

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022
8:15 AM



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Prelude

Opening Hymn

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

LSB 332 sts. 1-2, 7-8

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry
△ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be

That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
In this light faith now a - bides.
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from

our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

P As we wait for the fullness of Christ's coming, we are called to turn. To open our hearts before our God, to lay bare our souls, to repent... to turn. Let us turn to Christ in our confession:

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 203

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit: Psalm 122:1, 6-9

L I was glad when they | said to me,*

C **"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"**

L Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

C **"May they be secure who | love you!**

L Peace be with- | in your walls*

C **and security within your | towers!"**

L For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*

C **I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"**

L For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*

C **I will | seek your good.**

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

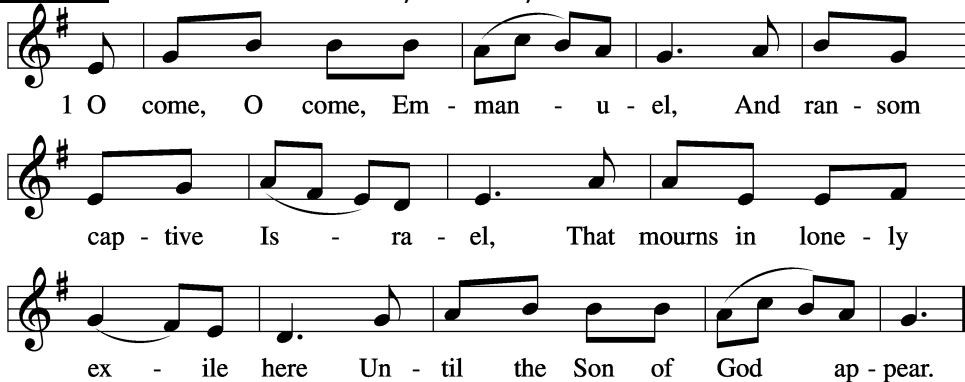
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
C **My hope is in you.** (Psalm 39:7)
P But if we hope for what we do not see,
C **we wait for it with patience.** (Romans 8:25)
P For you, O Lord, are my hope
C **my trust, O Lord, from my youth.** (Psalm 71:5)

Advent Kyrie

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357 st. 1



I O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths."
 For out of Zion shall go the law,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
 He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
 and 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.
 O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Chancel Choir

"Advent"

Wagner

Epistle

Romans 13:11–14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

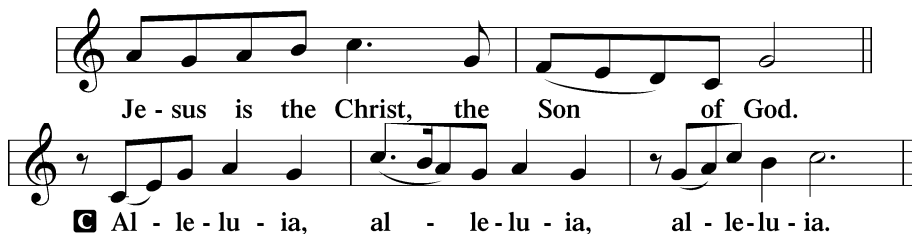
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C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

- Children of all ages are welcome to approach the altar at this point -

Sermon Hymn

"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

LSB 337

1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a -
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the
not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And
greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -
fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us
Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.
new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

Sermon

Seasonably Dark or Light?"
Vicar Zachary Staehr, Pastoral Student

Is. 2:5; Rom. 13:12

Advent Offertory

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LSB 338, st. 1



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

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Prayer of the Church

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 and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

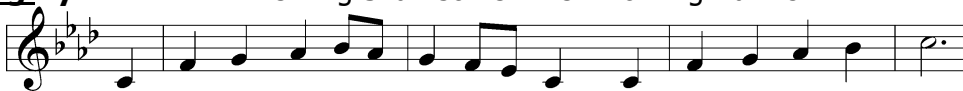
[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

[C] Amen.

Closing Hymn

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB 348



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Serving us in Worship

Preacher	Vicar Zachary Staehr
Music	Gregory Paul
Liturgist	Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski
Reader	Kevin Calhoun
Elder	Jim Schultz
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MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 @ 7PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: 12/24 @ 5PM & 11PM

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE: 12/25 @ 10AM