and
say:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he † who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor
We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Pastor
On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave
thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his
disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness
of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

People **We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Pastor

Help us, Father, to love one another as Jesus loves us and calls us to follow him, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul the Apostle, and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

The Pastor and People together

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **have mercy on us.**

Pastor Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **have mercy on us.**

Pastor Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People **grant us peace.**

Pastor

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

People

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The Communion of the Faithful

In the Lutheran tradition we invite persons baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit to come forward to receive Holy Communion. In the mystery of this most Holy Sacrament, we receive the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. On your way to the altar rail, please pick up a communion cup from the small table.

A note for parents – we also welcome all baptized children, regardless of age, to receive Holy Communion. Some parents wish for their children to wait until a later age to receive. If you do not wish for your children to receive, please make sure the Pastor knows that. It is not Pastor's practice to deny children Holy Communion at the altar, unless parents indicate otherwise. Welcome and hospitality are very important at this altar.

For those who have need of gluten-free hosts or unfermented grape juice, please indicate that to the Pastor and the assistant.

Music During Communion – “Presto” from Sonatina #4

Fritz Spindler
Henry Comer, piano

The Prayer after Communion

Pastor

May the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Pastor and People together

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we have who received the Sacrament of his Body and Blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Final Hymn – “*Christians All, Your Lord is Coming*”

**1. Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth. Ring the bells
and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth. Dance and move to show
God’s glory; kneel and pause to hear God’s word. Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let
your songs be heard.**

**2. Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed. See the ones
who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed. Set all selfish ways behind
you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet
their need.**

**3. Christians all, your Lord is coming, he will rise up from the dead. Lift the cup,
of sin forgiven; bless the host and eat his bread. Mend the ways where peace is
broken, give yourselves to true Shalom. Alleluia! Alleluia! Dwell as one in church
and home.**

**4. Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand. Let there
be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands. Bear the word that God has
given; share the birth that stirs your soul. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and
make you whole.**

The Dismissal

Pastor Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Serving Today

Ushers

Henry Hollingsworth, Lyn Hollingsworth, Ella Barletta, and Charlie McQuay

Acolyte

Henry Callahan

Crucifer and Communion Assistant

Couper Barletta

Intercessors

Harper Callahan and Kennedy Callahan

Serving Next Week

Ushers/Tellers: Alfred and Stevi Saathoff

Lector: Joshua Lewis

Acolyte: Joshua Lewis

Tuesday, November 25

7:30 am Turkey Roasting

8:30am Matins St. Paul's

9:00am Bible Study St. Paul's

1:00 pm Turkey Picking

7:00pm Thanksgiving Service St. Paul's

Offices are Closed on Wednesday, November 26 and Thursday, November 27