

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

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please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website,
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Holy Communion

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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

(tune: Wachet auf) arr. J.G. Walther

For the TEXT, see Hymn of the Day, p. 10

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

AM God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the aid of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that,
attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins,
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

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

AM Gracious God,
C have mercy on us.
**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in
the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"Hope Is a Star"

- Brian Wren/Joel Raney

FIRST SUNDAY - HOPE

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we remember that Christ is coming to bring us hope.
For those of us bound by bitterness and anger

Christ is coming to bring us hope.

For those of us feeling trapped and misunderstood

Christ is coming to bring us hope.

For those of us burdened with ceaseless worry

Christ is coming to bring us hope.

For those of us whose lives feel out of control

Christ is coming to bring us hope.



When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be



first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall



be a - fraid, none shall be a - fraid.

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◆ GREETING

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

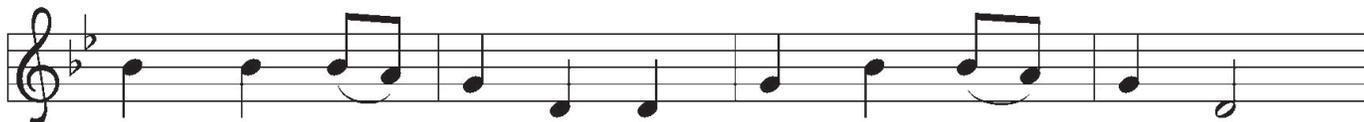
C **And also with you.**

◆ ADVENT HYMN

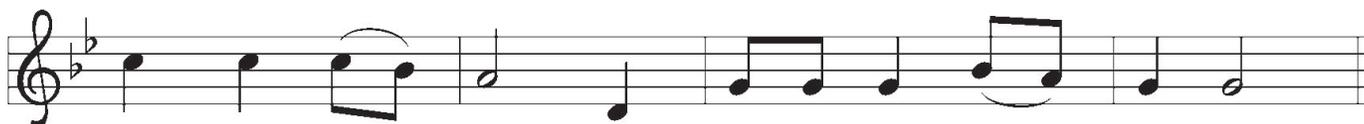
"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

ELW 247

All Verses



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
 Music: OSOSŎ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
 Text and music © Geonyong Lee



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM 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.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ 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 instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
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 any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

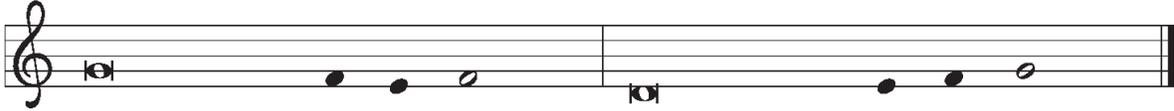
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 122

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord. (Ps. 37:5)



- ¹ I was glad when they¹ said to me,
“Let us go to the house¹ of the LORD.”
- ² **Now our¹ feet are standing
within your gates,¹ O Jerusalem.**
- ³ Jerusalem is built¹ as a city
that is at unity¹ with itself;
- ⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes¹ of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name¹ of the LORD.**
- ⁵ For there are the¹ thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the¹ house of David.
- ⁶ **Pray for the peace¹ of Jerusalem:
“May they pros-¹per who love you.**
- ⁷ Peace be with-¹ in your walls
and quietness with-¹ in your towers.
- ⁸ **For the sake of my kindred¹ and companions,
I pray for¹ your prosperity.**
- ⁹ Because of the house of the¹ LORD our God,
I will seek to¹ do you good.”



SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

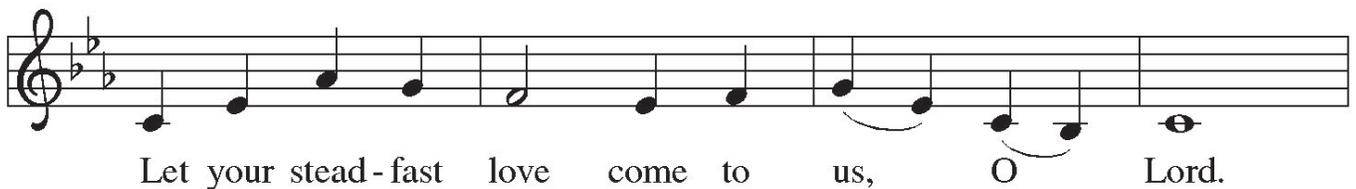
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◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 1



◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus describes his coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

SERMON

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◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

ELW 436

All Verses



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



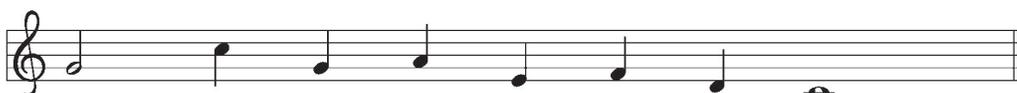
thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be-yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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 Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*We celebrate the Baptism of Fisher Thorson Ahrenius,
child of Jensen and Bobbi Ahrenius
Sponsors are Jamie and Chuck Valenta*

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(ELW p. 229)

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

(ELW p. 230)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

BAPTISM

(ELW p. 230)

P *Fisher Thorson Ahrenius*, I baptize you in the name of
the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.

C Alleluia.



PRAYER AND ANOINTING

P *Fisher Thorson Ahrenius*, child of God, you have been
sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

WELCOME

(ELW p. 231)

P Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.
Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good work
and glorify your Father in heaven.
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.
Amen**

◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

Meal

◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*

OFFERTORY: Choral Anthem "Stir Up Your Power"

- Rusty Edwards/Linda Cable Shute

Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.

TEXT:

1. Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. Again we pray, "Your will be done."
May Advent blue to us foretell the echo of Emmanuel.
2. Is heaven's moment far or near? And when will Jesus reappear?
The coming dawn is our delight in this, the darkest hour of night.
3. We could inside the church remain, like dry ground watching for the rain.
We could decide to sit and wait as Jesus we anticipate.
4. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is not yet - and now.
Our faith informs what we shall do. May Christ return and find us true.

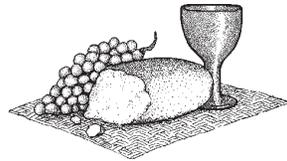


◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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◆ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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P In the night in which he was betrayed
Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

- ~ **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.**



COMMUNION *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

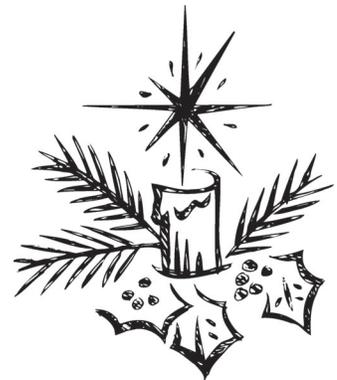
HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

- Choir:** "The Lord's Prayer" (A. H. Malotte/arr. Peter Ormsby)
"Holy, Holy, Holy" - **ELW 473** REPEAT 2 more times
"My Lord, What a Morning" - **ELW 438**
"He Came Down" - **ELW 253**
"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" - **ELW 246**
"Wait for the Lord" - **ELW 262** REPEAT as led

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending



ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BENEDICTION

- P** The peace of God,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
keep your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.
- C** **Amen.**

◆SENDING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

ELW 244

All Verses



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

◆SENDING

AM Go in peace. Keep awake.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Come Now, O Prince of Peace"
 (tune: Ososo) - Geonyong Lee/arr. Anne Krentz Organ



Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	Serving Sunday November 30	Serving Next Sunday December 7
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Greeters	Darla Jensen Inger Conner	Judy Bendtsen Kathy Shoop
Ushers	Gordy Dahl Mark Johnson	Keith & Christie Peterson
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Edison Lutheran Church - Welcoming.....Nurturing.....Serving



Scripture Readings for next Sunday, December 7th, are:

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

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