

**WESTBY UMC**  
**November 30, 2025 ~ First Sunday of Advent**

\* *Please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* GATHERING SONGS                      *Joyful, Joyful*

**\* THE FIRST ADVENT READING**

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "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 anymore."

**P: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.**

L: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

\* LIGHT THE FIRST ADVENT LIGHT: *Light the Advent Candle* #2090 TFWS (vs. 1)

**\* OPENING / VISIONING PRAYER**

**Everlasting God, we begin our journey toward Christmas with hope stirring within. Teach us how to get ready. Show how to prepare our hearts for Jesus. Help us walk in your ways, as we put on your Son, Jesus Christ. Guide us on your paths of peace and understanding, as we prepare our hearts anew for the road ahead. God, give us courage to dream Your dreams for our church. Please open our minds and hearts and ears, so we can hear Your voice to know what Your purpose is for our church. We pray in Christ's name, Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

MESSAGE

*"Must Be Ready"*

\* HYMN OF INSPIRATION

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#211 UMH

\* DOXOLOGY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

*\*\* Please place your offering in the plate by the entrance, or send your offering by mail, or drop it off in the church mailbox by the south doors. \*\**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

\* CLOSING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

#196 UMH

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell  
Pastor: Paul Lee

## WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

### Coming Events:

- Nov. 30 10:00 AM –Fellowship  
Dec. 3 5:00 PM – Potluck followed by Charge Conference (6:00 PM) with Viroqua UMC  
Dec. 4 9:00 AM – Prayer Group  
5:30-7:00 PM – Drop off cookies & decorate for Cookie Walk  
Dec. 5 4:30-6:00 PM – Drop off cookies for Cookie Walk  
Dec. 6 8:00 AM – Cookie Walk setup

\* Please pray the Visioning Prayer, listed below, at 3:20 PM each day so we can be united in asking God what He wants our church to do for serving Him and others.

*God, give us courage to dream Your dreams for our church. Please open our minds and hearts and ears so we can hear Your voice to know what Your purpose is for our church. We pray in Christ's name, Amen.*

### PRAYERS

*Ilene (Donna's daughter), Mike (Julie's brother), Gina (Linda's friend), Sunday School students & families, God's Vision for our church, Pastor Paul, Norseland residents, our church family, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry*

### Mission of the Month – Baskets of Love & Norseland Gifts

Please give the Baskets of Love donations by Sunday, Dec. 7.

Please bring in the Norseland gift bags by Sunday, Dec. 14.

### Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk

Please continue to donate items for the Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk. The items needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, hand soap, hand lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, brushes & combs. They also need packages of feminine hygiene products.

### Senior Strength Training

This class is open to everyone of all ages and meets on Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30-1:15 PM.

### Westby Senior Meal Site

The Westby Senior Meal Site is held at our church. Meals will be served Monday-Thursday, at 11:30 AM. Please call 608-637-5201 by 8:00 AM to reserve and order a meal for that day.

### Prayer Request Box

Please write your prayer request on the note card and put it in the box. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group will then pray for these requests when they meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.



## WESTBY United Methodist Church November 30, 2025



**9:00 AM Worship**  
**10:00 AM Fellowship & Sunday School after Worship**

**Westby United Methodist Church**  
**202 East State St., Westby, WI 54667**

*Our calling is to reach all people  
with the life-changing power of God's Love and Grace  
available to all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*