

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM



Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”
Will Simpson, organ

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

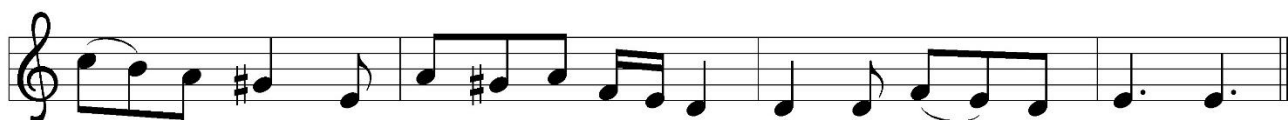
Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (*sing v. 1 - 2*)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- ** 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
** 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



- ** He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
** He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

The second Advent candle is lit as the hymn is sung.

God of power and mercy,

Open our hearts and remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, that we may share his wisdom and become one with him, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

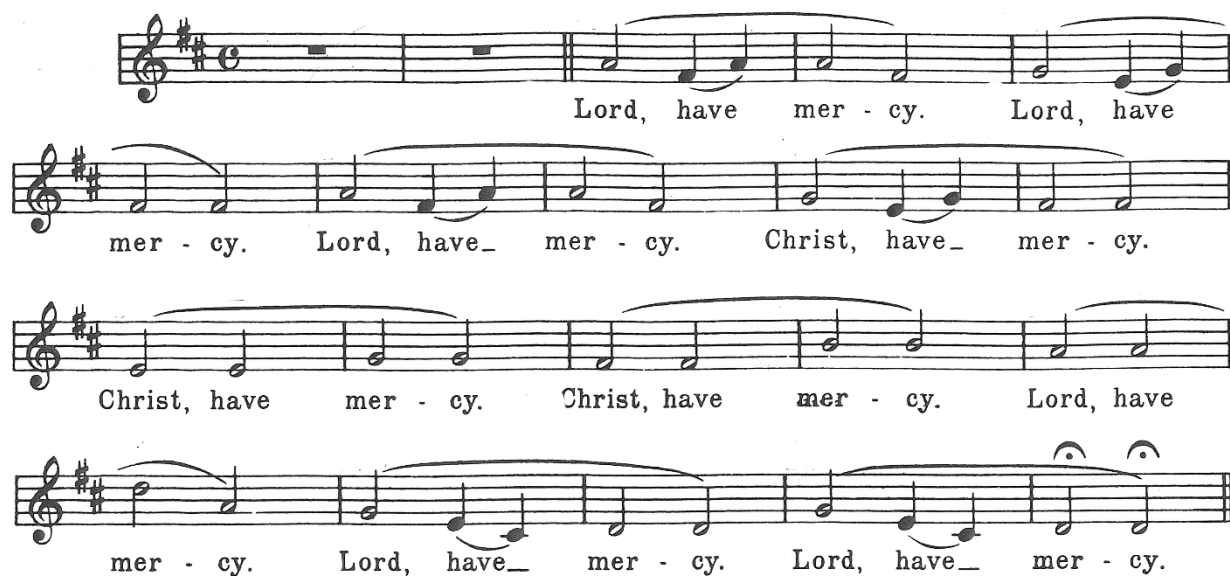
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, alive in the world, reviving creation,
arriving soon. **Amen**

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

KYRIE



Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

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 Savior.
Amen.

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 together. 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.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

WORD

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14 (paraphrased)

One day the Lord led Ezekiel into a large open field strewn with dry bones. There were so many! Hundreds of them all bleached white by the sun.

Then God said to Ezekiel, "Child, can these bones live again?"
Ezekiel said, "God, only you know."

Then God said to Ezekiel, "Talk to the bones and say to them: 'Dry bones, listen to what God has to say to you!'"

God, the Master, told the dry bones, "Watch what is about to happen to you! I'll bring the breath of life to you and you'll come to life.

I'll attach sinews to you, put meat on your bones, cover you with skin, and breathe life into you. You'll come alive and you'll realize that I am God!"

Then Ezekiel spoke just as God told him to. And all of the sudden there was a sound, a rustling! The dry bones moved and came together, bone to bone. I kept watching. Sinews formed, then muscles on the bones, then skin stretched over them. But they had no breath in them.

Then God told Ezekiel, "Child, speak again for me. Speak to the breath and tell the breath, 'God, the Master, says, Come from the four winds. Breathe! Breathe on these empty bodies. Breathe life into them!'"

Then Ezekiel spoke to the four winds just as God told him to. Immediately, the breath entered them and they came alive! They stood up on their feet, a huge army.

