# FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



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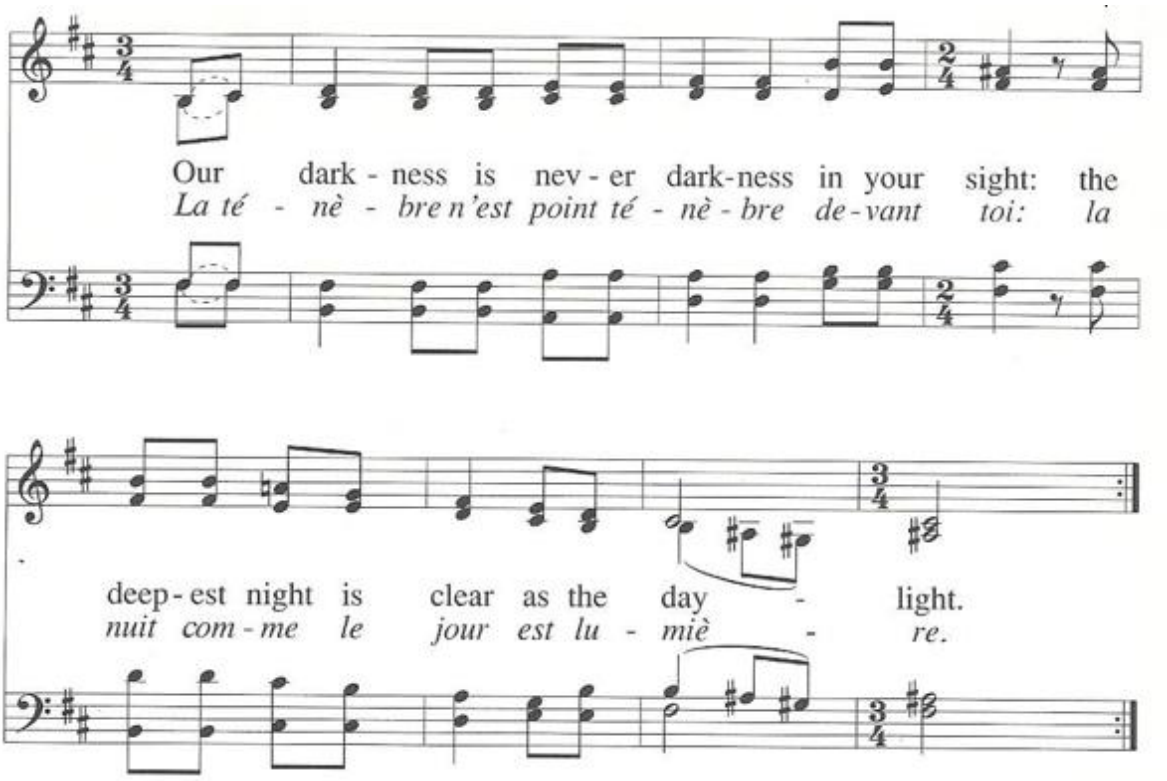
**ALTAR GUILD:** Laurna Prantil and Brittany Wilson

**USHERS**: Dorothy Zeidler and Friends

**MEDITATION CHANT** "Our Darkness" *Taizé*



**WELCOME AND INVOCATION** *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*
(please stand if able)

**MUSIC FOR CANDLELIGHTING** "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"
*Red Book 240 vs. 1*

**ADVENT LITANY**

In the season of Advent, we look for the one who brings hope to the hopeless, justice to the oppressed, and peace to a troubled world. May this candle be a reminder for us to wait and watch for you.

**Come, Lord Jesus. Make us ready to welcome you!**

We prepare our homes, we make our plans, and we count the days until Christmas. But God calls us to prepare something even more important: our hearts and our lives.

**Open our hearts, O God, and make room for your love.**

The prophet promises a day when God's justice will roll like a mighty river, when the hungry will be fed, the forgotten will be remembered, and the oppressed will be set free.

**Come, Lord Jesus, and make all things new. Let your justice and mercy fill the earth!**

Yet we confess that our hearts are not always ready. We have been too busy and distracted to hear your call. We have ignored the needs of our neighbors, remained silent in the face of injustice, and chosen comfort over compassion.

**Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts toward you and toward one another.**

Hear this good news: God does not turn away from us. In Jesus Christ, God comes into our broken world with mercy, forgiveness, and the promise of new life. Our sins are forgiven, our hope is restored, and the way is opened before us.

**Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are forgiven and made new!**

May this Advent season find us awake to God's presence, ready to receive Christ, and willing to share his light with the world.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

**OPENING SONG** **"**People Look East" *Red Book 248*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Christian Siebert*

God for whom we wait, awaken our hearts and our eyes to your presence here. Help us to put our trust in you and to watch for the ways you move among us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**.
(please sit)

**FIRST READING** 1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9 *Brittany Wilson*

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 **I give thanks to my 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 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 80** "Lord, Make Us Turn to You" *Timothy R. Smith*
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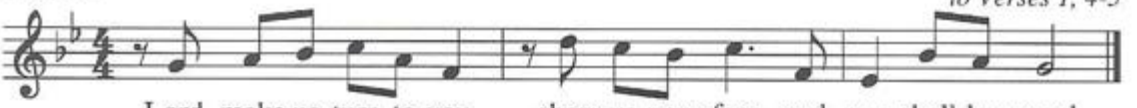
*Refrain*

*to Verses 1, 4-5*




*Alternate Refrain*

*to Verses 2-5*




*Verses*

1. Hear us, shepherd of Israel,
   from your throne on cherubim shine out.
   Gather your strength, come save us!
   Shepherd of Israel.

