

# American Lutheran Church

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**Worship for the 1st Sunday of Advent**  
**November 30, 2025**

*Thank you for being the Body of Christ  
gathered here this morning.*

*We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.*

*During our Advent Season, we will be using Holden Evening Prayer as our liturgy. As the days get darker, we sing together in anticipation of the Light of Christ which no darkness can overcome.*



Welcome  
Announcements

## Advent Candle Lighting

Light of Light

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:  
prayers of those who seek re - lief.  
End their dark - ness, hear their call for  
peace on earth, good will for all.

Light of Hope

Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.

**God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.**

Advent is a time of self examination.

**God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.**

Advent is a time of joyful expectation.

**God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.**

Advent is a time of service and searching.

**God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.**

Candle Lighting

Today, we light the first candle - the candle of hope - reminding us that in sending Christ, God sent hope to the earth. Hope for a world free from war and pain, hope for a sense of purpose and belonging, and hope for peace and prosperity for our children and our children's children. When Christ came, he brought us the Light of Lights. Light that fills us with hope, illuminates our lives, and shines in our hearts.

## Advent Prayer

### Light of light reprise:

Voices cry out from a world in grief: prayers of those who seek relief. End their darkness, hear their call for peace on earth, good will for all.

### The Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Choir

### Service of Light

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#### Isaiah 2: 1-5

Reader: Elaine Peterson

Here is the message which God gave to Isaiah son of Amoz about Judah and Jerusalem: In days to come the mountain where the Temple stands will be the highest one of all, towering above all the hills. Many nations will come streaming to it, and their people will say, "Let us go up the hill of the Lord, to the Temple of Israel's God. He will teach us what he wants us to do; we will walk in the paths he has chosen. For the Lord's teaching comes from Jerusalem; from Zion he speaks to his people."

He will settle disputes among great nations. They will hammer their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will never again go to war, never prepare for battle again.

Now, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light which the Lord gives us!

#### Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the Lord's house." And now we are here, standing inside the gates of Jerusalem!

Jerusalem is a city restored in beautiful order and harmony. This is where the tribes come, the tribes of Israel, to give thanks to the Lord according to his command. Here the kings of Israel sat to judge their people.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you prosper. May there be peace inside your walls and safety in your palaces." For the sake of my relatives and friends I say to Jerusalem, "Peace be with you!" For the sake of the house of the Lord our God I pray for your prosperity.

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

#### Matthew 24: 36-44

"No one knows, however, when that day and hour will come—neither the angels in heaven nor the Son; the Father alone knows. The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

### The Annunciation & Magnificat

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### Sermon

- 1) People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.
- 2) Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.
- 3) Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.
- 4) Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**Confession of Faith**

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 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 of Intercession**

*Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy,"  
the congregation responds with "hear our prayer."*

**Offering**

*You may put your offerings in the basket on the table at the back of the church - or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website - [americanlutheranchurch.net](http://americanlutheranchurch.net) - or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

**Meal****Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

May the Lord of Advent be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your waiting hearts.

**We lift them to the One whose heart longs for us.**

People of God, give thanks to the One who draws near to us.

**As we gather at God's Table, we offer our thanks and praise.**

**Words of Institution**

The mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**Invitation to Communion**

*Jesus welcomes ALL to his table to receive his love and forgiveness -- his life given for you.  
Grape juice and gluten/soy/corn free wafers are available.*

**Blessing  
Closing Prayer  
Benediction**

**Final Blessing**

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**Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

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*Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!*

**This Week**

Monday	10am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Friday	10am	Decorating the Church
Sunday	10 am	Worship

**Remember in Prayer:** Arnie Anderson (Nakia Salazar's Father-in-law) – passed Nov 26, Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), Carlton Christy (at the request of the Graffs). Ellie, Bobbie Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson , Kapple family, Paul (Julie Brown's brother), Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralt's sister-in-law), Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Robin Smith (Graff's niece), Pamela Thompson's brother David, Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Wayland VanZant, Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece), Josh Zakar and family, Terry Zakar

**Announcements:**

**Giving Update:** October Actual Giving - \$12,506.68, October Budget - \$17,083.33, October Variance - (\$4,576.65)

YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of October 31, 2025 is (\$12,275.48)

**Dec. 5th 10 AM - Decorate the church**

**Cooking Class:** Nakia has offered to do a cooking class on Sunday, December 7 after coffee hour. It would run from about noon to 1:30

**Youth Sunday School:** We really need a couple of more people to help out on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please see Terry Zakar.

The church is selling the organ. It is an Allen organ model no. MDS16. We are asking \$300.

