

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2023—10am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *arr. by Anna Laura Page*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** ELW #247 v.1

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation. **Amen.**

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God, **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song** ELW #246

**+ Greeting** ELW p.98

**+ Kyrie** ELW p.98

**+ Prayer of the Day** ELW p.18

**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 64:1-9
<b>Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</b>	ELW #80
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
<b>+ Gospel Acclamation</b>	ELW p.102
<b>+ Gospel Reading</b>	Mark 13:24-37
<b>Young at Heart Message &amp; Sermon</b>	The Rev. Leslie D. Weber
<b>+ Song of the Day</b>	ELW #438
<b>+ Nicene Creed</b>	ELW p.104
<b>+ Prayers of Intercession</b>	sung refrain: ELW #262
<b>+ Peace</b>	

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!*

*Electronic donations can be made at*

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=622d08be-6865-11ee-90fc-1260ab546d11>.



<b>+ Offering Prayer</b>	
<b>+ Great Thanksgiving</b>	ELW p.107
<b>+ Proper Preface</b>	
<b>+ Sanctus</b>	ELW p.108
<b>+ Thanksgiving at the Table</b>	
<b>+ Lord's Prayer (sung)</b>	ELW p.163

**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Agnus Dei**

ELW p.112

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

**Distribution Song**

ELW #715

**+ Table Blessing**

**+ Post Communion Canticle**

ELW p.113

**+ Prayer after Communion**

**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**+ Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

*"Bethlehem Highway"  
see insert*

**+ Dismissal**

*Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

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