

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022 10:30 a.m.



REJOICE!

**Come to Chapel or
watch our service on Channel 105**

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Rhonda R.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

O, come, O, come, Emmanuel, ELW 257
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Advent Blessing

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.
You hold us in waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day
or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements



Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244

Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches
With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
The bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience
Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him
Their diadems of gold.

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Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, tr. Sarah B. Findlater; **Music:** Swedish folk tune, arr. hymnal version. Arr. © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.

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

Response: *And also with you.*

Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 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. 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. 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. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Psalm 122

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

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Second Reading – Romans 13:11-14

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

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Pastor Mandsager

The King Shall Come

ELW 260

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child,
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes,
And we shall see his face.

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie; **Music:** A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*; arr. hymnal version. Arr. © Augsburg Fortress.

Prayers of the Church

Sundays & Seasons, alt.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: And also with you.

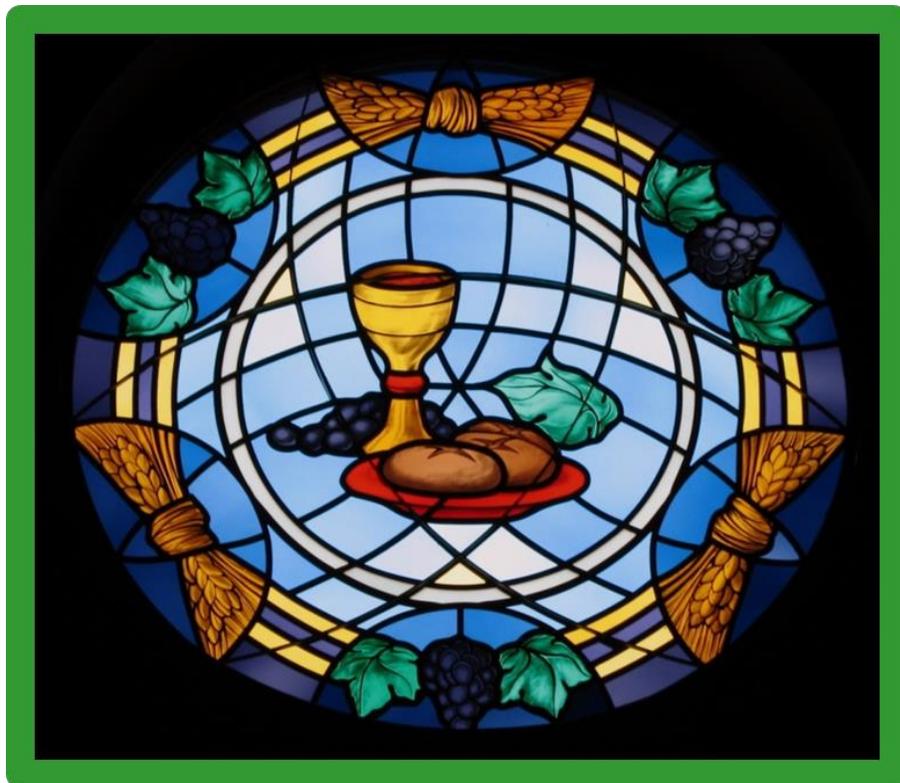
Offertory

*Let All Mortal Flesh
Keep Silence*

Rhonda R.

Today's offering will be donated to the CAC Food Shelf.

Meal



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

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Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Invitation

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

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 Distribution

Communion Song

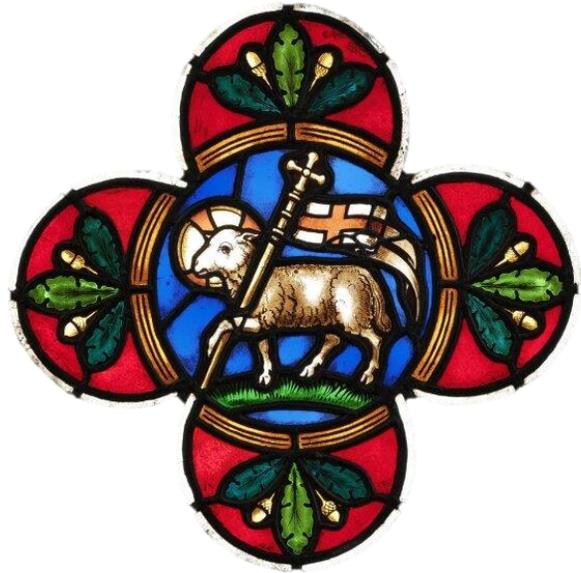
Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us
peace.



Communion Music

Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

ACS 949

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
For this work's almost done.

Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us,
Darker midnight lies before us,
Darker midnight lies before us,
For this work's almost done.

Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.



Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
For this work's almost done.
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
For this work's almost done.
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.

Text: African American spiritual; **Music:** African American spiritual.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hark, the Glad Sound

Rhonda R.



Advent Worship Calendar
10:30 AM
NRC Chapel and Channel 105

Advent II	December 4
Advent III	December 11
Advent IV	December 18

Christmas Worship Calendar
NRC Chapel and Channel 105

Christmas Eve Service	
Saturday, December 24	3:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Service	
Sunday, December 25	10:30 a.m.

**A Nativity Diptych¹
for NRC**

**by Northfield artist
Mark Daehlin**

**Spend as much time as you like
in the Chapel
(or tune in to Channel 105)
to watch Mark's creative process
every Tuesday and Thursday
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
during Advent:**

**November 29, December 1,
December 6, December 8,
December 13, December 15,
December 20, and December 22.**

¹ a painting, especially an altarpiece, on two hinged wooden panels which may be closed like a book.



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