Then God said, "Look Child, these dry bones are the whole house of Israel. Listen to what they're saying: 'We are just a bunch of dry bones, our hope is gone, there's nothing left of us.'

"Therefore, tell them, 'God, the Master, says: I'll dig up your graves and bring you out alive—O my people! Then I'll take you straight to the land of Israel. When I dig up graves and bring you out as my people, you'll realize that I am God. I'll breathe my life into you and you'll live. Then I'll lead you straight back to your land and you'll realize that I am God. I've said it and I'll do it. You will no longer be a pile of dry bones. I promise.'"

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sing two (2) times



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

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

You may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Vanessa will sing verse 1 in Spanish first,
the congregation will follow with verses 1-4 in English

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



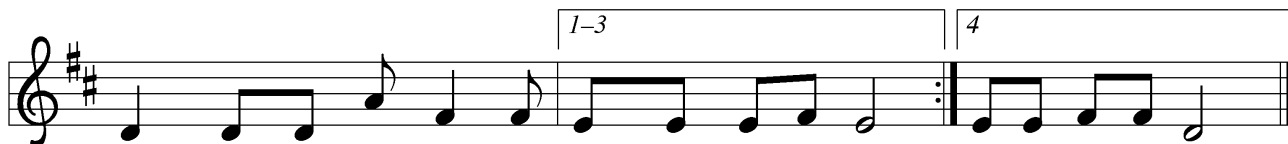
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



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 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

BAPTISM OF HELANA DON MCINERNY

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Helana, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you make this public profession of faith, do you intend to live in the covenant God makes with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do.

Do you promise to nurture Helana in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Helana and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Congregation responds: We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Together with the whole church we confess our faith using the words of 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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Helana I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Helana with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Helana, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome Helana!

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming
word to all the world.**

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

*After each petition, the leader will say. Hear us, O God,
Your response is, **your mercy is great.***

THE PEACE

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

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*“I Will Be a Child of Peace”
The Chancel Choir*

Hagenberg/Forrest

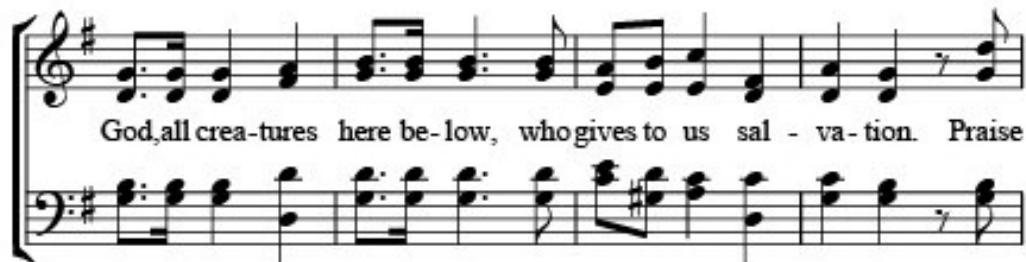
*O Holy Father I will be a child of
Peace and purity
for well I know Thy hand will bless
the seeker after righteousness.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE



Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in ev-ery gen-er - a - tion. Praise



God, all crea-tures here be-low, who gives to us sal - va - tion. Praise



God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Let



all cre - a - tion praise the Lord with love and ad - or - a - tion.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. Creator God,
you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that
we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Gently [in One]

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and_ might,____ heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.____ Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE 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.**

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.



LAMB OF GOD

The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
son of Ma - ry.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

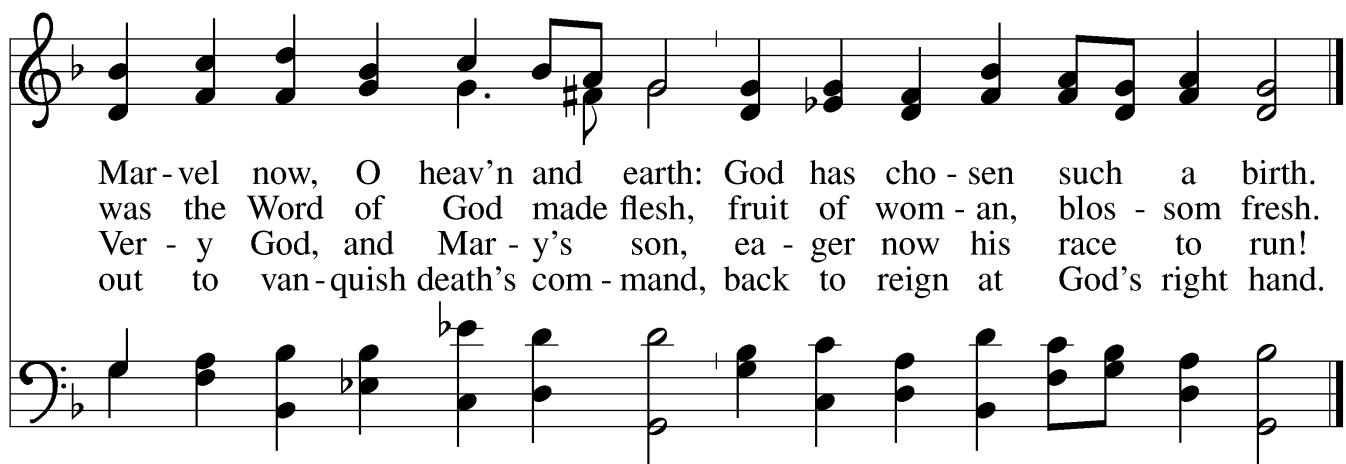
If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
3 Won - drous birth— oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

