

Morning prayer November 30, 2025

For our time of worship, you're invited to gather some candles and a Bible.

*Advent Call to Worship

Sing: O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

O Root of Jesse, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings should keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication: **Come, and deliver us and tarry not.**



Sing Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5 CEB

2 This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In the days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

will be the highest of the mountains.

It will be lifted above the hills;

peoples will stream to it.

³ Many nations will go and say,

"Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain,

to the house of Jacob's God

so that he may teach us his ways

and we may walk in God's paths."

Instruction will come from Zion;

the Lord's word from Jerusalem.

⁴ God will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations.

Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools.

Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war.

⁵Come, house of Jacob,

let's walk by the Lord's light.

Second Lesson Luke 1:26-38 CEB

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?" The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God." Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer. After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who suffer and those in trouble...

for the concerns of this local community...

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, and its mission, in communion with the saints...

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

*Benediction

Life is short and we have too little time

to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.

So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**