

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sat. Nov. 28, 2020, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Nov. 29, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!

John 3:16-17

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn

The Advent of Our King LSB 331



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him-self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

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* Invocation

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

* Confession and Absolution

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our ✕ Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

* Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together,

All: **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. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9 NIV

Rend the heavens and come down.

Leader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 64th chapter of Isaiah.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!
For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,

you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
Since ancient times no one has heard,
 no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
 who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
 who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
 you were angry.
How then can we be saved?
All of us have become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
 and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
No one calls on your name
 or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
 and have given us over to our sins.
Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
 We are the clay, you are the potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
 do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
 for we are all your people.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

I Corinthians 1:3–9 NIV

Thanksgiving.

Leader: The Epistle is from the 1st chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep

you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37 NIV

The Day and Hour Unknown.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

All: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“But in those days, following that distress,

“the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

the stars will fall from the sky,

and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law

Un - til the Son of God ap-pears. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Refrain

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Rossington

* Apostles' Creed

All: **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**

Offertory

Dr. John Hwang

*Offerings will be received at the end of the service
as you exit the Sanctuary.*

*** Prayer of the Church**

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

***After each prayer, the Leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy."
The congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."***

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*** Lord's Prayer**

All: **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**

Closing Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332

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

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—

That Wom - the Lord off - chose such a birth.
 an's an's spring, pure and fresh.

6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.
 Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.

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Benediction

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

Please wait to be ushered out by row so we may practice social distancing
and kindly take your bulletin home to prevent reuse.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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