2. You brought a vine from Egypt,
   cleared out nations to plant it;
   stretched its branches to the sea,
   its roots to the distant river.

3. Why have you torn down its walls?
   All who pass by steal the grapes,
   wild boars tear up its roots,
   beasts devour its fruit.

4. Turn our way, God of might,
   look down from heaven;
   tend this vine, this vine you planted
   cherish once more.

5. Rest your hand upon your chosen one
   who draws strength from you.
   We have not turned from you.
   Give us life again
   and we will invoke your name.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Alleluia" *Jacques Berthier*

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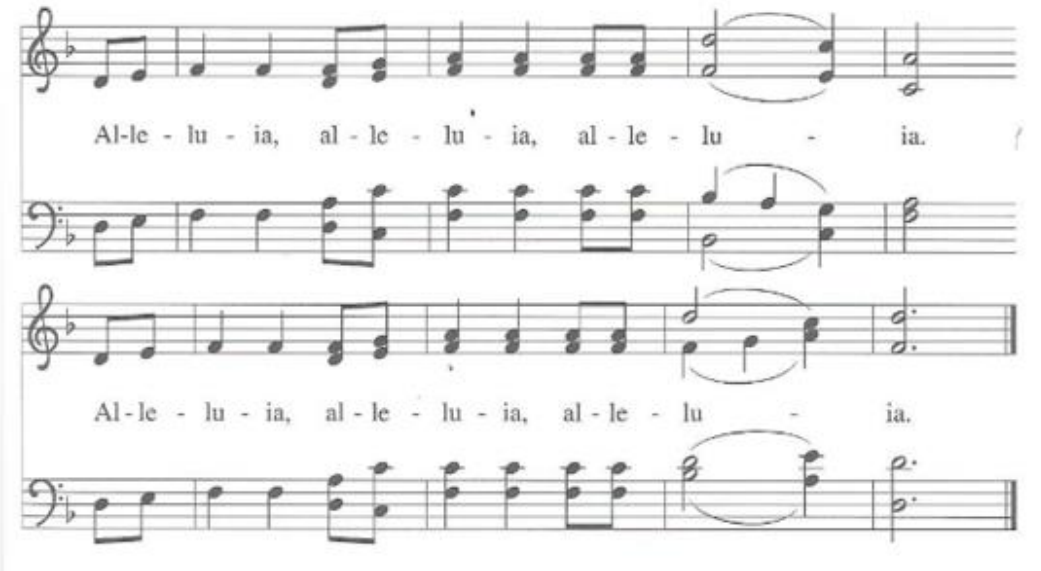


**GOSPEL** Mark 13: 24 – 37 *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Gospel of Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

24 "But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 **"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.** 27 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.

[28] **"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.** [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
[32] "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] **Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.** [34] 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. [35] 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, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**
(please sit)

**SERMON** *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

**SERMON SONG** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Red Book 254*
(prayer squares are collected)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** "Wait for the Lord" *Red Book 262*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG** "Find Us Ready, Lord" *Tom Booth*

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Christian Siebert*

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION** *Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen*

**Song** "Here is Bread" *Red Book 483 vs 1 and refrain*

**Presider's Prayer**

**Reprise** "Here is Bread" *Red Book 483 vs 3 and refrain*
(please stand if able)

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother and . . .

**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.**

**Invitation** (please sit)

**COMMUNION SONG** "Each Winter As the Year Grows Older" *Red Book 252*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Christian Siebert*

God our creator,
you fill the hungry with good things
and send the self-satisfied away empty.
In this eucharist you have filled us
with the bread of life, your Son Jesus Christ.
Make us hunger now for his coming
in every heart and home.
Fill us with his spirit of service
and self-forgetting love,
that through us, he may become near to all. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**
(please stand if able)

The Lord is waiting for our active preparing
of his love and justice among people.
But he will do it with us.
Let the Lord come and activate us,
with the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** "My Lord, What a Morning! *Red Book 438*

**DISMISSAL** Go now in peace. Wait for the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday thru Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeemermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with a pastor.**

BIBLE STUDY THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- We will be looking at **Mark 1: 1 – 8.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADVENT SERVICE ON THESE UPCOMING WEDNESDAYS

- December 2
- December 9
- December 16
- All start at 5:30, in the sanctuary

SIGN UP GENIUS FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Please use the link or QR barcode to sign up to be a worship leader. You can sign up to be the liturgical assistant, reader and communion assistant. Dates are in there up to the end of the year. Plan ahead!
- https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/

CHANT CLAIRE'S *AT THE RIVER*

- Come home for the holidays with Chant Claire's *At the River: An American Christmas,* a celebration of American choral music, blending stirring spirituals, beloved folk melodies, modern classics, and seasonal favorites.
- December 19th at 7pm & December 20th at 3pm | Ascension Lutheran Church (1236 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee)
- **Tickets and Info:** tinyurl.com/CCAtTheRiver
- **Redeemer Discount Code:** (not to be shared on social media): Get 15% off General Admission Tickets using promo code REDEEMER at checkout
- **TICKET PURCHASE QR CODE (also attached as an image file)**