Worship Service ~ November 29, 2026 9:00
First 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 Ellen St. Sauver
in memory of Dolly Parton.

PRELUDE *"Choose Hope"* by Marty Haugen; Faith Choir;
Alan Ball, piano; Linda Ek, director

Hope is born when we choose to believe that love is stronger than hatred;
Love is born when our hearts learn to see that every person is sacred.

Refrain:
In the times of darkness, in times of fear,
Choose to hope, choose to love,
And know that God is near.

Hope will grow when we choose to believe that we are sisters and brothers;
Love will grow when our hearts learn to see the life we share with each other.

Hope will shine when we choose to believe a little child will lead us;
Love will shine when our hearts learn to see that God is dwelling within us.
In the times of darkness, in times of fear,
Choose to hope, choose to love, Emmanuel is near.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE
L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG
ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING ACS #908 *IN A FAR OFF PLACE, JESUS COMES*

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
L: We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.
~Silence for reflection~

L: Comforting God,
C: we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

L: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ☩ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord! **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY
L: Let us pray.
C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Entre le Boeul"* traditional French carol
Glenn Terry, Celtic Harp

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of
God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you
have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every
kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for
the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you
to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the
partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #172 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

R: A Gospel reading from the 13th chapter of Mark.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 13:24-37

24 "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be
darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the
heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great
power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the
elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of
heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So
also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he[b] is
near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not
pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for
you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going
on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the
master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at
cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he
comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Vicar Kali Kadelbach

SONG OF THE DAY *WAITING*

MUSICAL OFFERING *"Winter Snow"*

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OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 #257 *O COME, O COME EMMANUEL* stz 1, 3, 6

DISMISSAL
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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