



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Prelude

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

GATHERING

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *(You are invited to stand)*

Love Take a Walk *(Sing Hope instead of Love)*

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. Long-expected God,
**we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you
can provide. We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.**

We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.

**Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our
neighbors.**

**Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent
among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised.**

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- Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (ELW 436)

Greeting (ELW page 156)

Kyrie 5 (ELW page 156)

Gloria- Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (ACS 901)



- 1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
- 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light now be - gin to drift a - way.
- 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with-in:
Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark-ness shines the hope of com-ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang-er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him.
Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him.
Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation 5 (ELW page 160)

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner 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. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

Homily - Rev. Paul Schmidt

Hymn of the Day- We Are Waiting for Jesus (ACS 905)

Apostles Creed (ELW page 105)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Prayer





MEAL

Dialog & Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy 5 (ELW page 162)

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (ELW page 163)

Lamb of God 5 (ELW page 164)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn- O Come Emmanuel v. 1-2 (ELW 257)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn- People Look East (ELW 248)

Dismissal

Postlude

***First Sunday of Advent:** The first candle, often called the Prophecy Candle, represents hope and the anticipation of Christ's coming, recalling the prophecies about the Messiah.*

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mei Sum Lai	Livestream Tech	Alin Kucheran
Preacher	Rev. Paul Schmidt	Usher	-
Minister of Music	Graham Pudek	Communion Set-Up	Heidi Ackermann
Assisting Minister	Linda Collins	Coffee Hour Hosts	Tsige Ekubagaber
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann		Felicia Quayson
Lector	Aria		