



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE PRAYER

Robert Carlson and Eva Parsons, Worship Leaders

L: On this first Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace. We pray that we will remain awake, and with seekers of justice all over the world become answers to our own prayers.

All: *Holy God, in Jerusalem and across the globe, the powers of fear, violence, prejudice and war strive to keep us lost in the night. But into the night shines the light of the Morning Star—your Son, Jesus. We light this first candle in hope, confident that his birth is also the dawn of your kingdom of peace, justice, and reconciliation. Let the light of this candle, and the light of your love, O God, guide our feet into the ways of peace. Amen.***

HYMN STS #15

St. 1 Solo

St. 1 and 5 Congregation

Hope is a candle

Nick Schroeder, solo

STORYTELLING

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

*HYMN #233

St. 1 Choir

St. 2-5 Congregation

Joyful is the dark

ANTHEM

As the dark awaits the dawn

Carl Schalk

(Please reserve appreciation for Community Building time, text on back of newsnotes)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5;
Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

Beginning at the end

HYMN #172 st. 1-3

O come, O come, Immanuel

SHARING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Prayer

Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

Solo during communion

Creator of the stars of night
Nick Schroeder

*Hymn of Response #172 st. 4-6

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COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*HYMN #178

Come, thou long-expected Jesus



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

6th -12th grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.

*SENDING FORTH

L: For the darkness of waiting
of not knowing what is to come
of staying ready and quiet and attentive, we praise you, O God:

All: *For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.*

L: For the darkness of hoping
in a world which longs for you,
for the wrestling and laboring of all creation
for wholeness and justice and freedom, we praise you, O God:

All: *For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.****

L: May the God of darkness and light guide our feet in the way of peace.
AMEN.

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated “SS” are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal

**Prayer adapted from Rev. Carrie Ballenger Smith, pastor of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem

***Adapted from a prayer by Janet Morley found in *Imaging the Word, An Arts and Lectionary Resource*

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