

First Sunday of Advent



Prepare, the King is Coming!



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Lord of Love Lutheran Church

November 28, 2021

THE COMMON SERVICE



SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING (Grades PreK – 3)

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1 I am Jesus' little lamb; Ever glad at heart I am, For my shepherd gently guides me, Knows my needs and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, he bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By his angel hosts attended, He shall fold me to his breast, There within his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

OPENING HYMN (CW 3)

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates



Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR (88 88 88 66) Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704.

STAND

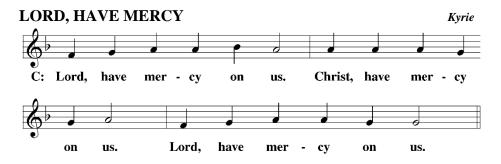
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.





CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

In the penitential season of Advent, the Gloria in Excelsis is omitted. On Christmas Day, we will once more sing this song which the angels sang on the day when Christ was born.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

¹⁵In those days and at that time,

I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line.

He will establish justice and righteousness on earth.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved,

and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

This is what she will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.



PSALM Psalm 24





The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,* the world, and all who <u>live</u> in it;

for he founded it upon the seas* and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*
Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a <u>pure</u> heart,* he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you <u>ancient doors</u>,* that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of <u>glory</u>?*
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in <u>battle</u>.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you <u>an</u>cient doors,* that the King of glory <u>may</u> come in.

Who is he, this King of <u>glory</u>?*
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of <u>glory</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? ¹⁰Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. The one who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

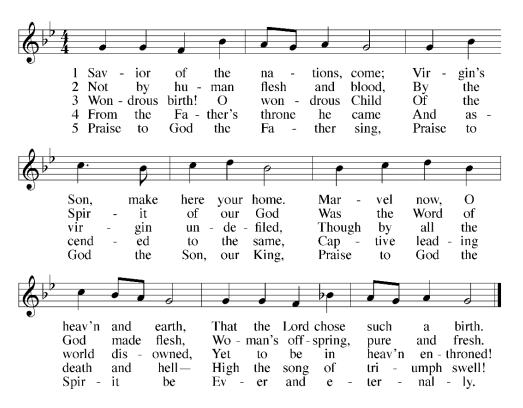
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED



Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt. Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) Geystiliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON Luke 19:28–40

²⁸After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, ³⁰saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. ³⁷As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

Interrupted by Christ's Advent

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in you we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope but come quickly. Sustain us by your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We praise you, O Lord of hosts. You have fulfilled your promise of salvation by sending Jesus to suffer your just wrath on the cross, that we might be declared righteous in your sight. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Bless pastors in their proclamation of your Word and preserve us in our baptismal grace, that your Son might always be our righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord of all, your Son declared that if his disciples ceased praising him, the very stones would cry out. Receive our thanks that you continue to preserve your Word among us. Even in a world that opposes your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare your praise. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim your love and faithfulness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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M: Almighty God and Father, direct the way of all who travel. Protect them on their way, preserve them from loss and complication, and grant them success in their journey and joy upon their return home. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in your name to save us from sin and death. As he visits us this day with his body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome his coming and rejoice in his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Holy God, you declared that the days were coming when you would accomplish our salvation, and in your time you caused your Son, the righteous Branch, to spring up for David. By your grace, keep us joined as branches to Christ, that we might bear fruit until the day he returns in glory; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here. We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.





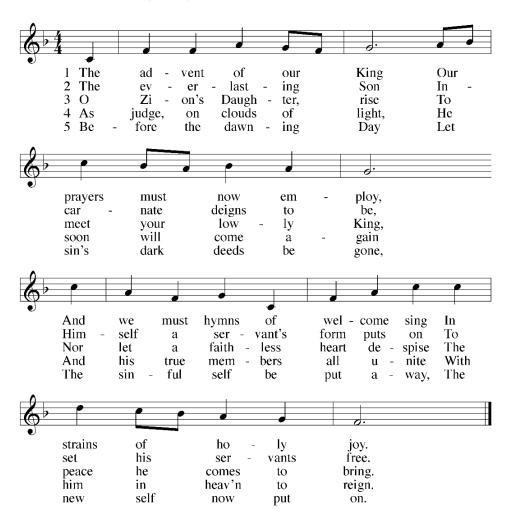
BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 1)

