

# November 30



## What are you seeking?

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\*congregation stands

## **AS WE GATHER**

Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. How odd it is, then, that the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent is the same as the Gospel for Palm Sunday! This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. The cry of Advent is "prepare the way of the Lord." We will echo the words of John the Baptist, heralding Christ's coming. We will join in the chant of the crowd: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Matthew 21:9). We will hear Him speak to us through the voice of His Word. We will feast upon His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. In all our preparations, we acclaim Him as Lord and receive Him and all His benefits

#### OPENING HYMN

#### PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

**LSB 343** 

## \*INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## \*EXHORTATION

Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
- C So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Silence for self-examination.

- P Holy and gracious God,
- I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

\*KYRIE LSB 168

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

## \*SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

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

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains.

and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and 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 anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 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>Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, <sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. <sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" <sup>8</sup>For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

9For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

EPISTLE Romans 13:8–14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*VERSE Psalm 24:7

- P Alleluia.
- C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- P Alleluia.

\*HOLY GOSPEL John 1:35–42a

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON HYMN** 

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

**LSB 332,** *vs.* 1, 2, 5, 6

SERMON	WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?	John 1:35-42
SOME THINGS PEOF	PLE ASK FOR IN THE SCRIPTURES:	
JESUS ASKED ANDR	EW:	
ANDREW REPLIES: _		
PSALM 27 TEACHES	US:	
of my life, to gaze upon the	f the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the how the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. For he w Conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high	ill hide me in his shelter in
"Come and you will see."	lohn 1:39	
ANDREW TEACHES	US:	
ANDREW LISTENS:		
	RAM FOR ADVENT (EVERY DAY): that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised ans 10:9	d him from the dead," and

## \*NICENE CREED— See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens

## \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

- P let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

## **OFFERING**

## \*PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

## \*PROPER PREFACE

\*SANCTUS — Sung; tune on LSB 178

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## \*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## \*LORD'S PRAYER — See inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens

## \*PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

## \*AGNUS DEI — Sung; tune on LSB 180

**DISTRIBUTION** Distribution is at the rail, with both common cup and individual cup; de-alcoholized wine in center of tray. Gluten free wafers available by signifying to pastor/elder. Please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE HARK THE GLAD SOUND

LSB 355 LSB 349

\*NUNC DIMITTIS — Sung; tune on LSB 182

## \*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

- P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P Lord Jesus, prepare us for that eternal Sabbath ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## \*BENEDICAMUS

#### \*BENEDICTION

## HYMN TO DEPART COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME LSB 350, vs. 1, 2, 4

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## **Serving Our Lord**

		November 30, 2025	December 7, 2025
Musician		Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor		Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild		Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger	Sharon Drews and Nancy Strand
Elder	8am	Andy Olson and Sam Erdman	Bill Breitinger and Andy Olson
	10:30am	Ben Swenson and Matthew Berg	Matthew Berg and Sam Erdman
Reader	8am	Jim Kohn	Andy Olson
	10:30am	Matthew Berg	Matthew Berg
Usher Team	8am	Layne Streich	Gary Sheets
	10:30am	Terry Stoerzinger	Open
Greeter(s)	8am	Open	Open
	10:30am	Open	Open
Acolyte	8am	Lillian Olander and Ian Olander	Sophia Orr and Henley Starksen
	10:30am	Ethan Swenson and Joshua Jebin	Joshua Jebin and Sabontu Benya
Projection	8am	Don Lee	Open
	10:30am	Andrew Swenson	Open
Live Stream	8am	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Coffee Hour	9:15am	Isaac Koch	Isaac Koch

COMIN	COMING UP AT TLO — November 30, 2025 — Dece,ber 7, 2025						
FIRST S	FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT						
Sun	8:00*am	Worship with Holy Communion					
	9:15am	Family Education Hour - two adult studies to choose from					
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion					
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church					
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball					
Mon	10:00am	Adult study - Exodus - join us!					
	4:00pm	Privileged to Pray					
	6:30pm	Trail Life Troop 2950					
Tue	10:30am	TLO leads worship at Lexington Pointe Senior Living					
	7:00pm	Elder meeting					
	7:00pm	Trustee meeting					
Wed	6:30am	Men's Bible Study					
	5:15pm	Advent Meal served by TLO Teachers					
	6:30pm	Advent Worship					
Thur	6:00pm	Peniel event					
Fri	9:00am	WoW (Women of the Word) Bible study					
Sat	9:00am	Decorate the sanctuary for Christmas					
	2:00pm	Peniel events					
SECON	SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT						
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	9:15am	Family Education Hour - two adult studies to choose from					
	10:30am	Worship with Holy Communion					
	12:30pm	Peniel Evangelical Church					
	6:00pm	Hoops - adult basketball					
*wors	*worship online at www.trinityloneoak.org						



Saturday, December 6 | 9:00am | TLO Sanctuary We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Sanctuary and narthex for the Christmas season. Come for fellowship and fun while we decorate the Lord's House.

No need to RSVP; just come with a cheerful heart and bring an appetite for a doughnut treat.



