



Welcome to Worship at Adoration!

If you're visiting with us or new to our congregation, please sign the welcome book at the entrance to the church. Please introduce yourself to someone! We'd love to share more about our faith community with you.

Welcome back, Pastor Kelly Taylor-Schaus!
We are blessed to have you here!

Introduction

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Worship with Holy Communion

November 27th, First Sunday in Advent

Today's worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* the cranberry red hymnal in your pew.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Chimes

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Lord, † the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

God of new beginnings, **we confess**
that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

*Children are invited forward
for an age-specific message
focused on the day's reading
and the lesson.*

*(*No Sunday School today.)*



Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The season of Advent reminds us of the hope we have in the humanity of Jesus. God came to us, leaving behind the glory of heaven to be a person like us feeling pain, joy, loss, and love.

Today, we light the candle of hope, because in Jesus, heaven came to earth.

At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.
O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

Wake us up to your coming.

Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope. Amen.

The first Advent Candle is lit.

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Candle Song: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

ELW #240

Verse 1

Blessing

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.

You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: *Messiah*

1. **Someone's shouting from the desert.
Someone's shouting from the sea.
Someone's shouting from the mountain.
Someone's shouting from the valley.**

***Chorus:* Messiah, Come and be our King.
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2. **Someone's shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold.
Someone's shouting from the country.
I am lonely, I am old. *Chorus.***

Chorus

3. **Someone's shouting I am broken.
Someone's shouting make me whole.
Someone's shouting come and change me.
Someone's shouting save my soul. *Chorus.***

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection, save us from the threatening
dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of
your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

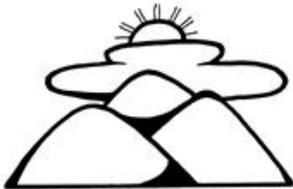
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.



The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"



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



First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many 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 forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; 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 any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (Read Responsively)

Let us read from Psalm 122 responsively.

¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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

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

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

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

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good."

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Blessed Assurance" Ted Lazaris

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.



Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation

He Came Down ELW #253, verse 1



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.



As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.



⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner 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 unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* ***ELW #244***

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Prayers of Intercession

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

God of our salvation, you speak through angels and prophets, telling us: “Be strong, do not fear! For I will come and save you.” Remove obstacles to our faith, that we may sing for joy at the coming of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God of Zechariah, you break into our fearful world with news of joy and gladness. Give light to all who sit in darkness, and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God of Mary, you know the fears of your people. Lift up the lowly, especially those who are sick, those who mourn, those who are hungry, and all in need of your care.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God of Joseph, your message calls us to let go of our fears and place our trust in you.

Sustain us in your hope as we await our Savior's birth.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God of all creation, you name us as your precious and chosen people and redeem us through Christ.

Take hold of our hearts and shine your love through our lives.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

As we await the coming of Christ, may the God of our salvation grant you peace and joy, hope and gladness. **And also with you.**
Please share signs of peace with those in your vicinity.

Today we give our tithes and offerings by bringing them forth as we come to receive Communion.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Preparation Prayer

Let us pray. **Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.**

Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice.

We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen

Thanksgiving

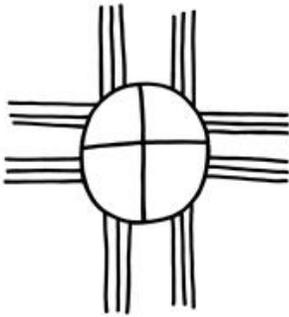
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. We praise and thank you, Creator God, for you have not left us alone. Each year you come to us, Emmanuel, God with us in the world. Each time you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. In time or out of time you will be revealed and we shall see you face to face. And so, with hopeful expectation, we sing your praises.



ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to the Lord's Table by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, Adoration Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion," which means we do not restrict anyone from receiving this grace-filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.



We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice. Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server.

Consecrated Goldfish crackers are available for children.

All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing.

Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews.

Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.

Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Mary and the women at the tomb, we might be filled with hope and expectation.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace.

We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You mother and feed and comfort us, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Remember us, O Christ, and teach us to pray:

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

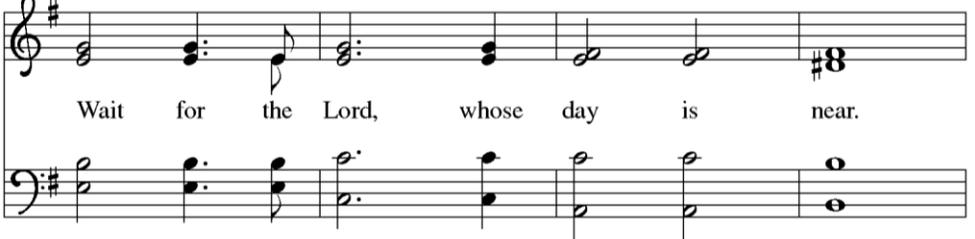
Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Children of God: Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, who has come to save you.



Invitation Hymn: Wait for the Lord *ELW #262*


Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Communion**Hymn During Communion** *Hark the Glad Sound*
ELW #239

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Post-Communion Blessing**Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray. **Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.**

As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Today's Lay Leaders

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Communion Assistants:
Tom & Jeanette
Nowakowski and Sandy
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Ushers: George & Gloria
Becker

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
Coordinator:**
Barb Regent

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*Altar flowers provided by
Jessica Hodgson.
Thank you!*

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Sending Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
ELW #257 *Verses 1-2*

Dismissal
Go in peace, Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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