

# HOPE



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### **1st Sunday of Advent**

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**Prelude:**

**Opening Hymn:**

*“Hark, the Glad Sound!”*

ELW 239

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

### We Are Waiting

1st time: Cantor/choir  
2nd time: Congregation

We are wait-ing— We are wait-ing for the Lord. We are wait-ing.

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**Week 1:**

The Advent wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles. The candles symbolize the light of Christ coming into the world. The evergreen symbolizes everlasting life and the circle represents the continuous love of God with no beginning and no end.

Today we light the first candle representing hope. It symbolizes our faith that God will keep His promises to humanity. Isaiah 7:14 tells us, “The Lord himself will give you a miraculous sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel.”

**Please pray with me the prayer of the day:**

*Lord God, we light this candle to thank you for your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. We give you thanks and praise in Jesus’ name because he lives and reigns with you in your glory and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Reading: Mark 13:24-37**

‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

L: Word of God, Word of Light    C: *Thanks Be to God!*

**Anthem**

*“Watchmen Tell Us of the Night”*  
(Oboe: Michael Fogerty)

Ronald Kauffmann

**Message**

Vicar Sue Hoffman

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**

*“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*

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**Sending**

L: You have been called. You have been gathered (digitally). You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

*C: Thanks be to God!*

**Postlude**

***Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:15am***  
***Please join us!***

Virtual Coffee Hour



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