

The First Sunday of
ADVENT

November 30, 2025



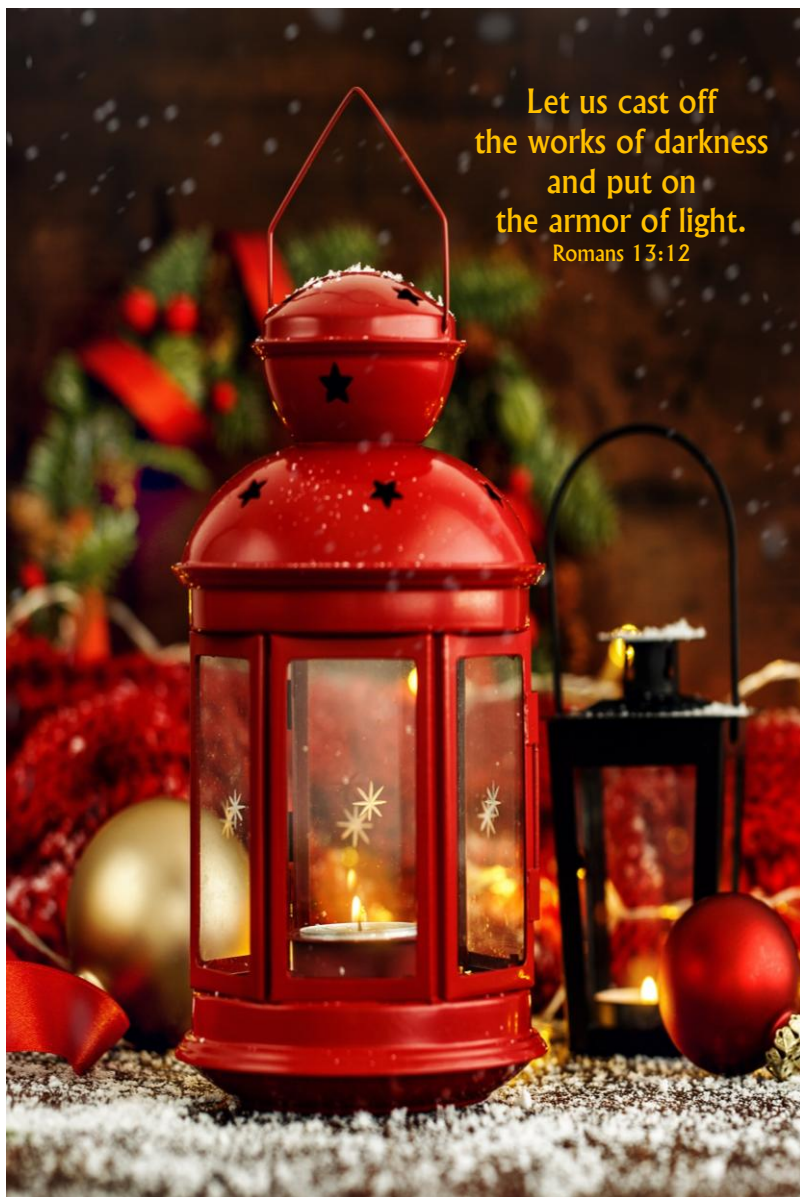
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Let us cast off
the works of darkness
and put on
the armor of light.
Romans 13:12



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PRELUDE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Karl Osterland

ENTRANCE HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357 v. 1-2, 4-5



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.



Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

INVOCATION Mt 28:19b

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Matthew 24:42; Romans 13:11; Isaiah 2:4; Psalm 122:1

Pastor: Stay awake,

People: for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Pastor: For salvation is nearer to us now
People: than when we first believed.
Pastor: They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
People: and their spears into pruning hooks.
Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,
People: “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

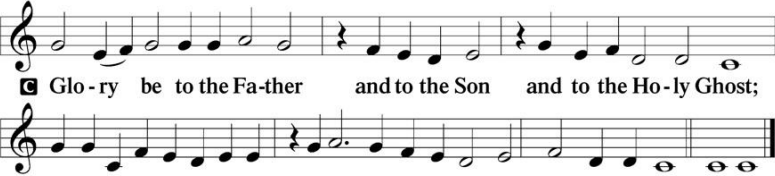
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 13:12; Isaiah 2:3*

