

Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



*Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...*

## Gathering Song - Come To Us

Scattered and broken, bent in our way,  
We are Your people gathered to praise You.  
A vineyard uprooted, narrow in sight.  
Come, Lord of glory! Come, Lord of light!

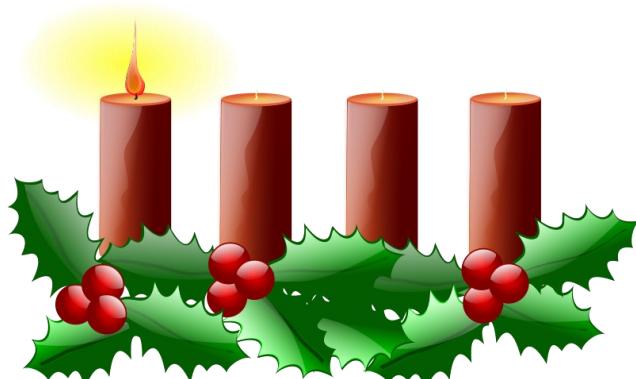
**(Chorus)**

**Come to us, O Lord of glory and shine in our hearts.**  
**Come to us. O Lord of glory and make us anew.**  
**Lord, we wait for You. Lord, we wait for You.**  
**Lord, we wait for You. Come, Lord of glory.**

Come, Root of Jesse; Come, David's son;  
Come, Star of Morning; we come to praise You.  
Hope of creation, of all humankind,  
Reign over body, spirit and mind.

**(Chorus)**

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First Sunday of Advent

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another,  
we confess our sin before you.**

**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**

**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**

**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**

**We fear those different from ourselves.**

**We forget that we are your children  
and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,  
and assure us again of your saving grace.**

**Amen.**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
+ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,  
inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C: Amen.**

# Christ, Be Our Light!

Arranged by Joel Raney

## A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Congregation sings:

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '3') and G major (indicated by a sharp sign). The first staff begins with Em, Am<sup>7</sup>, D, Esus, Em. The lyrics are: "1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for". The second staff begins with Am<sup>7</sup>, D, Esus, Em, Am<sup>7</sup>. The lyrics are: "truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,". The third staff begins with D, G, C, Am, Dsus, D. The lyrics are: "your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.". A 'Refrain' section follows, starting with G, C/G, G, Em, Bm, Em. The lyrics are: "Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the". This is followed by another section: Am<sup>7</sup>, D, G, Dsus, D, Em, Em<sup>7</sup>. The lyrics are: "dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your". Finally, the score ends with C, Am<sup>7</sup>, D, G, Am<sup>7</sup>, G. The lyrics are: "church gath-ered to - day."

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: Bernadette Farrell

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L: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait while trusting God's eternal time.

**C: How long, O Lord, how long?**

L: For those waiting for answered prayer:

**C: Grant your steadfast patience.**

L: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

**C: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.**

L: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

**C: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.**

L: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

**C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

### ***Candle Lighting***

L: This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)

**All repeat: Christ Be Our Light! refrain**

### ***Closing Prayer***

L: God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Advent texts by Rev. Rich Davis, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church,  
River Forest, IL*

## Greeting

## Sharing of the Peace

*Please take time to say “Peace be with you” as directed by the Pastor.*

## Children's Time

### First Lesson:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 25:1-10

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: **O my God, in you I trust;**  
**do not let me be put to shame;**  
**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;**  
**teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

C: **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your**  
**steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions; according to your steadfast love  
remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

C: **Good and upright is the LORD;**  
**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

L: He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

C: **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and**  
**faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant**  
**and his decrees.**

**Second Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

A musical score for 'Alleluia' in G clef, 4/4 time, featuring two staves of music. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by an eighth note, then a sixteenth-note pattern. The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by an eighth note, then a sixteenth-note pattern. Both staves end with a single eighth note. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,' are written below each staff.

