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### **WHAT DO YOU FEAR: Insisting on Hope This Advent**

**First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025**



### **GATHERING**

PRELUDE		Christie Semmler
BELLS		
ADVENT INTRODUCTION VIDEO: “ <i>Good News is Louder</i> ”		
CALL TO WORSHIP		screen
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY: The Candle of <i>Hope</i>		screen
ADVENT/CANDLELIGHTING SONG/VIDEO: “ <i>Show Up</i> ”		
CALL TO CONFESSION		screen
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		screen
HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Hark the Glad Sound!</i>	LBW #35 (vs. 1,4)
PRAYER OF THE DAY		screen

## WORD

FIRST READING		Lamentations 3:55-57
SONG	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	LBW #67 (vs. 1)
CHILDREN'S TIME		
SONG	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	LBW #67 (vs. 2-3)
GOSPEL READING		Luke 1:5-13
SERMON		
TIME OF REFLECTION: “Do Not Fear” (video)		The Many

## MEAL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT		screen
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
OFFERING	Lutheran Disaster Response	
COMMUNION PRAYER		screen
LORD'S PRAYER		screen
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION		
	<i>Bright and Glorious Is the Sky</i>	LBW #75
	<i>Lo, How a Rose Is Growing</i>	LBW #58
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		screen

## SENDING

ADVENT BENEDICTION		
BELLS		
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	LBW #70
DISMISSAL		

P: Go in peace.

Do not be afraid—live with courage and hope.

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE		Christie Semmler
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\*denotes a favorite hymn

## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 124; Genesis 8:1-19; Romans 6:1-11
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 124; Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 11:32-40
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 124; Isaiah 54:1-10; Matthew 24:23-35
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 1:12-17, 21-26
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 30:19-26; Acts 13:16-25
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Isaiah 40:1-11; John 1:19-28
<b>Sun</b>	Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

## SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Darrin & Corina Bronczyk	Galen & Charlotte Negen
<b>Ushers</b>	Negens & Piddes	Jay & Heather Johnson
<b>Reader</b>	Mel Stover	De Carlson
<b>Communion</b>	Cindy Lecy & Maja Cox	Dave Carlson

*Prayer Concerns: The people of Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, White Earth Church-in-Community Ministry; The family of Anne Abbott; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Sebrina Hegg (Tina Ericson's sister), Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Jason Kath (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Riki and her family, Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), Dawn, David VanEye, Sarah & Sonny, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Tina Ericson, Johanna, Ivy Brisk (Diana Schwenke's granddaughter), Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Addisen Freeman, Nicole Spangenberg, (Jim & Linda Kolar family,) Gina Lenander, Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Romello Lee Kelly (Gail Buck's great grandson)*

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### Opportunities This Week

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<b>Today</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
<b>Sun</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Potluck Fellowship	11:15 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas list is out for the family, from the ARCCES, we're gifting this year. We do not have to fulfill every dream. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Wrapped gifts with labels are due back by December 7.

Adult & Teen Challenge Christmas Concert: December 4&5 - 6:00 PM at Heritage Church in Baxter. December 12 – 6:00 PM at The Waters Church in Sartell

### *November Mission of the Month*

#### *White Earth Church-In-Community Ministry*

The White Earth Church-In-Community Ministry is an outreach initiative dedicated to serving the White Earth Community (Ojibwe/Chippewa Nation). This is a jointly funded mission of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA and the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota.

The mission of this ministry is to help support and create leadership development and cross-cultural theological education. The ministry seeks to honor and incorporate Ojibwe and Christian spirituality.

Although the mission is supported by a grant through September of 2027, additional gifts will be used to strengthen and sustain the ministry into the future and extend its impact among God's people. Miigwetch (Ojibwe/Anishinaabe word that means "thank you".)

If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please make your check to FLC with WECC on the memo line.