

Lighting of the Advent Wreath First Week

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: *May the Lord's peace be with us all.*

Leader: And His love shine in our hearts.

All: *Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10 (p. 575)

Luke 1:26-38 (p. 855)

Leader: Let us pause for a moment of silent prayer, that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in our faith so that the day of this coming may find us prepared and filled with joy.

All: *Amen*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Additional Scripture readings:

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Matthew 1: 18-24