ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Galesville, WI (608) 582-2818

November 29th, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

Pastor Joe Iverson

Music: Selisa Erickson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved children of God, and gather in the presence of the One who calls us by name.
We come to seek God's wisdom, grace, and truth.
In every generation, God has been at work, teaching and guiding the hearts of God's people.
We give thanks for those who have shared faith with us and pointed us toward Christ.
In a world filled with many voices, we turn again to Jesus, our Savior and our source of life.
We come to worship the living God, whose truth endures forever. AMEN

CANDLE LIGHTING

In this season of watching and waiting, we look for the coming of Christ.
We wait in hope for the Lord; our souls wait for God's promise.
Light dawns on all who sit in darkness.
Come, Lord Jesus, and shine your hope on us.
Stir up your power, O God, and bring new life to your people.
Make us ready to receive you with joy. Amen.

HYMN *Light One Candle* #240 v. 1

GATHERING HYMN *Light Dawns on a Weary World* *#726*

WORSHIP NOTES FOR GUESTS

NOISY OFFERING — *G.E.T Food Pantry*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

This Little Light of Mine (as kids walk to Sunday School) #677 v. 1

CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Silence left for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God,
we confess that we are not always ready for your arrival.
We get caught up in the busyness of life and forget to make room for you.
We grow weary and lose hope. We let fear overshadow faith, self-interest get in the way of love, and keeping us from seeing your light. Forgive us, renew us, and prepare our hearts.
Teach us to wait with hope, to live with compassion, speak for our neighbors, and to share the light of Christ with the world.
Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

… fill you with hope, renew your hearts, and shine through your lives.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my[a] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of[b] Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 80

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
2 **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
3 **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
5 **You have fed them with the bread of tears**
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
6 You make us the scorn[a] of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 **Restore us, O God of hosts;**
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Word of God, word of life,
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Isaiah 9:2-6**

The Holy Gospel according to the book of Isaiah,
Glory to you O Lord.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
3 You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
4 For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Word of God, word of life,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* #242

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to "Lord in your Mercy" with "Hear Our Prayer"

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* #881 v.1

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY pg. 144

STORY OF COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER SONG

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS *Let Us Break Bread Together* #471
Instrumental music on the piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING HYMN *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* *#251*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #884

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
Thanks be to God, Amen.

INVITIATION TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

POSTLUDE