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First Sunday of Advent



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found.
C: Call upon him while he is near.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.
C: Make the Lord's paths straight.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates,
C: that the king of glory may come in.

P: The Spirit and the church cry out:
C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: All those who await his appearance pray:
C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: The whole creation pleads:
C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C: Amen.

The first candle is lit.

Advent Song ***We Are Waiting for Jesus*** **ACS # 905, verse 1**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* ELW # 552

* Greeting *WOV page 28*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy* *WOV page 28*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* Canticle *Glory to God* *WOV page 29*

C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God…
and peace to God's people on earth.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
3 and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

[5] O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in the light of the LORD. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *122*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 122.

122 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

[2] **Our feet have been standing**
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

[3] Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

[4] **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,**
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

[5] There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

[6] **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!**
"May they be secure who love you!

[7] Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"

[8] **For my brothers and companions' sake**
I will say, "Peace be within you!"

[9] For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

[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 immo-
rality 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 de-
sires. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

* Gospel: *Matthew 24:36-44*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 36 "Concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even
the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were
the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in
those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying
and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and
they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so
will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the
field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at
the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you
do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if
the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief
was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his
house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son
of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Christ Be Our Light*** **ELW # 715**

*** Nicene Creed** *WOV page 32*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

WOV page 34

L: As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Gene Medeke, Demetrio Velazco, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi and Tina.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Blessing

WOV page 41

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Joy to the World* **ELW # 267**

* Dismissal

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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow

Please be sure that any *offering contribution you would like credit for this year, is received prior* to the end of worship on

Sunday, December 28, 2025.

Contribution received after that time will be credited in 2026.Thank you for your cooperation.

Your generosity and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sheila at (815)369-5101. Thank you.



A Creation Morning

ADVENT STAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

All Saints Lutheran Church, 624 Luther Drive, Byron, IL

You are invited to join Carol Soderholm, members of the Creation Care Subcommittee, and Pathways: A Center for Spiritual Renewal for an Advent Earth Church on Saturday, December 6th, at 9:30 am at All Saints Lutheran Church in Byron, IL.

A light breakfast will be served at 9:30 am, and you are invited to bring a breakfast treat to share. The gathering will begin at 10:00 am.

Hannah Circle
Sunday, December 10th
After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

Attendance November 16th
In-person - 22 , on-line -

Virgil Gordon

gives thanks to God that he has been declared cancer free, and thanks everyone who has prayed for him during this journey!

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, December 11th at 12:30pm for potluck.

Entertainment will be provided by Mississippi Man.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, December 11th at 6:30pm

Christmas is approaching, it's time to place your poinsettia order. Poinsettia Orders must be placed by December 7th. Price of the plants are $16.00 each.

Please complete the form below and mail it, drop it off at the church office or place the payment in the collection plate. Thank you!

Poinsettia Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one)

___ in memory of... ___in honor of...

Name (s) _____

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