

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession. To you, O God,
we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of ☩ Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!* (Red Hymnal # 246)

GREETING

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

KYRIE (Red Hymnal p. 147)
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red Hymnal p. 148)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON & LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 1

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (North New Hope) (Red Hymnal p. 151)
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (FAITH): Celtic Alleluia (Red Hymnal # 174)
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (Red Hymnal # 254)

CREED

(Red Hymnal p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

INTERCESSORY RESPONSE *Wait for the Lord* (Red Hymnal # 262)

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE (Red Hymnal p. 152)

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Red Hymnal p. 153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER (Red Hymnal p. 154)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *People, Look East* (Red Hymnal # 248)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.