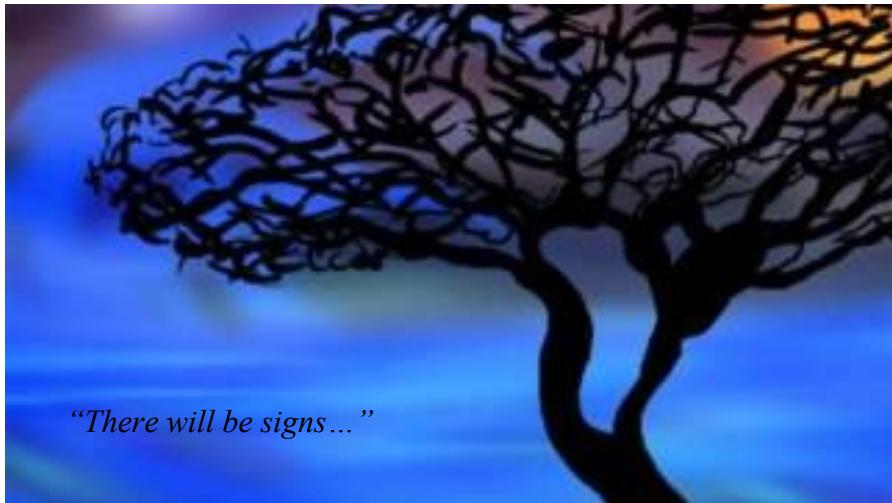
Verse 1: Lord show us your mercy and love  
and grant us your salvation  
(repeat alleluia)

## **Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## SERMON



## Hymn of the Day - Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

*sing verses 1, 2, 4*



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, come with par-don down from heav'n.  
4 So, when next he comes in glo-ry and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son



"Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all, to be for-giv'n;  
he will shield us with his mer-cy and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev-er-last-ing Spir-it while un-end-ing a-ges run!



Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878  
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889



## **Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed**

**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 him 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 and the Son,  
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**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Prayer Response:**

**P: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.**

## **Confirmands Introduction and Bible Presentation**

Confirmands:  
Aiden Jones, Tristan Donaldson, and Owen Jones

### **Offering**

*As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.

Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Jesus Christ, our pathway and our peace..

**Amen.**

### **Communion Song Jesus, Name Above All Names**

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us;  
Blessed Redeemer,  
Living Word.  
(repeat)

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## Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: 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:

**C: Holy, holy, holy 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.**

*At this time we lift up the elements of bread and wine, one after the other.*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave  
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*We share the bread and wine together.  
Family members may serve each other.*

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

**Response: Amen.**

P: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Response: Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Blessed Jesus,

at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending Song - Days of Elijah**

These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the word of the Lord.  
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,  
Righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,  
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

#### **(Chorus)**

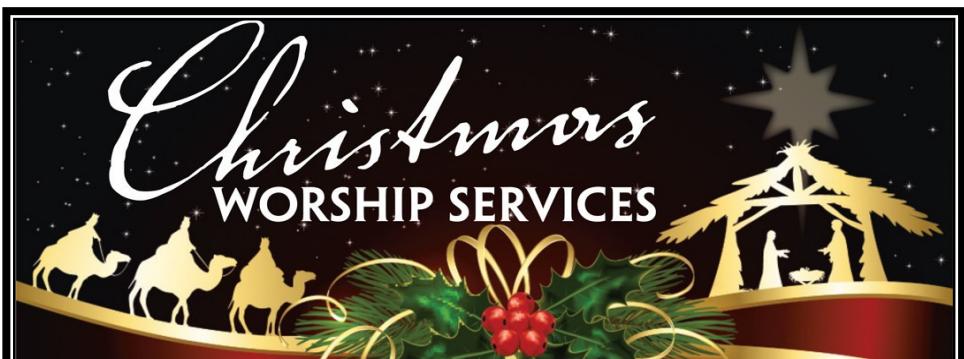
**Behold, He comes riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call.  
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

