

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sat. Nov. 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Nov. 28, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

* indicates congregation stands

We welcome all people in the Name of Jesus Christ!
John 3:16-17

*We invite you to fill out the Member/Guest Connection Card.
You may place it in the offering plate as you leave today.*

Prelude

Welcome

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

* Opening Sentences

Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.

Leader: The LORD says, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah."

All: We thank You, O Lord!

Leader: The LORD says, "My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up."

All: We adore You, O Lord!

Leader: The LORD says, "You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

All: We praise You, O Lord!

Leader: The LORD says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

All: We worship You, O Lord!

* Confession and Absolution

Psalm 25:6-7

Leader: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Leader: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

All: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

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.

* Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



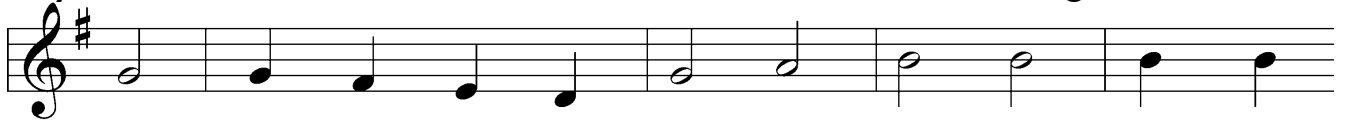
Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

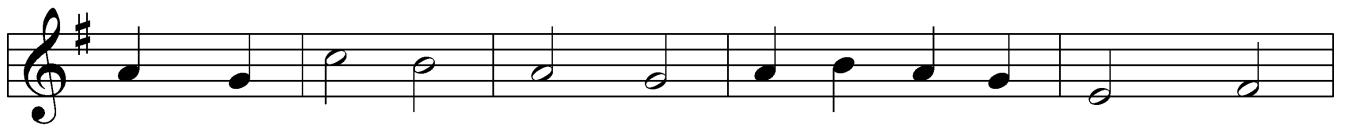


A - men.

*** Hymn of Praise Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *LSB 805***



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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*** Prayer of the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16 NIV

The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 33rd chapter of Jeremiah.

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

“‘In those days and at that time
I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.
In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.
This is the name by which it will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 NIV

Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 3rd chapter of 1 Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so

that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Leonhart Schroeter, 1540-1602

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

Kings shall bow down before Him and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all peoples sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

Please stand to sing the Alleluia and Verse.

* Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

* Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36 *NIV*

The kingdom of God is near.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of

Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

“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.

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

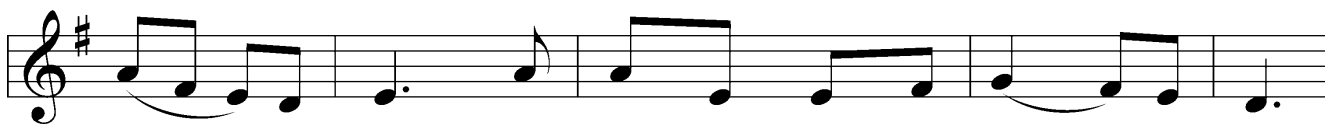
All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!
And teach us in her ways to go. Re - jice! Re - jice!
And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - jice! Re - jice!



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!

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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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**

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

* Offertory

“Create In Me”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

* Prayer of the Church

Leader: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to yearn for that coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored. We pray,

All: hear us, coming Lord.

Leader: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war.

Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

All: hear us, coming Lord.

Leader: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, [especially . . .]. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

All: hear us, coming Lord.

Leader: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

All: hear us, coming Lord.

Leader: O Lord of might, help us during this Advent season both to look back to those days when our salvation was won in Your death and resurrection and to look forward to the day of Your return, when by Your power You will bring the dead to life and restore all creation. We pray,

All: hear us, coming Lord.

Leader: O Immanuel, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn and use us to express the hope that comes from trusting in You. Bring us to be with them on that great day to come, and until that day give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. We pray,

All: hear us, coming Lord.

Leader: You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

* 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.

* 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 the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - 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.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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* Postlude

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