



# Sunday, November 27, 2022

## First Sunday of Advent

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.  
Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of new beginnings,  
**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**  
**We have strayed from your paths.**  
**We prepare for war instead of peace.**  
**We dishonor one another and your creation.**  
**Purify us with your refining fire**  
**and set us again on your way of love,**  
**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**  
**and welcome your coming among us.**  
**Amen.**

People of God,  
a new thing is growing in our midst,  
a tender branch,  
a living sign.  
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.  
You have put on ✝ Christ,  
and your sins have been washed away.  
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: The King Shall Come**

**No. 260**

# The King Shall Come

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1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support in the right hand and bass line in the left hand.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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## Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Opening Litany

The day foretold is coming

**When our tired eyes will behold a fire, a blazing star in the eastern sky!**

The one foretold is coming,

**Whose light will shine through the deepest gloom: a manger's glow in the silent night**

The day is at hand!

**The Savior draws near!**

## 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.**

## Candle Lighting Litany

God of Hope, you are faithful to your promises.

**You will never leave us or forsake us.**

Come among us and fill our hearts with your hope

**Cause our lives to reflect your hope to the world.**

You are the light of the world.

**A city on a hill cannot be hidden.**

Today we light a candle of hope. As we wait for the return of the one the prophet Isaiah called to tear open the heavens and come down, in whom we have the grace of God, we remember the hope of Christ. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

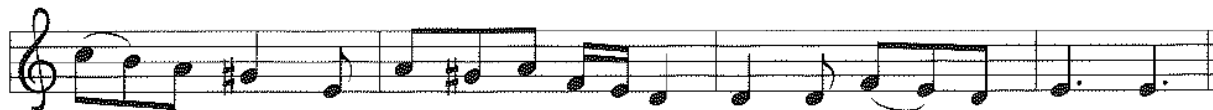
(Acolyte lights the first candle)

**Advent Hymn: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Verse 1, Next Pg.**

# Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 240



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
 He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
 Music: Yiddish folk tune  
 Text © 1984 Fortress Press

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Let us pray. God of light, hope, and darkness, shine on your people wherever they are. Pour out your Spirit of hope into our hearts that we may become beacons of hope to the world. Strengthen us against despair and despondency, that we may cling to your faithfulness and become encouragers to those that we meet. In Jesus' holy name we pray. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”  
<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**  
<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;  
<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**  
“May they prosper who love you.”  
<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.  
<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.**  
<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

## **Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>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; <sup>12</sup>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; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in

quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

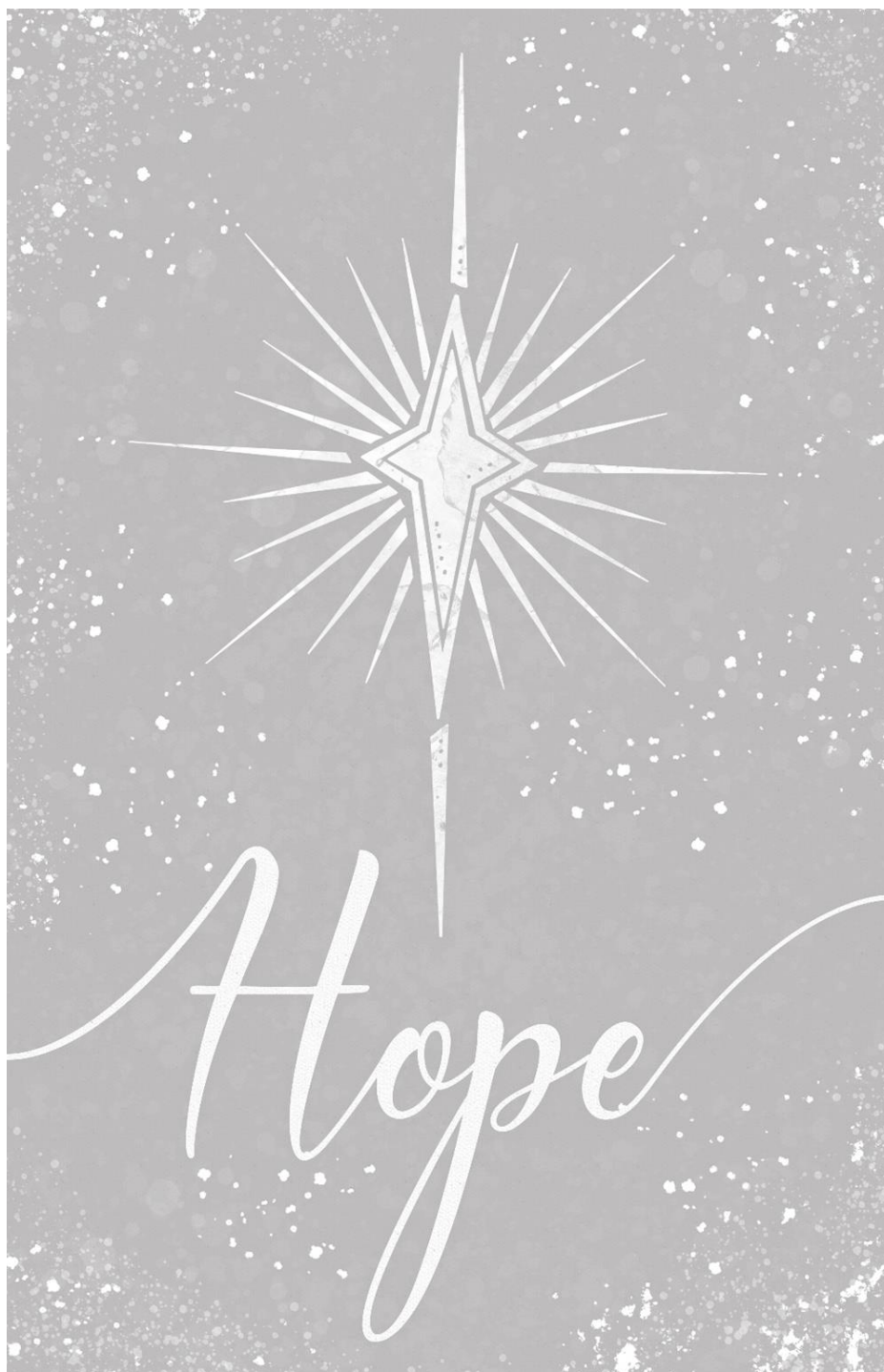
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying**

**No. 436**





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## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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.

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 was 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.  
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. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth (*other places of conflict may be named*). God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially*). God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict (*especially*). Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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. 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 forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

May the hope of the star, the peace of the shepherds, the joy of the angels, and the love of the Holy family guide you to Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

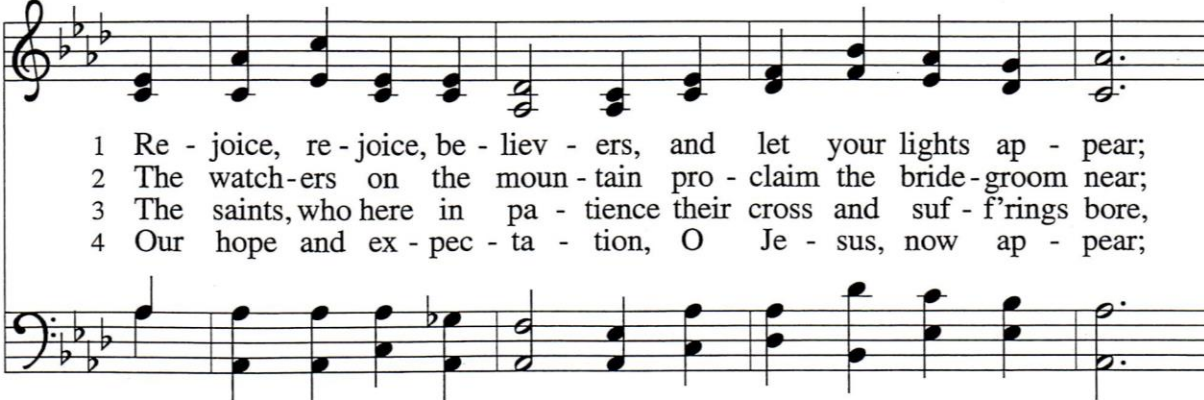
**Closing Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

