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Midweek Advent Service
December 10, 2025 – 6:30 PM

AS WE GATHER

Tonight Isaiah speaks of the “House of the Lord”. In this Home there is life-giving food—free, abundant, and without end. It secures a place we cannot lose and sends us on a mission we must not ignore. Jesus invites the empty-handed to receive grace without cost—a table set not by merit, but by mercy. Our place in God's family is secure because of His covenant love. Like David, we are chosen, loved, and held by a promise that does not depend on our performance but on Christ's finished work.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

“Hope Of The Nations”

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen

P: We expectantly anticipate the coming of our Savior Jesus!

C: God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

WE SING

“Light The Candle”

(two candles on the Advent wreath are lit)

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26: 26-29

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

ANTHEM

"What Child Is This"

Memorial Handbells

MESSAGE

"No Place Like Home"

Pastor Doug Slavens

(tonight's readings)

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

C: We confess that we spend ourselves on what cannot satisfy. We chase approval, possessions, and pleasure, ignoring the feast of grace you freely set before us. We labor in vain, and we doubt whether we still belong in your family. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

WE HEAR THAT GOD FORGIVES OUR SINS

WE SING

"Jesus, Your Blood And Righteousness" LSB 563:1,2,6

TIME OF EVENING PRAYER

P: Gracious God, you invite the thirsty to drink and the hungry to be filled without cost. Teach us to turn from empty pursuits and to delight in the rich food of your grace. Keep us secure in your covenant love, that we may both rejoice in your feast and share it with those who hunger. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14)

C: Amen.

WE SING

"Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

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Note – Our offerings are received in the offering boxes located near our entrances

God is with us! We live our whole life as an offering of thanks to Him.

Please note our Special Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule:

Next Advent Midweek Services: Wednesday, 17th– 6:30 PM
Dinner starts at 5:00 PM

Children's Christmas Service: Sunday, Dec. 14 – 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Worship Services: Wednesday Dec. 24 – 3, 5 & 7pm

Christmas Day Worship Service: Thursday, Dec. 25 – 9:30 AM