

NOVEMBER 30, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



Advent is a season of hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 24:36-44	The coming of salvation
Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5	Peace that lasts forever
Tuesday	Romans 13:11-14	The day when Christ returns
Wednesday	Jeremiah 29:10-14	Seventy years in Babylonia
Thursday	Psalms 125	A song of trust in God
Friday	Romans 15:1-6	Please others, not yourselves
Saturday	Psalms 122	A song of praise
Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Prepare the way of the Lord

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; 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 any more. Isaiah 2:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, you who are the light of the world, guide our steps to walk in your light. Amen. (Isaiah 2:5)

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we eat and drink with thankful hearts, for all that you provide for us every day and in every way. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with hope all your days.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

All Earth Is Hopeful



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you hope for during this time of year?
- Advent means *arrival* or *coming*. How do you get ready for the coming of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 2:1-5.

Advent is a season of hope and anticipation of God's action to redeem the world. That is Isaiah's message, too. Isaiah sees what others do not. Isaiah sees Jerusalem as the highest mountain, but Psalm 125:2 sees other peaks as higher. Isaiah sees the people walking in the paths of the LORD's teaching, but before and after Isaiah 2, judgment is announced for the people's disobedience. Isaiah sees weapons of violence and destruction that are turned into farming tools, but the nations of Israel and Judah were utterly destroyed by its neighbors. Even while brokenness and sin are still present, the message of Isaiah is one of hope that the Christian faith announces each Advent.

Discuss: What hope do you hold on to as a follower of Jesus?

Pray: **Come Lord Jesus, come and bring peace between nations. May we see the light of your glory in all the world. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you find a way to give hope to someone who is feeling sad or anxious?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Set up or make a circular Advent wreath. Place four candles on the wreath and one in the center. The circle represents the eternity of God. The four candles are often blue to signify the hope of the Advent season. The center candle is white. It represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Leader: This is the first week of Advent. Advent means *coming*. We are waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. Let us light the first Advent candle, the Candle of Hope.

[Light one candle]

All: *O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!* (Isaiah 2:5)

Leader: Let us walk in the light of Christ that gives us hope.

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming with hope. May we walk in the light of the Lord and live in peace with all that you have made. Amen.



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