Vasa Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of Advent

Pastor Tim Seitz Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, November 29th 2026

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Congregation: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
Leader: We light the first candle, the candle of ***hope****, trusting in God's promises of coming deliverance.*
Congregation: ***Come, Lord Jesus, dispel our doubts and fears, and fill our hearts with your steady hope. Amen.***

~Candle is lit~

We sing:

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

L: However impossible it seems,
God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting,
and blessed is the one gifted with God's vision.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

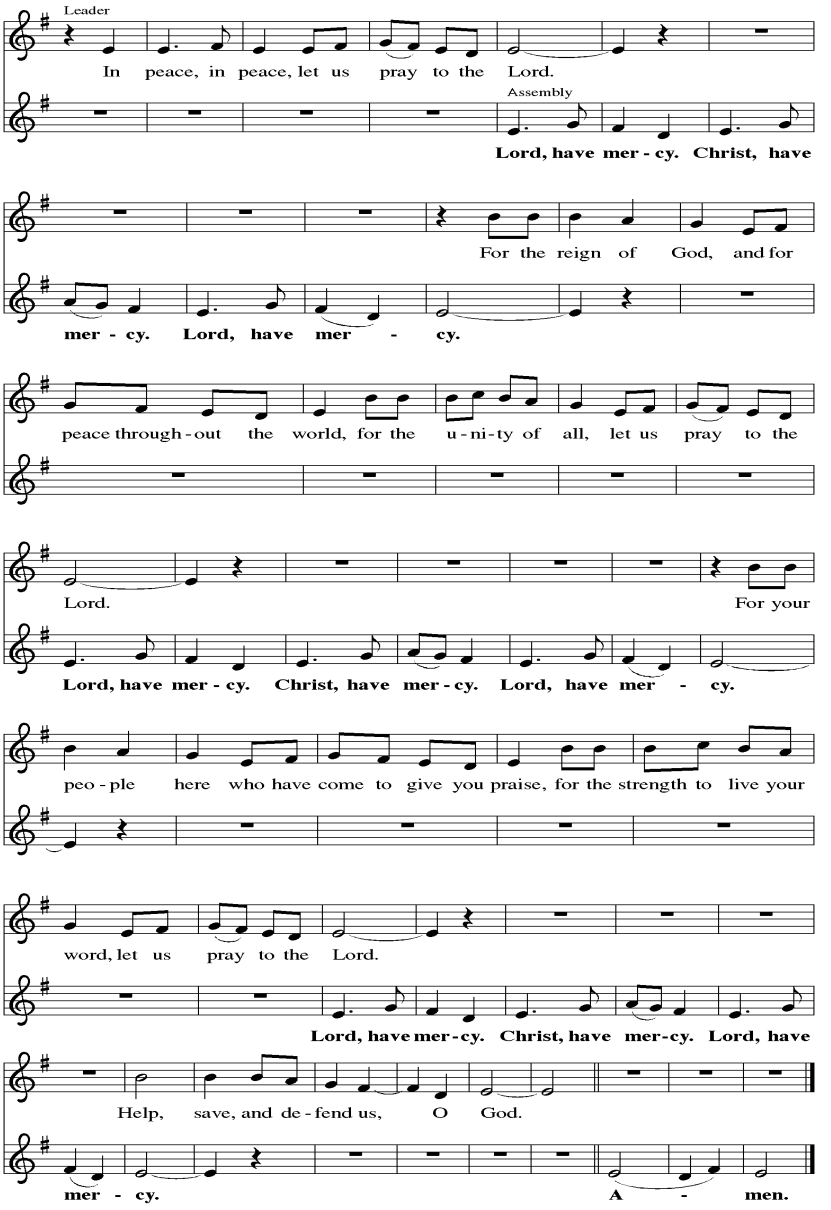
Comforting God,
we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness.
Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.
☩ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN ELW 242

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

Kyrie



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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

PSALM 80: 1-7, 17-19

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark13: 24-37
[Jesus said:]"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and

puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

L: Word of God, word of life,
C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN THE KING SHALL COME ELW 260

SERMON

HYMN WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING ELW 436

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION
Each petition will end with the words: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER
Give us the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying...

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

L: Let us share God's peace with one another.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN **REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS** **ELW 244**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING
May God who comes among us,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.
Amen.

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Bring good news the brokenhearted.
Thanks be to God.

- **No Sunday School. There will be a "fluffing" of the Christmas tree after service today.**
- **Saturday November 28th @ 9:00 we will be decorating the Christmas tree.**
- **A Christmas tree with gift options will be up at the church if you are wanting to give to the Goodhue County Christmas Project**
- **Altar flowers given today by Sue & Stuart Samuelson in Memory of Richard Samuelson and Ray and Clara Samuelson**
- **The Volz Family will light the Advent wreath today**

Parish Pulse:
Nov. 22
Participating in Worship: 31
+ 47 Live Streams
Total Offerings:
2,570

Worship Assistants Today:

Usher: Tim Carlson
Lector: Tim Carlson
Hospitality: Audrey Rosener

Worship Assistants Next Week
December 6th
Usher:
Lector: Melanie Carlson
Hospitality: Kent Volz
Communion Asst.: *Volunteer Needed*



Rita Pearson, Wendy Anderson, Scott Sorenson, Lorrie Samuelson, Lynda Rosener , Connor Mikolichek (Rosann Pearson's grandson), and Rachel Harper (Barry Skoggs niece)



Christmas Poinsettias

This year's Poinsettias order forms are available. Deadline for the order forms is **DEC. 3rd** Forms are located at the back of the Church and by the office in the Lutheran Center. Call the office with any questions

MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER 29th 2026

AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN

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