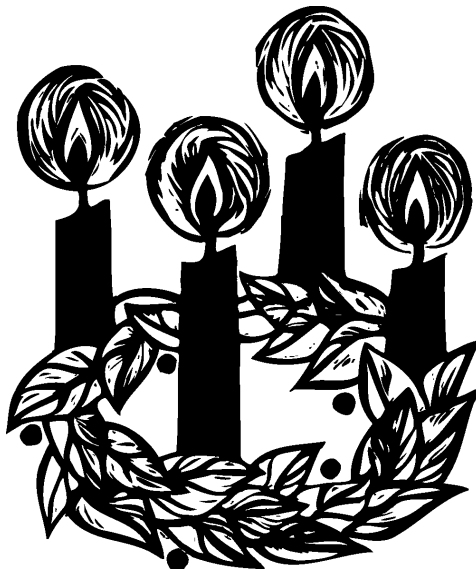
Let us pray together. Generous God,
**we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation, for coming among us,
and for leading us into peace. Go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.**

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Prepare for Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Veni Emmanuel”

Gregorian Chant

David Mills, Electric Guitar; Will Simpson, Organ

Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*

Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Tom Getzinger, *Assisting Minister*

Scott Lester, *Lector*

Zoe Elien, *Acolyte*

Stephanie Lester and Soren Lester, *Ushers*

Teresa Lutterman and Christine Koch, *Altar Guild*

Susan Hegedus, *Livestream video*

Johannes Grad, *Audio*

Mikel Oswalt and Stella Nieman, *Greeters*

*Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church)
to serve as a greeter or coffee host!*

Worship Texts for December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

John 1:19-23

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Announcements

Upcoming Adult Forums:

Sunday, December 14:

9:00 AM Adult Education, David Duea CEO of Lutheran Community Services NW. David will do a short presentation, then open up to questions/answers about LCSNW and their programs.

December 16th O.W.L.S. (*Older, Wiser, Lutheran Saints*) will celebrate the season with a potluck lunch and then carol-singing with Dr. Will! We gather at **11:45 AM**, lunch at 12 Noon, sing!





Love Tree

CHRISTMAS 2025

Beginning November 23rd you can shop and support the following agencies:

- Kid Vantage**
(Board books, Board games, dolls, trucks/cars)
- Lantern Hill**
(\$25 toward building supplies)
- Compass Housing**
(socks/t-shirts; gloves/mittens)
- The Sophia Way**
(\$25 gift cards to QFC/Fred Meyer/Safeway)

We also support uniform purchases for the Maasae Lutheran Girls school in Tanzania (\$65 donation) Look for that display on the bulletin board!

Donate + take an ornament.

Monday, December 8

10:00 AM Health & Wholeness Meeting
 1:00 PM Staff meeting
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 9

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
 9:30 AM Dorcas Circle
 10:00 AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Bell Choir
 Building & Property Committee

Wednesday, December 10

1:00 PM Care Team Meeting
 4:00 PM Adult Education Meeting

Thursday, December 11

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 12

Office is closed.

Saturday, December 13

4:00 PM Christmas Cookies + Cocoa

Sunday, December 14

9:00 AM Adult Education, LCSNW
 Sunday School, preschool – 5th Grade
 10:00 AM Worship

Monday, December 15

1:00 PM Staff meeting
 7:00 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 16

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
 10:00 AM Bible Study
 11:45 AM OWLS - Caroling
 7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, December 17**Thursday, December 18**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 19

Office is closed.

Saturday, December 20**Sunday, December 21**

9:00 AM Adult Education
 Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
 10:00 AM Worship

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