

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader: "For in this hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."
(Rom. 8:24-25)

All: Jesus is the Light of the World, the light of our lives.

The first Advent candle is lit.

All: This candle represents hope. Long ago everyone's hearts were sustained by hope as they waited for a savior. We hope, too, for the Savior's love to fill and cover the world.

Leader: May the Prince of Hope be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sing Hymn #240, verse 1



"All which happens in the whole world happens through hope. No farmer would sow a grain of corn if he did not hope it would spring up and bring forth the ear. How much more are we helped on by hope in the way to eternal life." – Martin Luther