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## ADVENT: Savior | Sunday, November 30, 2025

Each week in our Sunday gatherings, we will read a liturgy and light a candle to guide us through this Advent season as we prepare for Immanuel's arrival; the coming of Christ. Lighting the candles shows the contrast between dark and the increasing light that bursts forth at Christmas.

This week, we lit the first candle, which represents **HOPE**. Our hope rests in the God who keeps every promise and fulfills every prophecy spoken about Jesus. “Hope does not put us to shame”(Rom 5:5) so we wait in expectant hope for Christ to come again.

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### *Read God's Word Aloud*

#### LUKE 2:10-11

**10** And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

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### *Discuss God's Word and God's World*

***Important:*** *The goal is never to “get through” every question like a checklist. It’s ok to linger on a few questions if they spark sanctifying discussion or opportunities for intercessory prayer.*

- When you hear the word “Savior”, what first comes to mind?
- As you experience Christmas, do you think of it as a celebration of salvation? Why or why not?

In Luke chapter 1, both Mary and Zechariah responded to the angel’s announcement with words about salvation: Mary sang a salvation song (vs 46-56), and Zechariah spoke a salvation prophecy (vs 67-79).

- When you think about what Jesus came to do, what words come to your mind and heart?



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- How might Jesus' name, Savior, shape your Advent devotions and Christmas celebration?
- Who is one person in your family, friendships, or workplace who needs to know Jesus as Savior this Christmas? What opportunities might there be to introduce them to him?

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*Sanctificational Prayer Guidance*

Take a moment to praise Jesus the Savior together. Thank him for his gift of salvation.

*Father, thank you for sending us your Son. Jesus, thank you for being our Savior. Holy Spirit, thank you for leading us to Jesus again and again. You, God, are a gift. Help us to celebrate and share your saving grace this Christmas season.*

Pray individually for the family member, friend, co-worker, or acquaintance who needs the salvation God offers. Ask God for a simple opportunity this month to talk with them about Jesus.

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*Family Memory Verse of the Month for November*

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 (ESV)