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November 30, 2025

Advent 1

*For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we first believed.*

Romans 13:11



advent

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 18 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Advent Candle Lighting - #1 HOPE

We light the first Advent candle and recall the HOPE we have in Christ. On Christmas day Jesus Christ, our HOPE was born. On Good Friday He died. On Easter Sunday He rose from the dead. He proclaimed His victory over Satan. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, He will come again to judge the living and the dead. This is our faith and this is our HOPE as we await His return. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for His sure and certain return.



Opening Hymn: 331 *The Advent of Our King*

LSB 331

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

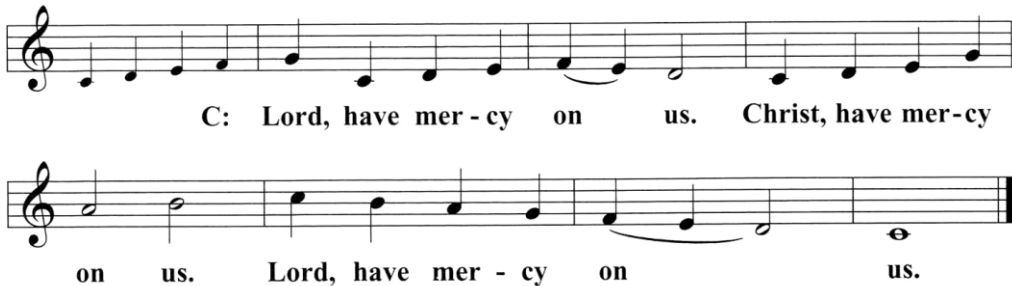
P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* W.S. p. 13



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* W.S. p. 13



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 98 (Responsive) (NKJV)

P Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things;

C His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

P The LORD has made known His salvation;

C His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

P He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;

C Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

P Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm,
With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

C Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

P Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;

C Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

P For He is coming to judge the earth.

A With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44 (NKJV)

P The Gospel reading is from Matthew 24:37-44.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

³⁷ "But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia and Verse

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluia!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn: *"Under Your Wings"* – Music and lyrics on next two pages – p. 6-7

Under Your Wings

Words & Music by HEATHER SCHOPF

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 8/8 time. It features three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The key signature is E-flat major (three flats). The first system covers measures 1-3, the second system covers measures 4-6, and the third system covers measures 7-9. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some words split across lines. The piano line provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

System 1 (Measures 1-3):

Chords: E $\flat$, A $\flat$ sus2/E $\flat$, E $\flat$, A $\flat$

Give me a heart that's fixed up - on__ You, not a - fraid, on - ly
Give me a mind that's stayed up - on__ You, not a - fraid, sim - ply
There is a place that's wait - ing for__ me; it is sure, it's for -
Give me a hope that's an - chored in__ You, nev - er moved, nev - er

System 2 (Measures 4-6):

Chords: E $\flat$ /B $\flat$ B $\flat$, E $\flat$, A $\flat$ sus2/E $\flat$, E $\flat$

trust - ing. Held by Your Hand, my soul is se - cure through the
rest - ing; Nev - er to fear at trou - ble - some news though it
ev - er. Far, far a - way from dan - ger and grief; by Your
sha - ken. Help me be - lieve this storm will pass through; I will

System 3 (Measures 7-9):

Chords: A $\flat$, E $\flat$ /B $\flat$ B $\flat$, E $\flat$ /G

storm, through the test - ing.
tries to o'er - whelm me. Un - der Your wings my
side, end - less plea - sure.
not be for - sa - ken.

10 A $\flat$ B $\flat$ E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$ B $\flat$

re - fuge will be un - til these winds have passed o - ver me,

13 C $\flat$ m B $\flat$ E $\flat$ A $\flat$ E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$

like a child who fears no a - larm, qui - et - ly trust - ing in

16 B $\flat$ C $\flat$ m E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$ B $\flat$ E $\flat$

all that You are, qui - et - ly trust - ing in all that You are. _

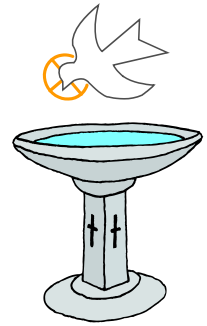
Baptism of Judah Zacchaeus Israel Nelson

Born: November 13th, 2025

Reborn of Water and the Spirit: November 30th, 2025

Parents: Erik & Jessie Nelson

Sponsors: Joshua & Kelsey Rodebaugh



W.S. p. 15

Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Baptism Hymn: 605 *Father Welcomes*

