

FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent

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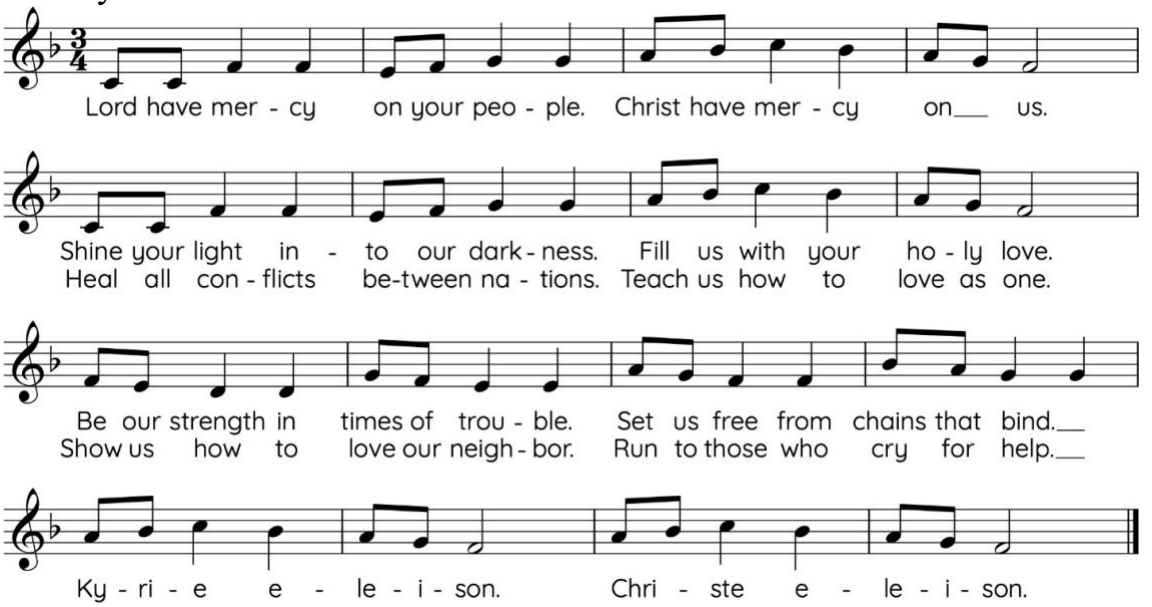
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 a.m.

The Prelude
The Welcome and Announcements
The Hymn *"Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn."* WOV #633
The Apostolic Greeting

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.**

The Kyrie



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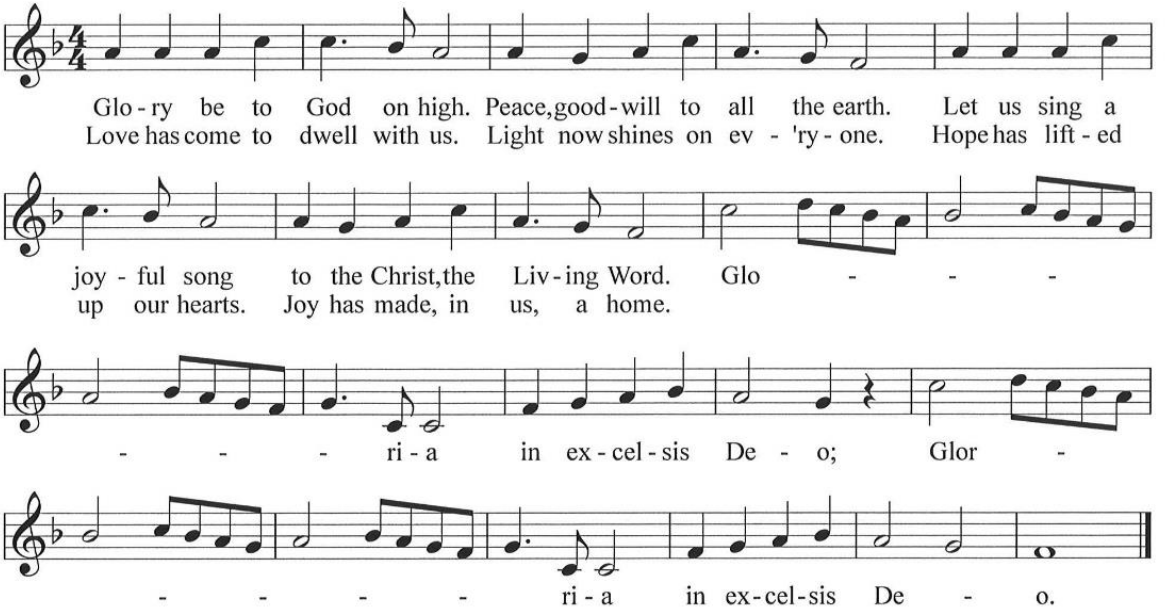
The Hymn of Praise *"Advent/Christmas Glory to God"*



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*The Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The First Reading -Isaiah 64:1-9

[1] O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— [2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3] When you

did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. [5] You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. [6] We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. [8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Psalm -Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

[1] Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

[2] **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

[3] Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

[4] **O LORD God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

[5] You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

[6] **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

[7] Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

[17] **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**

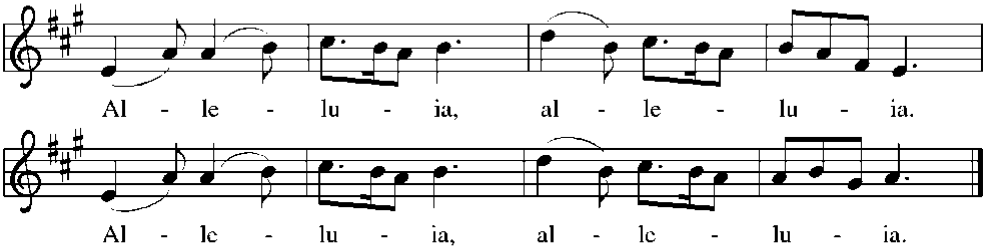
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
18 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
19 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading -1 Corinthians 1:3-9
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*The Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation
Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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*The Holy Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 13:24-37

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from
heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 "Then they will see
'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he
will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the
ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson:
as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that
summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you
know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will
not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth
will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 "But about that day or
hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the
Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.
34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his
slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on
the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of
the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at
dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And
what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

The Children's Message

The Sermon

The Hymn of the Day *"My Lord, What a Morning"* WOV #627

*The 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.