## Birthdays this week

Dec 3 Justine Kolb, Christian Larson

Dec 4 Gary Foley

Dec 6 Henry Nguyen, Jim Nicklas

# + + + KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE + + +

## What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the "New Year's Day" of the Church Year calendar.



## Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means "coming." During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



#### Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



## **WEEKLY DEPOSITS: November 23, 2025**

General Fund Income:	
Current and Mission Weekly Offering - supporting staff and operations	\$ 5,871.00
(Our offering budget is \$10,475 per week)	
Building Reserve Fund - supporting monthly mortgage payments	\$ 490.00
(Our offering budget is \$675 for per week)	
Tuition	\$ 4,204.45
1883 School Annual Fund - supporting TLO School	\$ 105.00
Annual Appeal to 1883 School Annual Fund	\$ 4,100.00
Church and school fees	\$ 586.27
Subtotal General Fund Income	\$ 15,356.72
Special Purpose Income (not available for general fund spending)	
YTF2 - Yesterday, Today, Forever 2 initiative	\$ 125.00
Acorn Scholarship Fund	\$ 125.00
General support of Rev. Tom Park in Taiwan	\$ 25.00
Chapel offering - supporting Hats 'n Mittens	\$ 23.00
Washington DC	\$ 20.00
Young Investors stamps through Lutheran Church Extension Fund	\$ 257.00
Subtotal Special Fund Income	\$ 575.00



But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You and of Your own have we given You. **1 Chr.29:14** 

**Endowment News** 

The TLO Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was established to encourage, receive and administer gifts received as endowments. The income from the Unrestricted Fund is used for special projects here at TLO. The Endowment Board has

approximately \$3,521 available from the Unrestricted Fund for non-budgeted, non-recurring expenses. If your board or committee can use all or part of this amount, complete the "TLO Congregational Endowment Non-Budgeted Expenditures Request" form and return it to the TLO Endowment Board (box in the church office) by December 14, 2025 The Endowment Board will then decide which request(s) to honor. Forms can be found in the Church Office.

## 100 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who donated items, donated funds for shipping (\$9 per box) and to the volunteers who helped pack 100 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please join us in praying that the boxes distributed by Samaritan's purse will bring

children and families to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

## Remember in Prayer

## **Mission Field:**

 Rev. Tom Park, Theological Educator in Taiwan is OUR missionary and requests prayers for "our theology students and faculty—that they may teach and learn with wisdom, passion, and faith"



#### Those with Health Concerns:

- Eddie Burdick
- Dixie Cliff
- Larry Flannery, pray for strength and continued healing.
- David Frick, recovering from rotator cuff surgery that was more extensive than expected
- John, grandfather of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with cancer while visiting MN
- Dennis Grover, brother-in-law of Alice, hospitalized this week
- Tyler Keech, brother of 2 TLO students, diagnosed with a massive osteosarcoma
- Justin Kube, nephew of Ken and Marla, recovering after a serious fall
- Joseph Labhart (Flannery's grandson) ongoing health concerns
- Marilou Larson, close cousin of Alice Dornseif, needing a "live liver" transplant
- Mary Ann Nagengast with husband Colin and sons, Brandon and Jordan, working through the pain of losing her nephew, Johnathan whose birthday was this week
- Renata Rahn, strength for each day
- Gia Watters, grand-niece of Alice, who suffered a severe concussion
- For TLO members and friends in care facilities or homebound
   Donine Leatherby + Jeff Schaaf + Sharon Phelps + Char Timm

## **General and ongoing Prayers:**

- For our nation: We pray that we may enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations, according to God's will
- Ryan Kroonblawd Seminarian Classes began on Oct. 21 at Lutherische Theologische
  Hochschule in Oberursel, Germany. Pray for Ryan to fully comprehend the lectures and
  assignments he will be receiving in German through 2 semesters of studies. His wife,
  Emily, will be working on campus in various capacities.



## Flowers on the altar

Flowers on the altar are in honor of Roger and Lois Schaaf's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, November 26. May God be praised for the blessings of their years together!



## **Our Weekly Memory Verse:**

But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. **Micah 7:7** 



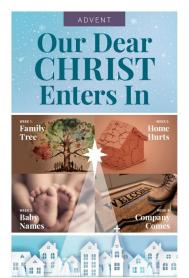
**Welcome Guests** We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our team. We love to make new friends!

**For those with small children,** a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children's bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

**Restrooms** are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

**Large print copies of the worship folder** are available. Please ask an usher.

At this service we celebrate Holy Communion. Please speak with our pastor or an elder before communing if this is your first time receiving the Lord's Supper at TLO. The light-colored wine in the center of the individual communion tray is de-alcoholized wine, where the alcohol is reduced to .05%.



**Our Dear Christ Enters In** — A special series for Advent

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. —Psalm 24:7

What if our goal this Advent was to simply let our dear Christ enter into our homes and into our lives?

In this special series for Advent, we look at what happens when Christ enters in and makes our hearts his home.

Week 1: Family Tree
Week 2: Home Hurts
Week 3: Baby Names
Week 4: Company Comes

## This Advent, Prepare Your Heart for The Coming Christ

- Pick up Advent devotions in the narthex.
- Hear God's Word in worship December 3, 10, and 17 at 6:30pm.
- Share your faith and fellowship over a meal before worship (serving from 5:15-6:15pm.)