LSB 605

Children's Sermon - *Children 10 years old and younger are invited to come up front.*

Sermon Text: Romans 13:11-14 (ESV)

¹¹ Besides 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. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon Theme: “The Gifts of Christmas” - Salvation

† Is God’s great gift of **salvation** a future gift, or a gift we have even now?
(v. 11b, see Luke 19:9)

† What makes the day of our **salvation** such a great gift? (see Revelation 21:3-4)

† Since we know that the “**day**” of our **salvation** is at hand, what should we do while we watch and wait? (v. 11a, 12-14)

Offertory

W.S. p. 16



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Sermon Hymn: 345 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

LSB 345

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

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 *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: 515 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Beleivers* (please stand for last verse)

LSB 513

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:

Advent Begins

11/30/25

Choir – 8am

Worship w/ Baptism (Judah Nelson) – **9am**

Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am

Christmas Decorating – 11:15am (Activity Group 3 & any and all volunteers!)

This Week: Wednesday – **Wednesday Advent Worship #1 – 6:30pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #6 (11/29-12/5); Team #7 (12/6-12/12)

Next Sunday: **Choir Practice – 8am**

12/7/25 **Worship w/Communion – 9am**

Children's Christmas Program Practice & Bible Class – 10:15am

Christmas Caroling & Chili Supper – 4pm

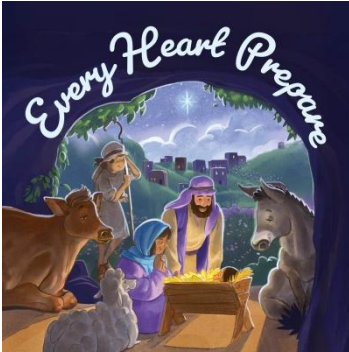
In Your Mailbox – Messiah Church Calendar - *December*



Church Christmas Decorating – Today, Sunday, November 30th @ 11am –

Activity Group 3 will be decorating the church for Christmas after Bible Class and Sunday School TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 30th at 11am. The congregation is invited to help with the decorating. The more the merrier!

Wed. Advent Worship Begins 12/3 @ 6:30pm – Make plans to join us for our three Wednesday



Advent Worship Services beginning on **Wed. Dec. 3rd @ 6:30pm**.

Our series this year will be entitled: "Every Heart Prepare."

We decorate in preparation for Christmas. In November and December people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel and presents under the tree, and we "deck the halls with boughs of holly." These Christmas decorations bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Advent is the church's season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we reflect upon three common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: evergreens, lights, and the nativity scene.

Christmas Caroling – Next Sunday, Dec. 7th – Meet at Church @ 4pm – Our Christmas Caroling will be held on **Sunday evening, Dec. 7th**. We'll plan to **meet at church at 4pm** and will be singing at The Villa in Greenfield (4:30pm) and New Perspective in Franklin (approx. 5:30pm). We plan to meet back at church afterwards for a chili supper. Please come and join us spread some Christmas cheer as we sing of our Savior, who is the reason for the season!

Children's Christmas Eve Program Practices Begin Next Sunday, Dec. 7th @ 10:15am –

The Children's Christmas Eve Program practices will be held during the Sunday School hour during the month of December in the sanctuary: Dec. 7th, 14th, and 21st.

Bible Readings:

11/30	Jer. 33:14-16 Psalm 25 1 Thess. 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
12/1	Joshua 17:3-18 Psalm 125 Acts 4:32-37
12/2	Joshua 18 Psalm 126 Acts 5:1-16
12/3	Joshua 19:1-31 Psalm 127 Acts 5:17-42
12/4	Joshua 19:32-51 Psalm 128 Acts 6:1-7
12/5	Joshua 20 Psalm 129 Acts 6:8-15
12/6	Joshua 21:1-19 Psalm 130 Acts 7:1-34



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12/6-12/12

Team 7

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E/J Nelson

E/H Williams

B/B Naumann

M/A Whiting

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings*:	\$8,023.85	\$162,350.82
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$181,495.65
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$618.80)	(\$19,144.93)
MDF:	\$60.00	\$525.00
MSAF:	\$25.00	\$375.00
CDSIF*:	\$485.20	\$485.20
Kinship:	\$430.00	\$1,026.56

***Includes 11/1-11/15 E-giving: \$4500.25**

Attendance Last Sun. (11/23): 121

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