

WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Hope Lutheran ADVENT

THIS PLACE IS A MESS!

Reader One: If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence." So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

Reader One: We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.



Light **ONE** candle
on the wreath.

A Candle is Burning
sung to the tune of
"Away in a Manger"

A candle is burning,
a flame warm and
bright,

A candle of HOPE
in November's dark
night.

While angels sing
blessings from
heaven's starry sky,

Our hearts we
prepare now for
Jesus is nigh.