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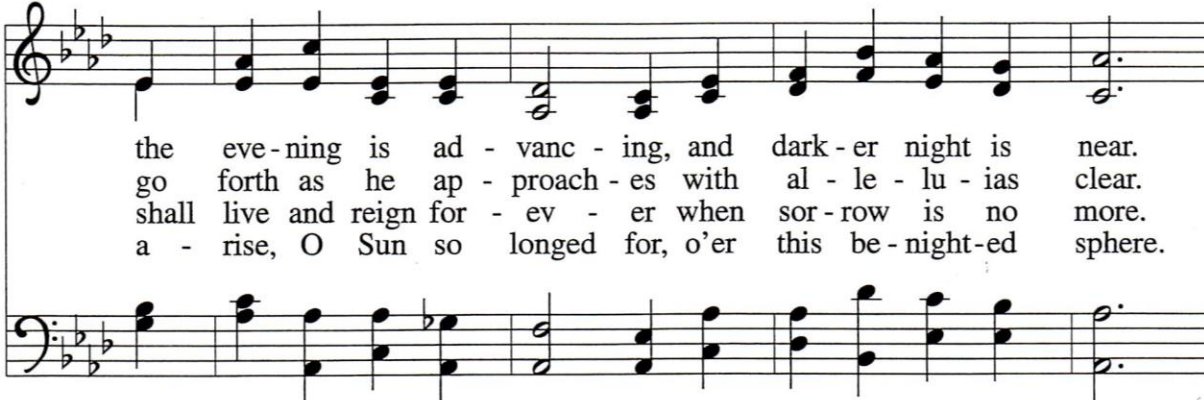


# Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

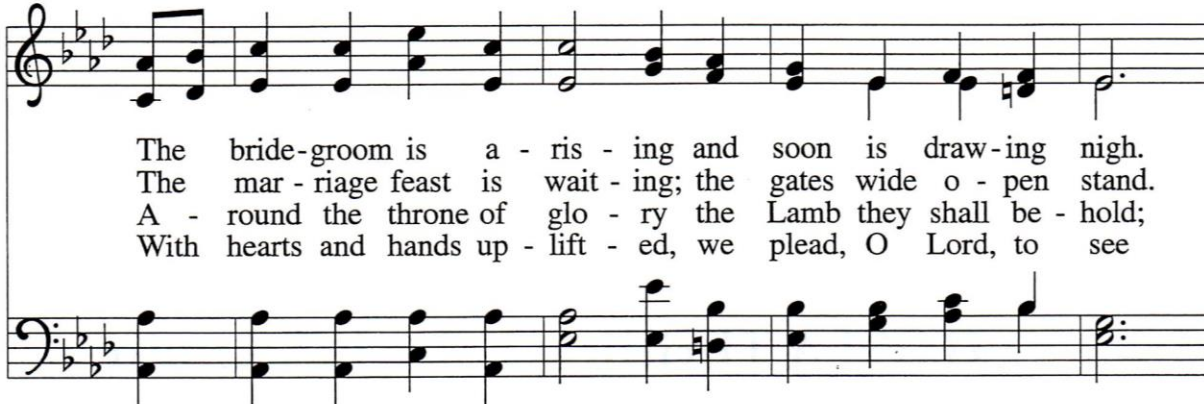
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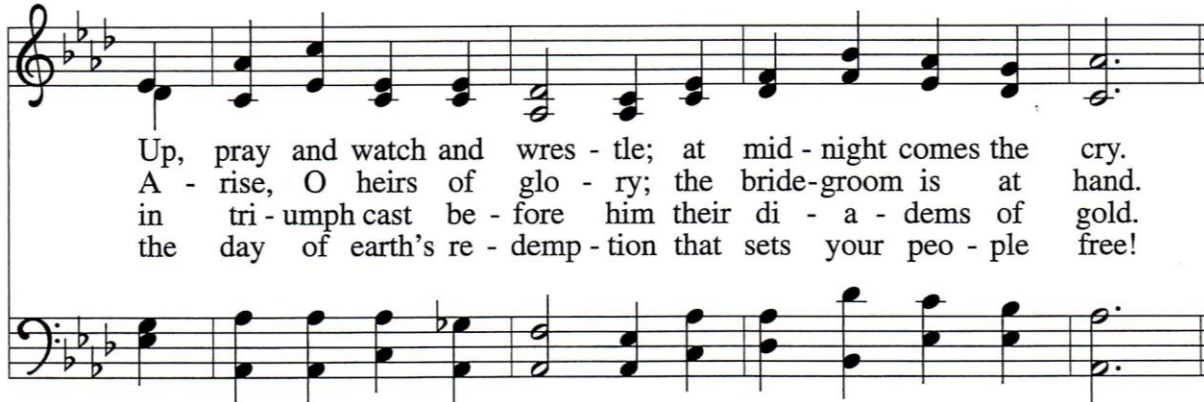
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



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!

