



Home at the Mountain: Walking in the Light of the LORD

Isaiah 2:1-5

*PREACHING AND TEACHING THE TRUTH TO HIS EXPANDING
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The First Sunday in Advent
(November 30, 2025)

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Divine Service 4

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in common time with a treble clef. The lyrics are: "1 I want to walk as a child of the light. 2 I want to see the brightness of God. 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ." The bottom staff continues the melody with lyrics: "I want to follow low Je - sus. I want to look at Je - sus. I want to be with Je - sus." The music is simple, with mostly quarter notes and a few eighth notes.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path.
 When we have run with patience, the

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
 The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19b; 18:20)

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 C **who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8***

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (*Luke 18:13*)

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

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P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**²Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

³Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

**⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.**

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“**May they be secure who love you!**

⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”

**⁸For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Kyrie

204

C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
 that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
 ³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse

205

C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:31**

Alleluia

LSB 205

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Creed [“Creed” comes from the Latin *credo*, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creational Church.] (Us men means all people)*

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Kids' Time

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

sts. 1, 3–5, 7

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
 5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He
 7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
 ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,
 through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;

That the Lord chose such a birth.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.
 Back then to His throne and crown.
 In this light faith now a - bides.

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Sermon “Home at the Mountain: Walking in the Light of the LORD” Isaiah 2:1-5

Stand

Offering

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338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

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Stand

Preface **2Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136** *LSB 208*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus **Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9** *LSB 208*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

C **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.**

[* The Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]

The Words of Our Lord

Words of Institution: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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Sit

Distribution

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,

**Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Be - hold, the
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -

near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly

va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
 all our woe He brings; There-fore the earth is glad and sings.
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
 Sov - reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
 Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
 E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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Bible Nugget – Advent I

“Home at the Mountain” – Isaiah 2:1–5

In Isaiah's vision, God lifts His mountain above every hill—not to show power, but to **welcome people home**. The nations *flow uphill*, something rivers never do. That's the miracle of grace: God draws wandering hearts back to Himself. On that mountain, swords become plowshares. Weapons become tools of life. Fear gives way to peace. And then comes the invitation that shapes Advent:

“Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.”

Advent begins with that simple truth— we do not climb our way to God. **God comes down the mountain to us.** In the manger... in His Word... in His Supper... and one day, in glory. Until then, we walk in His light, awake and hopeful, because our true Home is already on the way.



Scan for Offering

Advent I – Reflection Questions

1. Where in your life do you feel a longing for “home”—for peace, belonging, or a fresh start—and how does Isaiah’s vision of God’s mountain speak into that longing?
2. Jesus warns against spiritual sleep. What are the ordinary distractions—busyness, noise, screens, stress, comparison—that most easily put *your* heart on autopilot?
3. In what ways have you sensed the lie that you must “fix yourself,” “prove yourself,” or “be enough” on your own? How does Advent pull you out of that lie and back into grace?
4. What would it look like this week to “walk in the light of the LORD”—in your home, school, workplace, friendships, or personal patterns? What one step is the Spirit putting on your heart?
5. Advent is about Jesus coming *down the mountain* to be with His people. How does His presence—in the Word, in worship, at His Table—reshape the way you face fear, uncertainty, or loneliness?

Advent I – Family Talk Questions

1. When have you felt most “at home” — safe, loved, and welcomed? How does Jesus bring that same feeling to us during Advent?
2. Isaiah saw people flowing up God’s mountain like a river. What might “walking in God’s light” look like in our home this week?
3. Jesus tells us to “stay awake.” What kinds of things (big or small) make it hard to pay attention to God during the week? How can we help each other stay focused?
4. If Jesus knocked on our door tonight, what would you want to talk with Him about? What would you thank Him for?
5. What can our family do this Advent to make our home peaceful, joyful, and centered on Jesus—like a “little mountain of the Lord” in our neighborhood?

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PRAYER REQUESTS— *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to admin@mlgj.org & sec@mlgj.org

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3-Dec Leslie Hendricks

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