The Advent of Our King



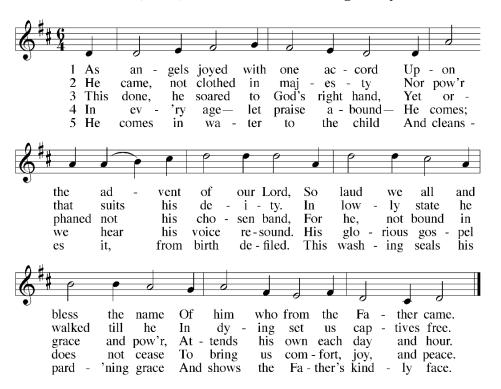
6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.

Tune: St. Thomas (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 5)

As Angels Joyed with One Accord

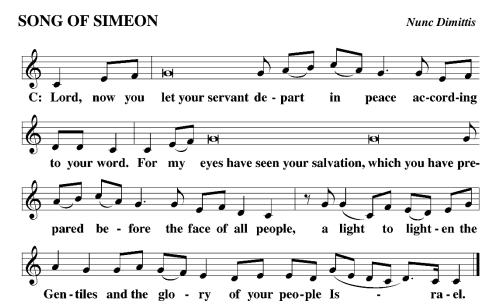


- 6 He comes to us in bread and wine To give himself—and gifts divine. Oh, praise him for this sacrament, Redeeming love's great testament!
- 7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain Shall vanish when he comes again. Where we shall see him face to face, There joy alone shall have a place.

Text: Werner H. Franzmann, 1905–96, abr., alt. © 1993 Werner H. Franzmann. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin Melody, 15th century, adapt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN (CW 8)

Come, O Precious Ransom, Come (v. 1 & 4)

1 Come, O precious Ransom, come, Only Hope for sinful mortals! Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to you all portals. Come, your beauty let us view; Anxiously we wait for you.

4 Hail, hosanna, David's Son! Help, Lord; hear our supplication! Let your kingdom, scepter, crown Bring us blessing and salvation That forever we may sing Hail, hosanna! to our King.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635-1711; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Following the 8:00 service, all are invited to remain in (or return to) the sanctuary for the beginning of Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Teen Bible Study. Children may remain with their parents. All will begin together in the sanctuary at 9:15.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday November 28: 1st Sunday in Advent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
 Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold

• Organist: Jennifer Boll

• Children's Music Directory: Ruth Kovaciny

• Councilman/Elder: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00 am) and Andy Huebner (10:30 am)

• Ushers 8:00 am: Roger LaGrange / Lynn Biwer

• Ushers 10:30 am: Mark Heath / Matt Heath

• Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund

• Altar Guild: Mandi Miller/ Bonnie Punzel • A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Wednesday December 1: Advent Worship 6:30 pm

Pastor Joel Jenswold

• Organist: Ava Wilson

• Ushers: *TBA*

• A/V & Recording: *TBA*

• Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg



Sunday December 5: 2nd Sunday in Advent Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

• Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold • Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz

• Organist: Sharon Freund

• Councilman: Jim Miller (8:00 am) and Mitch Myhre (10:30 am)

• Ushers 8:00 am: TBA

• Ushers 10:30 am: *TBA*

• Counters: Mike Wilson and Lynn Biwer

• Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg • A/V & Recording: *TBA*

• 3:00 pm: Advent by Candlelight at Zion Lutheran – Leeds

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Jess Batz (11/29), John Schueman (11/29), Ryan Jaeger (11/30), Carol Pederson (11/30), Stuart Nale (12/1), Brittani Olson (12/1), Sarah Kerl (12/4) and Dan Mallien (12/4) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Jack & Julie Doyle (11/29) who celebrate their anniversary on Monday.

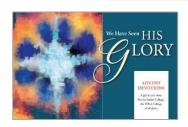
In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Marge Ripp, Peg Schroeder and the Willitz family who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Advent Worship Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

December 1, 8 and 15th





Advent Devotion Booklets

Martin Luther College has provided our congregation with devotional booklets for the Advent season. Pick up a copy in the fellowship area of church.

Offerings Counted November 15 – 21:

• General Fund: \$3,254

• Building Expansion Fund: \$365

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,660

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