



Welcome to Worship!

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

THERE WILL
BE SIGNS
IN THE **SUN,**
THE **MOON,**
AND
THE **STARS**

LUKE 21:25





Prelude – Ben Corwyn

Welcome

— WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE —



Opening Hymn



The King Shall Come
red hymnal, ELW #260

The King Shall Come, ELW #260, Verse 1

***The King shall come
when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.***

The King Shall Come, ELW #260, Verse 2

***Not as of old a little child,
to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.***

The King Shall Come, ELW #260, Verse 3

***Oh, brighter than the rising morn
when Christ, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death,
despite the rage of foes.***

The King Shall Come, ELW #260, Verse 4

***Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ
in splendor comes,
and we shall see his face.***

The King Shall Come, ELW #260, Verse 5

***The King shall come
when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord!
Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.***

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have
sinned. We trust earthly
powers and human authority
alone. We grow fearful. We
cling to false comforts.**

P: God of might,

**C: we confess that we have
sinned. We have turned away
from our neighbors. We have
trusted false promises.**

P: God in our midst,

**C: we confess that we have
sinned. We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth
in us.**

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P: A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in
whom we have forgiveness, life
and mercy. By the power of the
Holy Spirit, receive the grace and
forgiveness of God through +
Christ Jesus, whose day draws
near.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



**The First Candle:
Hope**

Advent Song

***Oh little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,
the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.***

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



**The First Candle:
Hope**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.**



First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”



L: Word of God,
word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?

¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

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¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.



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Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 142

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.***



P: The Holy Gospel
according to Luke.

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

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory.

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²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

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³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life,

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and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you,
O Christ.



Children's Conversation



Sermon – Pastor Brad

Hymn of the Day



*Wake, Awake, for
Night is Flying*
ELW #436

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying, ELW #436, Verse 1

***Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.***

***Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:***

“Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.

***The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!” Alleluia!***

***Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.***

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying, ELW #436, Verse 2

***Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious:
her star is ris'n; her light is come.***

***Now come, O Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna!
Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.***

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying, ELW #436, Verse 3

***Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.***

***No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.***



Holy Rite of Baptism



Jacob Brian Wolfe

Presentation

*The baptismal party
gathers with the ministers
at the baptismal font.*



P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Who presents Jacob for baptism?

Sponsors: We present Jacob Brian Wolfe for baptism.

P: Sandy and Matt, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jacob baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in his hands the holy scriptures,

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nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust
God, proclaim Christ through
word and deed, care for others
and the world God made, and
work for justice and peace.

P: Sandy and Matt, do you promise to help Jacob grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Jacob in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise
to support Jacob and pray for
him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

P: By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Baptism

P: Jacob Brian Wolfe, I baptize you in
the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



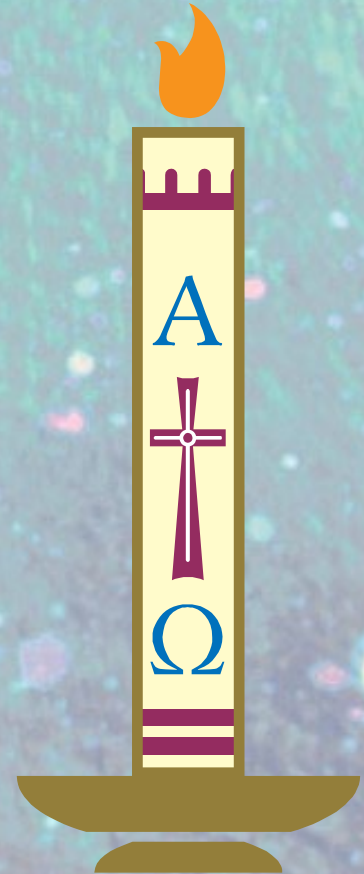
P: Let us acclaim the newly baptized.
**C: You belong to Christ, in whom
you have been baptized.
Alleluia.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Jacob with the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

P: Jacob Brian Wolfe, child of God,
you have been sealed by the Holy
Spirit and marked with the cross of
Christ forever. Amen.

Presentation of Candle

P: Let your light so shine
before others that they
may see your good
works and glorify your
Father in heaven.



Welcome

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

Scan the QR code or go to
stphilip-co.org/giving/ to make a
donation today. Children may
come forward and place their
offering in the basket.



