



Insisting on Hope

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!
NOVEMBER 30, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Preparation for Worship

“The disappointment, brokenness, suffering, and pain that characterize life in this present world is held in dynamic tension with the promise of future glory that is yet to come. In that Advent tension, the church lives its life.” - *Fleming Rutledge*

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Donovan, Christal, Alinea, Aurora, and Alice Adams

Please respond, “Let us live in the hope of the Lord,” each time the leader prompts with “People of God.”

Leader: People of God,

All: Let us live in the hope of the Lord.

Opening Hymn* 107

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Prayer of Confession*

Loving God, thank you for your grace.
You have called us to walk with you, but we have not followed.
Forgive us when we ignore you and each other.
Have mercy on us and show us your way
so that we can learn to do your will.
We have prayed together, and now quietly...
(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: In Jesus' name

People: Hear our prayers. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Thanksgiving* 137 He Came Down

He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope; hallelujah forevermore.

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 120 for “Frolic” (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3’s.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday, all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the Chapel narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the Sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
VENI EMMANUEL - Hymn 88 for lyrics

Anna Jean Lower &
Sydney Moss

The Offering

An Advent Fantasia
Orin Johnson

Chancel Choir &
Michelle Moebes, flute

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving.
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when halfspent was the night.

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
Jesus, Redeemer, save us all, and hear your servants when they call.

Come, O come, Emmanuel, come and ransom the captive Israel,
that mourns in exile here until the Son of God appear.

Closing Hymn* 105

People, Look East

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!
For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to slpres.org.

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission), you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to prayerrequest@slpres.org.





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