Pastor: Our Lord urges us to stay awake and watch for His return, when He will usher in the kingdom of God. Paul tells us to “cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”
People: In our fallen sinful condition, our thoughts, words, and deeds often reflect the fallen world around us.
Pastor: Dear Heavenly Father,
People: forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and by Your Holy Spirit turn our feet to walk in ways pleasing to You. Awaken our faith that we greet You whenever You return.
Pastor: Our Lord’s first coming was to save us—to die and rise in our place. When we receive His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, it is for the remission of sins. When He returns, it will be to usher in the kingdom of God, in which He promised through Isaiah, “He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: ♪ Amen.

THE INTROIT *Psalm 25:4-7; Antiphon: Psalm 25:1*

Pastor/Choir: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

THE GLORIA PATRI



♩ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

ADVENT KYRIE

The Kyrie Eleison ("Lord have mercy") for Advent is drawn from the familiar Christmas tune "Coventry Carol", first written in 1534 at the time of Luther. The Hymn of Praise is traditionally removed during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.



THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom, as the prophet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." *Isaiah 9:2*

**♪ O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

(Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.)

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and 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 anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE

Romans 13:8-14

(Put on the armor of light.)

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Pastor:: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

(You must be ready because the Son of Man is coming when you least expect Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

People:



³⁶"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master 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. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS *from the Augsburg Confession, Article III*

Pastor: The Word, that is, the Son of God, did assume the human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, so that there are two natures, the divine and the human, inseparably enjoined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true man,

People: **who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.**

Pastor: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,

People: **and sanctify them that believe in Him, by sending the Holy Ghost into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and quicken them, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.**

Pastor: The same Christ shall openly come again to judge the quick and the dead.

1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain

And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
 Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

△ All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

SERMON

"A Flood for You"

Matthew 24:37

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OFFERTORY

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The offertories during the season of Advent will lead us to the manger, where God's greatest Gift to the world may be found. In response, we offer to Him our hearts and lives.

♪ **So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!**

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VOLUNTARY

"Hark! The Glad Sound"

David Cherwien

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: We confess, Lord, that when we ponder Your might and power, that our chief aim is to glorify You and enjoy You forever. We confess that the purpose of our life, purposes seemingly woven together, are *Your* glory and *our* joy. But when we come to the end of our work together, it strikes

us that we know less about “ends” than we imagine. We sing our hymn verses about heaven, we reiterate our concluding “thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.” We add our confident loud “Amen” to our best petitions, but we realize that in the end... we cannot see the end; not from where we’re standing.

People: **And when we do not see the end, we struggle with the meaning of it all.**

VERSE

tune: LSB 365

**♪ Please hear me, Lord Jesus, my heart as I pray
In a world filled with noise where my heart goes astray.
With peace and in silence I believe you are here
As you lean in to listen, You are ever so near.**

Pastor: And so, like our many fathers and mothers before us, we trust, grabbing or grasping onto hope, restless, wandering, but finally—we pray—ceding our ends and endings to You, in our simple, final prayer:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

VERSE

tune: LSB 365

**♪ O come, Thou our Dayspring, O come from on high
And cheer us forever as a Light drawing nigh.
Disperse all the dark clouds, may the shadows take flight
That you find us rejoicing, at the end of this night.**

Pastor: Come among us, come to Your church in our bewilderment, come to our country in our annoyance, come to our world in its insomnia, and grant us peace. Peace with justice, peace with joy, peace at the last, peace on earth

People: **and glory to You in highest heaven.**

VERSE

tune: LSB 365

**♪ Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

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 and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION Num 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. *2 Peter 3:9*

People: **But he who stands firm to the end will be saved.** *Matthew 24:13*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



A A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Hark the Glad Sound"

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1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

POSTLUDE

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

J. S. Bach