

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT



“Wait for the Lord”

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LARGE PRINT HYMNALS & BULLETINS are located in the back center pews as you enter.

Please see an Usher for help locating:

- Hearing assistive devices for use during worship are available in the Narthex.
- Wheelchairs are available upon request.
- Restrooms are located to the left of the Narthex as you enter the church.
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THE CONGREGATION

AT PRAYER

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is included on the last two pages of every Sunday bulletin.


CHURCH


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PRESCHOOL


SCHOOL



FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT *Ad Te Levavi*

Tonight's Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31 James 5:7-11 Colossians 1:24-29

Wait for the Lord

During this season of Advent, all households of our Church & School are encouraged to use a daily devotional in your home, available in your member mailbox and on the Narthex table. This year's theme, for the devotional and our Wednesdays in Advent, is ***"Wait for the Lord,"*** written by Rev. Will Weedon of thewordendures.org. In his words: *"These holy servants of the Word (apostles & evangelists) seek to prepare us both to welcome Christ as He comes to us today in Word and Sacrament and, above all, to be prepared to meet Him when He comes again in power and great glory as the judge of both the living and the dead. Throughout the readings, you will hear an earnest call to repentance time and again, but ringing through it all is that earnest prayer of the Early Church: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!"*

In His Service Tonight:

 Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor

Kantor/Organist: Phil Lehman
Choir Director: Deb Trewartha
Audio/Visual: Marc Mackay

(LSB Vespers, p. 229)

L Wait | for the Lord;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the Lord!

C **The earth is the Lord's and the full- | ness thereof,***
the world and those who | dwell therein,

- L** for he has founded it up- | on the seas*
and established it upon the | rivers.
- C** **Who shall ascend the hill | of the Lord?***
And who shall stand in his | holy place?
- L** He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear de- | ceitfully.
- C** **He will receive blessing | from the Lord***
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.
- L** Such is the generation of those who | seek him,*
who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.
- C** **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,***
that the King of glory | may come in.
- L** Who is this King of | glory?*
- The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in | battle!
- C** **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,***
that the King of glory | may come in.
- L** Who is this King of | glory?*
- The Lord of hosts, he is the King of | glory!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- L** Wait | for the Lord;*
- be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the Lord!

Sit

OFFICE HYMN: O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

LSB 335

- 1 O bride of Christ, rejoice;
Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory
Foretold in sacred story. Refrain
- ref Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.
- 2 Let shouts of gladness rise
Triumphant to the skies.
Now comes the King most glorious
To reign o'er all victorious. Refrain
- 3 A humble beast He rides,
Yet as a King presides;
Though not arrayed in splendor,
He makes the grave surrender. Refrain

- 4 The weak and timid find
How meek He is and kind;
To them He gives a treasure
Of bliss beyond all measure. Refrain
- 5 Then go thy Lord to meet;
Strew palm leaves at His feet;
Thy garments spread before Him
And honor and adore Him. Refrain

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

- L** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 40.

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

James 5:7–11

L A reading from James, chapter 5.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING

Colossians 1:24–29

L A reading from Colossians, chapter 1.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

LSB 230

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

SERMON

“Waiting & Mystery”

OFFERING

Stand

CANTICLE

“Magnificat”

LSB 231

C: *Sung by Congregation* **I:** *Pulpit Side* **II:** *Lectern Side*

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

C My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

I for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

II For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

II He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

I He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER

“Kyrie”

LSB 233

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

LORD’S PRAYER

C 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.

COLLECTS

L The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

L 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.

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 234

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

LSB 341

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| <p>1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.</p> <p>2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.</p> <p>3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.</p> | <p>4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!</p> <p>5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.</p> |
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Postlude

NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2025



Hymns:

353, 336, 333, 355, 348,
659, 834

Texts:

Mal. 4:1-6; Psalm 50:1-15;
Romans 15:4-13;
Luke 21:25-36

CALENDAR

TONIGHT

6:00pm Supper in Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Advent Vespers Service
7:45-8:30pm 5th-8th Confirmation Class
7:45-8:30pm Adult Bible Study

UPCOMING

12/10, 12/17 (Weekly in Advent)

Advent Supper at 6pm, Vespers at 7pm
– 12/10 (Breakfast Food by ALCS)
*School Children Sing
– 12/17 (Pasta/Chili by Evangelism)

12/6 – Ladies Advent Tea 4pm-6pm

12/7 – Scott Schumacher, SGO Consultation

12/7 – Youth Group Meeting at 12pm

12/18 – Abendmusik Concert at Advent 7pm
– Pastors' Christmas Party 5-7pm, 8-10pm
– Handel's Messiah at Palladium 7:30pm
(Limited Tickets available in Office, freewill donation to support Phase III)

12/24 – Evening Prayer Service at 5pm, 7pm

12/24 – Christmas Eve Divine Service at 11pm

12/25 – Christmas Day Divine Service at 10am

Phase III Building Expansion

¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying,
“**Let the children come** to me, and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”
-Luke 18:16



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