

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025
Oak Lake Lutheran Church, ELCA
“The Candle of Love”
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Invocation

L: We worship as we live in the strong name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song

30

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Opening Liturgy: (based on Psalm 136: 1-3; 23-26)

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of gods.

C: His love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

C: His love endures forever.

L: to the One who remembered us in our low estate

C: His love endures forever.

L: and freed us from our enemies,

C: His love endures forever.

L: and who gives food to every creature.

C: His love endures forever.

Introduction... (not printed but read by reader)

Advent Candle Lighting (light 2nd candle)

L: As we light the candle of love...

Remember that God loves you and everyone else. Christmas is about God’s gift of love, coming to us through Jesus Christ. Think about how much God loves you this Christmas. Think about how you can take God’s love and share it with others. Share God’s love among your family. Share God’s love among the community you live in. Share God’s love to people around the world.

C: We will. Thanks be to God!

Apostolic Greeting

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

First Lesson- Matthew 3: 1-12

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 (read responsively)

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Second Lesson- Romans 15: 4-13

"Oh, Come Oh, Come Emmanuel"

Sharing the Peace

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory (tune- # 279)

**"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin, where
meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in."**

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray...

C: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

God's Giving Continues...

Hymn during Communion #222

Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Song

26

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace. Share the good news your savior is coming.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

We welcome all visitors, please come down to our fellowship hall for coffee & goodies after worship. Don't forget to sign our guest book in the Narthex.

Announcements:

Monday, December 8 Health Council meeting at Trinity - 4:30pm

Wednesday, December 10th Sunday School and confirmation at 6-7:30 pm

Friday, December 12th Christmas party at Julie Gunderson's - noon potluck

Sunday, December 14th Event Committee meeting 10:15 am ; Worship at 11:15

Readers needed for 2026 - see Hila if you aren't currently on the list and would like to be.

Newsletters & calendar have been published, check your email for your copy. Printed copies are in the Narthex.