Anthem

Advent Tidings

(by Michael Akers)

Ringling Brass

Offertory

ELW #294, vs. 3

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him –
give my heart.*

Offering Prayer

A: Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.



Words of Institution

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.**

Communion

You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are available.

Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

**All are welcome,
for it is the Lord's Table.**



Lamb of God

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
his name is called Emmanuel.***

Communion Hymn



A Story for All People

Verse 1

***As people wait in darkness,
in fear of endless night,
send forth your word of comfort,
a message of great light.
The world stands proud before you,
conflicted, hungry, poor.
Come, scatter pride and foolishness,
and mend all souls
with Savior love once more.***

Refrain

***A story for all people,
old story new today.
A song of love and healing,
a light to show the way.***

Verse 2

***We come into your presence,
in hope and joy restored.
With eager hearts we listen,
and gather 'round your word.
We watch and wait your coming,
and pray for greater trust,
to know that while we wait for you,
Emmanuel, you watch and wait with us.***

Refrain

***A story for all people,
old story new today.
A song of love and healing,
a light to show the way.***

Verse 3

***A time of preparation:
the guest is drawing near,
as mountain places crumble
and straightened paths appear.
Prepare a humble welcome
in ev'ry heart and home,
and celebrate the promise of
our God who is, and was,
and is to come.***

Refrain

***A story for all people,
old story new today.
A song of love and healing,
a light to show the way.***

Verse 4

***You call us to repentance,
to turn and start again.
You send your Holy Spirit
to drown the pow'r of sin.
We wonder in your mercy,
your singing festal voice;
and in your meal of bread and wine
we join the invitation to rejoice!***

Refrain

***A story for all people,
old story new today.
A song of love and healing,
a light to show the way.***

Verse 5

***Renewed by this encounter,
we'll go out and proclaim.
We'll tell of your salvation,
and magnify your name.
The servant words of Mary
will swell the faithful soul,
and you will bring your children home
that day when all creation will be whole.***

Refrain

***A story for all people,
old story new today.
A song of love and healing,
a light to show the way.***

Communion Hymn



*God Moves in a
Mysterious Way*

Sung to the melody of
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Verse 1

***God moves in a mysterious way
his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
and rides upon the storm.***

Verse 2

***Ye fearful saints fresh courage take
the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break
in blessings on your head.***

Verse 3

***Judge not the Lord by feeble sense
but trust him for his grace.
Behind a frowning providence
he hides a smiling face.***

Verse 4

***Blind unbelief is sure to err
and scan his work in vain.
God is his own interpreter
and he will make it plain.***

Communion Hymn



Christ, Be Our Light
ELW #715

Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Verse 1

***Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.***

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Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Refrain

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.***

Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Verse 2

***Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.***

***Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.***

Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Refrain

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.***

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Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Verse 3

***Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.***

Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Refrain

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.***

Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Verse 4

***Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.***

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Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Refrain

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.***

Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Verse 5

***Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.***

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Christ, Be Our Light, ELW #715, Refrain

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
gathered today.***



Communion Hymn



*Come Now, O Prince
of Peace*
ELW #247

Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW #247, Verse 1

***Come now, O Prince of peace,
make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.***

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Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW #247, Verse 2

***Come now, O God of love,
make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.***

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Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW #247, Verse 3

***Come now and set us free,
O God, our Savior.
Come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.***

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Come Now, O Prince of Peace, ELW #247, Verse 4

***Come, Hope of unity,
make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.***



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LUKE 21:25



Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

C: Amen.



Sending and Godspeed for Deacon Korra

P: Deacon Korra, on February 1, 2022, we of St. Philip Lutheran Church called you to serve among us as a deacon to guide us in our serving and take us out into the world. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world.

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P: As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of St. Philip Lutheran Church, do you release Deacon Korra from service as your Deacon?

C: We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

P: Deacon Korra, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with St. Philip Lutheran Church?

Korra: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.



Thanksgiving and Sending

Blessing

P: God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
+ bless and keep you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn



People Look East
ELW #248

People Look East, ELW #248, Verse 1

***People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Guest, is on the way.***

People Look East, ELW #248, Verse 2

***Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Rose, is on the way.***

People Look East, ELW #248, Verse 3

***Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Star, is on the way.***

People Look East, ELW #248, Verse 4

***Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Lord, is on the way.***

Dismissal



P: Go in peace.
Prepare the way for
Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

God Bless
— GO IN PEACE —



Postlude – Ben Corwyn



Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

(arr. A. D. Miller)

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