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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

***During the season of Advent, Jesus calls us into a time
of vigilant hope.***

November 30, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting Nine

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Confession

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,
**we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of
war.**

**We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.**

**Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our
neighbours.**

**Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have
promised. Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

✝ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Saviour.

Amen.

Gathering Song
***Blessed Is the One* – No. 929**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Greeting

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

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Advent Song

He Came Down – No. 253

Vs. 1 He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

Vs. 2 He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

Vs. 3 He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

Vs. 4 He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.

Psalm 122

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

² **Now our ¹ feet are standing
within your gates, ¹ O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built ¹ as a city
that is at unity ¹ with itself;

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

Refrain: ***I was glad when they said to me, "Let
us go to the house of the Lord."***

**⁵ For there are the ^l thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the ^l house of David.**

**⁶ Pray for the peace ^l of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper 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."

Refrain: ***I was glad when they said to me, "Let
us go to the house of the Lord."***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn of the Day

***Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* – No. 436**

Vs. 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.

Vs. 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
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.

Vs. 3 Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

The Apostle's Creed

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 the People

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering Song

*There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying –
H. Hopson – Choir*

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Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r 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.

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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace. Amen.

Communion Songs

***My Lord, What a Morning* – No. 438**

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

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

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

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

God the Sculptor of the Mountains – No. 736

Vs. 1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.

Vs. 2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.

Vs. 3 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at ev'ry table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

Vs. 4 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present ev'ry moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace – No. 247

Vs. 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one
body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Vs. 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Vs. 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Saviour.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Vs. 4 Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Sending Song
***Come Now, O God* – No. 902**

Vs. 1 Come now, O God, when our love is forsaken.
Come, when our bedrock of faith has been shaken.
Come, when our deepest of hopes are mistaken.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Vs. 2 Come, when we squander the freedom you gave us.
Come, break the systems of sin that enslave us.
Come, though we wonder if you can still save us.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Vs. 3 Come, put an end to our self-serving madness.
Come, while the world is enshrouded in sadness.
Come, turn the tears of our mourning to gladness.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Dismissal... Thanks be to God.

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