

# Worship Service ~ December 7, 2025 9:00

## Second Sunday in Advent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by  
Judy Klemm in memory of loved ones.

PRELUDE      *"Jesus Jesus Rest your Head"* arr. Bob Chilcott;  
Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head. You have got a manger bed.  
All the evil folk on earth, Sleep in feathers at their birth.

(But) Jesus, Jesus, rest your head. You have got a manger bed.  
Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate?  
How his mother came to the stable, On that Christmas Eve so late?

Winds were blowing. Cows were lowing.  
Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing.

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.  
You have got a manger bed.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY BAPTISM

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### OPENING SONG

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING    ELW #715 *CHRIST BE OUR  
LIGHT* stz 1,3

### INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*~Silence for reflection~*

L: Long-expected God,

**C: 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.**

L: 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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A reading from Isaiah.

**Isaiah 11:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #172 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

R: A Gospel reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

SONG OF THE DAY *O COME, O COME EMMANUEL*

Henry S. Coffin, John M. Neale & Thomas Helmore



MUSICAL OFFERING *"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*  
by Douglas Wagner; Bells of Faith; Dean Jensen,  
director

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OFFERTORY    ELW #184 *LET THE VINEYARDS*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: Let us give our thanks and praise to God!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

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COMMUNION MUSIC    *"Prepare the Way"*

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, +  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG    ELW #242 *AWAKE, AWAKE AND GREET THE NEW  
MORN* stz 1, 2, 3

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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