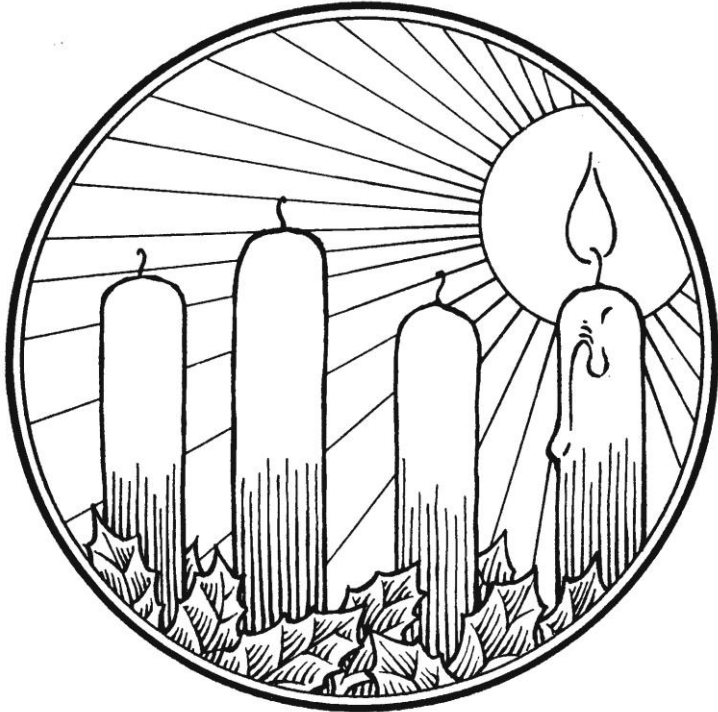


"CHRIST OUR HOPE"



ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

NOVEMBER 29, ST. PAUL'S

DECEMBER 6, IMMANUEL

DECEMBER 13, ST. PAUL'S

DECEMBER 20, IMMANUEL

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 23, 6:00 P.M., ST. PAUL'S

DECEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M., IMMANUEL

✠ IN NOMINE JESU CHRISTI ✠

ADVENT MIDWEEK 1 — VESPERS SERVICE THE ORDER OF VESPERS, LSB PG. 229

OPENING HYMN

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

LSB 334

PSALM 33:1-22

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

Give thanks to the LORD | with the lyre;*

make melody to him with the harp of | ten strings!

Sing to him a | new song;*

play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is | upright,*

and all his work is done in | faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and | justice;*

the earth is full of the steadfast love | of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*

and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

He gathers the waters of the sea | as a heap;*

he puts the deeps in | storehouses.

Let all the earth | fear the LORD;*

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!

For he spoke, and it | came to be;*

he commanded, and it | stood firm.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to | nothing;*

he frustrates the plans of the | peoples.

The counsel of the LORD stands for- | ever,*

the plans of his heart to all gener- | ations.

Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*

the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!

The LORD looks down from | heaven;*

he sees all the chil- | dren of man;

from where he sits enthroned he | looks out*
on all the inhabitants | of the earth,

he who fashions the hearts | of them all*
and observes | all their deeds.

The king is not saved by his great | army;*
a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.

The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,*
and by its great might it cannot | rescue.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

that he may deliver their | soul from death*
and keep them alive in | famine.

Our soul waits | for the LORD;*
he is our help | and our shield.

For our heart is | glad in him,*
because we trust in his | holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,*
even as we | hope in you.

READINGS

FIRST READING PROVERBS 23:12-19

Apply your heart to instruction
and your ear to words of knowledge.

Do not withhold discipline from a child;
if you strike him with a rod, he will not die.

If you strike him with the rod,
you will save his soul from Sheol.

My son, if your heart is wise,
my heart too will be glad.

My inmost being will exult
when your lips speak what is right.

Let not your heart envy sinners,
but continue in the fear of the LORD all the day.

Surely there is a future,
and your hope will not be cut off.

Hear, my son, and be wise,
and direct your heart in the way

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-24

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

LSB 342

SERMON “Christ Our Hope”

1 Timothy 1:1

FOR THE MAGNIFICAT WE WILL SUBSTITUTE BY SINGING

“My Soul No Magnifies the Lord

LSB 934

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Once He Came in Blessing”

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