*The Prayers

*The Confession and Forgiveness

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!"
We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

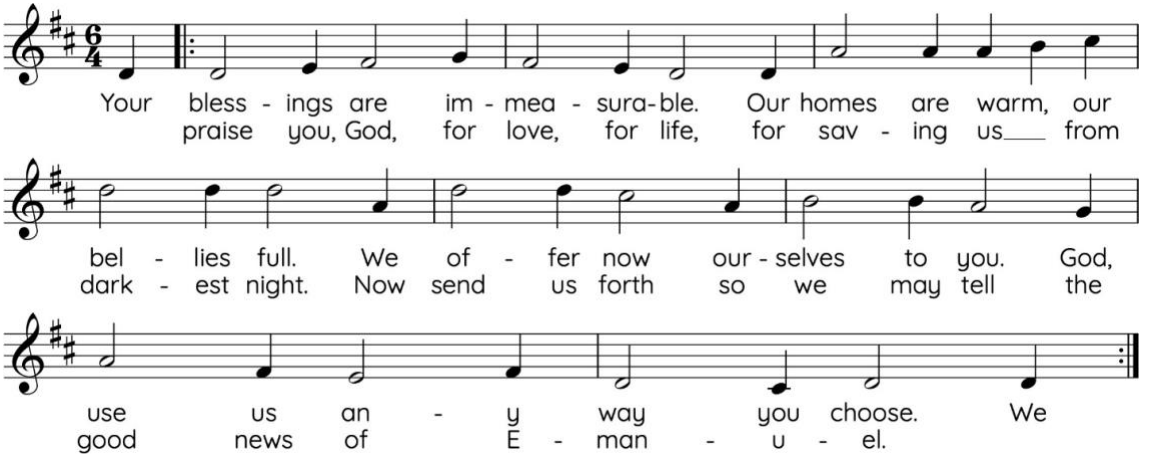
Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God,
we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!

Amen.
*The Sharing of Peace

The Offering *"Your blessings are immeasurable"*
(Words David Eck. Tune on Jordan's Bank)



Offertory Prayer
Holy Creator, **we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Healing Service
Introduction
Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anyone who wishes prayers for healing and the laying on of hands may come forward, no one will be ushered forward, but anyone who wishes prayer for healing in any part of their life including mind, spirit, relationships, or body is invited to come forward.

Hymns to be sung during the healing prayers: (With One Voice Hymnal)
"Day by Day" #746 and *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"* #734

The Healing prayer
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ uphold you, refresh and renew you, and fill you with grace, so that you may know the healing power of his love.
Response: Amen.

After everyone has returned to their seats,

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray as one people.

*The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*The 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.

C: Amen.

*The Sending

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Closing Hymn *"Soon and Very Soon"* WOV #744

*The Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

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WELCOME *to all who have joined us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest registry and do come visit us again. May the Lord bless each of us.*

THE OFFERING today is for Benevolence. The offering next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon, 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel, Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John's, Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.

PRAYER CONCERNS: The family of Irv Harms, Jerry Harms, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Our folks in the nursing homes and All active military (Seth Green).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Joyce Welsh, Bryant Heesch, Melissa Wolf, Tom Larsen, Jr., MaKenna Smidt, Michael Givens, Bob Stecker, and Paige Haines-Colton.

'TIS THE SEASON for the Women's Circle to deliver candy, cookies and any other goodies to the elderly, shut-ins, and those in need. We are asking the congregation to help us with this endeavor. For anyone wishing to help, please bring your goodies to the church by **Thursday, December 10th before 9:15 a.m. Thank you!**



THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE will be collecting money for the Christmas sacks and Pastor's gift next Sunday, December 6th and again on Sunday, December 13th.

PLEASE HELP TO beautify our sanctuary this holiday season. We are asking for donations of poinsettia plants. They add so much to our worship

service. Be sure to identify your plant. If you are giving the poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please get that information to Kelly so it can be noted in the bulletin. Thank you in advance for your help! Today is the First Sunday of Advent and poinsettias can be brought in starting today.

HELP WANTED: Church council is looking for someone to do snow removal this winter. The driveway, sidewalks, south parking and parsonage property all needs to be done. Please talk to a council member if you are interested. The council members are: Roger Tjarks, Deb Spear, Kristen Hinz, Carole Tuecke, Daryl Chapin and Rick Welsh. Thank you!

IT'S THAT TIME of year, and once again I am putting together the WELCA book for 2027. Please notify me if you are unwilling or unable to serve in any of the ways listed in the current book. This includes those serving as officers, Growth Secretaries, Funeral Committee members, altar flower duties, or on the communion calendar (set up/cleanup). Please try to find your replacement, if needed and if unsuccessful, contact me no later than November 30 at 515-320-1419.

-Gail Hamilton

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR the 2026 Annual Report book are due no later than December 18th so Kelly can get the books ready to print!

