



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, November 30, 2025

### First Sunday of Advent

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## INTRODUCTION

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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The November Noisy Offering collection will go to Wreaths Across America, chosen by Parish Ed.



## Upcoming Commemorations

### Andrew, Apostle

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.

## First Sunday of Advent

Warren, Barbara & Wes Latham

*Use this blessing when lighting the first candle.*

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.

You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,  
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

**Amen.**

**ADVENT WREATH HYMN ELW 240, vs. 1**

**Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel,  
God fulfills the promise.

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“The Christmas Story” Pam Wilson - Stable/Manger



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 436, vs. 1 & 2

### Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
the watchmen on the heights are crying;  
awake, Jerusalem, at last.  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bridegroom comes! Awake;  
your lamps with gladness take!"  
Alleluia!  
Rise and prepare the feast to share;  
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

and all her heart with joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,  
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
Now come, O Blessed One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.  
Sing hosanna!  
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
and follow to the banquet hall.

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2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,

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### Greeting page 147

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

### KYRIE Pg. 147

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

#### First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

## **Psalm: Psalm 122**

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)*

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup> **Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup> **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

- <sup>6</sup> **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**  
    **“May they prosper who love you.**
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls  
    and quietness within your towers.
- <sup>8</sup> **For the sake of my kindred and companions,**  
    **I pray for your prosperity.**
- <sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
    I will seek to do you good.”

## **Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

<sup>11</sup> 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; <sup>12</sup> 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; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation p.151**

*Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 24th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

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



**CHILDREN’S SERMON Puppeteers** “Like a Thief” song by Zionware; songwriter Chudi Uwadi.

**SERMON** Pastor Barbara Jones

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 438

### **My Lord, What a Morning**

#### *Refrain*

My Lord, what a morning;  
my Lord, what a morning;  
oh, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

2 You will hear the sinner cry,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

3 You will hear the Christian shout,  
to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand,  
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the  
Living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
And glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and  
Apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

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. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing (***especially . . . and those affected by HIV and AIDS as we remember World AIDS Day***). Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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,

**hear our prayer.**

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

**hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

## PEACE

In Jesus Christ, God has made his peace with us.



The peace of the Lord be with you always,  
**And also with you**  
Let us share God's peace with one another.

## **OFFERING/ NOISY OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY ELW 184**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, .....  
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** pg. 153

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is life. God is with us.  
Come, receive what God has promised.

## **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG** pg. 154



## COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 252

### Each Winter As the Year Grows Older

- 1 Each winter as the year grows older,  
we each grow older, too.  
The chill sets in a little colder;  
the verities we knew  
seem shaken and untrue.
- 2 When race and class cry out for treason,  
when sirens call for war,  
they overshout the voice of reason  
and scream till we ignore  
all we held dear before.
- 3 Yet I believe beyond believing  
that life can spring from death,  
that growth can flower from our grieving,  
that we can catch our breath

and turn transfixed by faith.

- 4 So even as the sun is turning  
to journey to the north,  
the living flame, in secret burning,  
can kindle on the earth  
and bring God's love to birth.
- 5 O Child of ecstasy and sorrows,  
O Prince of peace and pain,  
brighten today's world by tomorrow's,  
renew our lives again;  
Lord Jesus, come and reign!

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## ELW 491

### Come, Let Us Eat

*[The words in parentheses may be sung by a  
leader or by all.]*

- 1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is  
spread,  
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
(Our Lord's body let us take together,)  
our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is  
poured,  
come, let us drink, for now the wine is  
poured.  
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,)  
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,)  
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
(In the presence of our Lord we gather,)  
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty  
word,)  
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty  
word.  
(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,)  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b.  
1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.  
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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **BLESSING**

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.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 259, vs. 1 & 2**

#### **Fling Wide the Door**

- 1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;  
the King of glory comes in state;  
the Lord of lords and King of kings,  
the Savior of the world who brings  
his great salvation to the earth.  
So raise a shout of holy mirth  
and praise our God and Lord,  
Creator, Spirit, Word.
- 2 He is the rock of our belief,  
the heart of mercy's gentle self.

His kingly crown is holiness;  
his scepter is his loveliness;  
he brings our sorrows to an end.  
Now gladly praise our king and friend,  
and worship him with song  
for saving us from wrong.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

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Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

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