## Dismissal

Go in hope.

**One candle lights our way.**

Thanks be to God.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

For all directly or indirectly effected by Hurricane Ian, Wildfires, Mass Shootings  
happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis;  
FAITH members, including; Dan Miller;  
Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and the staff of our Northwestern Ohio Synod;  
The ministry of Habitat for Humanity in providing housing for low-income working  
families in our area.

## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lectors:	Millie McCready
Acolyte:	Mariska Farlow
Usher:	Rex Stierhoff

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lectors:	Sally Warner
Acolyte:	Natalie Thompson
Usher:	Charles Howard

November Altar Care:	Betty Miller, Janis Miller, Cathy Wobser
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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by David & Cathy Wobser  
in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 28.

## ATTENDANCE

November 20 = 33 + 32 = 65

**DONATIONS TO OUR “PENNY JUG”** support the global relief and habilitation  
efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America.

**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

### **This Week at Trinity**

TODAY	Worship Service Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	Carol on Vacation Dartball Bellevue @ V1      Castalia @ V2	Office Closed 7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service Sunday School Holiday Brunch	9:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am

**OUR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on Sunday, December 11 during the 9:30 am worship service.

**LAST SUNDAY TO SIGN UP** for the HOLIDAY BRUNCH that will be held on December 4 after the 9:30 am worship service hosted by the Congregational Life Committee. This is a free meal so come enjoy some social time. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the educational wing.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** made by the Sunday School Youth are available in the upstairs fellowship area. Come take a look and get that unique gift for a teacher, bus driver, mailman, or neighbor. All ornaments are available for a donation.

**THE HELPING HANDS TREE** is up and ready for you. Take a hand(s) off the tree, purchase the item(s), you may wrap the gifts if you want, and bring them back. PLEASE be sure to put your hand back on the gift so we know what is wrapped and return it by December 18. The items will be going to help a needy family in the area.



**ALL DECEMBER SUNDAY'S AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE THIS YEAR AT 9:30 AM. SUNDAY SCHOOL** will start at 9:00 am and if finished before service ends the children will be taken upstairs to their parents. There will be NO Sunday school on December 25.

**PASTOR RALPH** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. They have been really appreciated.

**THE FAMILY OF VIOLA LIPTOK** would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and lovely funeral service and dinner that was given by all at Trinity for Viola.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE BEING TAKEN AGAIN THIS YEAR.** Please have your order and payment into the church office by December 12.

## **DEVOTION**

## **Week 1 - HOPE**

The first candle on the Advent wreath symbolizes hope. We all need hope. Without it, we fall into despair and feel the pull of self-destruction. God gives us the promise that he will never leave us and that, through Jesus' death and resurrection, we are his beloved children forever. This hope gives us strength and courage to face the world on its most challenging days. This week, please center your devotional life around hope using the following suggestions.

### **Simple ways to practice hope:**

- Take photos of things you find hopeful. Consider sharing one on the church Facebook page.
- Write or draw a list of signs of hope. Considering sharing it with a friend.
- Make a plan (even a small one!) for the future.
- Look up "hope" in the dictionary. How is God's hope like and not like this definition?
- Read a Bible story (such as: 2 Kings 4:8-37 (The Woman from Shunem), John 8:1-11 (The Woman Caught in Adultery), Ruth 1-4). Where do you see hope in it?

**SERVING OUR SENIORS** is looking to find one volunteer to drive ONE senior to ONE doctor's appointment, ONE time a month. At any time, you or a family member might need this service and we'd like to keep this program running. Are you the ONE? Please call Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856.



**Firelands Chorus, Inc.**  
*presents*  
***Songs  
for the  
Season***

Directed by Jeffrey Kearney  
Accompanied by Morgan Noon

**Friday, December 9th &  
Saturday, December 10th, 2022**  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
Concert at 7:30 p.m.

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
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# POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS EVE



Use this order form, attach payment, and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. **Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.** All orders must be received in the office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 at NOON!**

Plants may be taken home following worship service on Christmas Eve.

INDICATE NUMBER AND COLOR OF PLANTS ORDERED  
(all are 6" pots)



Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DEDICATION for CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN:

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# Hope



HE WILL RULE OVER THE  
GENTILES. THEY WILL PLACE  
THEIR HOPE ON HIM.

ROM. 15:12