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And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh.  
And these are the days of Your servant, David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in the world.  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,  
Declaring the word of the Lord.  
**(Chorus)**

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## Dismissal



### **November 28 - December 19 - Advent Services**

In-person and online worship continues,  
with Advent Candle Lighting - Sundays 10:30 am

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:**

Thursday, December 23, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

*Advance registration will be required  
for the Christmas Eve services.*

*Please stay tuned for more details and announcements.*

### **December 25 - Christmas Day - No Service**

### **December 26 - Sunday Worship Service**

10:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

**God's blessings to all this Advent Season!**

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THOSE IN NEED REQUEST FROM INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY:

Vulnerable people living in the inner city continue to face many challenges made even more complex due to COVID-19. ICPM, with the support of area churches, wants to provide a Christmas gift to those living in the area and in the Emmanuel community.

Our congregation plans to support this meaningful outreach again this year. Here are the ways you can participate:

- Purchase a **gift card** from Walmart or Superstore in the suggested amount of \$25 or your chosen amount (Emmanuel's Christmas Gift will include a gift card for \$25)
- Provide a **cheque** in the amount you wish to donate. Make the cheque out to Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM). Please note on the Memo line of your cheque that it is for Christmas Gift Cards. Put your cheque in an envelope and place in Barb Anderson's mail folder. ICPM will use the funds to purchase gift cards or other needed items for those in need.
- Other items needed are:
  - **Waterproof ski gloves (M L XL)**
  - **Toques**
  - **Cotton socks**
  - **Underwear for Men and Women (M L XL)**
  - **Long underwear Men and Women (M L XL)**
  - **Toothbrushes**
  - **Bus Tickets**
  - **Tim Horton or McDonalds Cards**



A bin will be available in the narthex for these items.

**Collection of gift cards and clothing items will begin this Sunday, November 21, 2021.**

**Final collection date will be Tuesday, December 7 th.**

If you are delivering your gift cards or clothing items other than during regular Sunday worship hours, please call the church to ensure someone is there to receive you.

If you have questions, please call Barb Anderson at 780-467-8500 or Marjorie Zelent at 780-467-5363.

# *Altar Guild & Visual Arts Committee*

## *Christmas* DECORATING

With Advent starting on Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, we know our Christmas season is just around the corner. To prepare for this glorious season, we again turn our attention to making our sanctuary and narthex visually pleasing to portray our Savior's birth. Covid has definitely had an effect on all of us as we could no longer do a lot of our "normal" church activities and definitely hindered us from staying in weekly contact with one another. Having only on-line services for so much of the time has affected everything including some peoples' abilities to continue in some of the areas of church life. I am asking anyone who is willing and able to help decorate the sanctuary and narthex to please contact me. Perhaps some of the youth who are more agile and certainly much taller and stronger than me (haha), might consider helping with this. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Please contact me as soon as possible so that we can make a plan.

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## Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

<b>Musicians:</b>	Lynnette Woodrow, Mike Lee, Dwayne Heinsen, Ellen Sitler
<b>AV Techs:</b>	Brett Woodrow, Noah McKinnon, Cole Berg
<b>Ushers:</b>	Barb Anderson, Rose Schlegl
<b>Greeters:</b>	Heidi, Owen & Alianna Jones
<b>Advent Candle Lighting:</b>	Craig, Becca, Tristan & Audrey Donaldson
<b>Reader:</b>	Doug Sime
<b>Church Lock-Up:</b>	Sebastian Montoya

## Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
November 21	27	42	\$1919.10

*PAR totals will be reported here monthly. Other electronic offerings will be included in the total reported in the Finance Corner in the newsletter.*

## Next Sunday's Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79,  
Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

**The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.**  
This can be accessed on Glory's website in the same way that the online worship services were in the past months. If there is a technological glitch and live streaming does not work, a recording will be available on the website later in the day.

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