



December 7, 2025
9am Service
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Our Mission Statement:

As God's people, abounding in HOPE and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to share in the unfolding experience of Jesus Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection.

Long-expected God, **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

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.

Opening Hymn

Hark, the Glad Sound!

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1. Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.
2. He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.
3. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

2. Come, Lord Jesus, we are ready, Be our Guest this Advent day.
Loving hearts we have prepared for Jesus, who gives us peace.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

Choose to Hope

Voices of Hope

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

When the reading is completed, please respond:

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

When the reading is completed, please respond:

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

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Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

When the reading is completed, please respond:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Vision of Peace"

Pastor Janelle Harrison

Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

4. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Apostles' 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 again 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. Amen.

Prayers for the People

Prayer Petitions will end with "Lord in your Mercy"

Prayer response is **"Hear Our Prayer"**

Sharing God's Peace & Noisy Offering

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Offertory

Create In Me a Clean Heart

#186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

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 and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion and Distribution

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to handle the elements, require gluten free, or would prefer grape juice, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please inform an usher and you will be served in your pew.

Distribution Music

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

Amazing love

1. My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly,
that I, the guilty one, may go free?

Refrain: Amazing love, oh, what sacrifice, the Son of God giv'n for me;

my debt he pays and my death he dies, that I might live, that I might live.

2. And so they watched him die, despised, rejected;
but oh, the blood he shed flowed for me. ***Refrain***
3. And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
come, wash your guilt away, live again. ***Refrain***

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

#264

1. Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story;
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!
2. God's people, see him coming; your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

3. Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!
4. His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding.
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God**

Worship Leaders

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