

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sat. Nov. 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m. & Sun. Nov. 27, 2022, 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

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying *J.S. Bach*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying *LSB 516*



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,

Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall

To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.

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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

Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–5, 21; Proverbs 3:5–6

Leader: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

All: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

All: May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.

Leader: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

All: In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

* Confession and Absolution

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

All: Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

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.

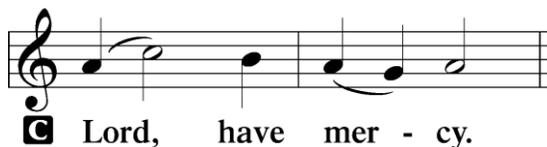
All: Amen.

* Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



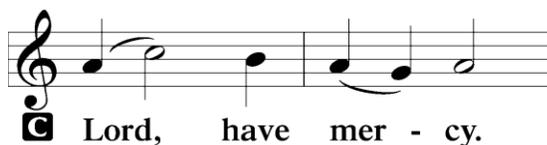
Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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



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



A - men.

* Hymn of Praise

The Advent of Our King *LSB 331*



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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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 be 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

Isaiah 2:1–5 *NIV*

Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.

Lector: The Old Testament Reading is from the 2nd chapter of Isaiah.

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established

as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,

and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.
Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:11–14 *NIV*

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await His coming.

Lector: The Epistle is from the 13th chapter of Romans.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

There Shall A Star Come Out of Jacob

Numbers 24:17 Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob,
and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel,

With might destroying princes and cities!

As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation.

Thy Word, O Lord,

Radiance darting, Truth imparting, gives Salvation;

Thine be praise and adoration!

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**

Matthew 24:26-44 NIV

The Day and Hour Unknown.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

“So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the wilderness,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

“Immediately after the distress of those days

“‘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.’

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet

call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

“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 all these things, 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. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You. O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers *LSB 515*



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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Sermon

Rev. James Hoefer

* 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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, the community of God's forgiven people, asking that God's messengers continue to speak with power among us and that the Word may come to us today with its message of forgiveness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer and grant our petition.

Leader: We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we be enabled to gather for worship throughout the new Church Year with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us in this place. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer and grant our petition.

Leader: We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness, that we be of support and encouragement to

them, and that together we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer and grant our petition.

Leader: As a household of faith, we make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day need our prayers, that their prayers be answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer and grant our petition.

Leader: We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas is sad or challenging in some way. Help us to reach out to them with compassion, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer and grant our petition.

Leader: We remember before You those many faithful Christians who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly kingdom. Direct our ways on earth as we complete this life in faith, that we may rejoice with them eternally together with all the saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer and grant our petition.

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

*** 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

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come *LSB 350*

1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!

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Postlude

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying *J. Krebs*

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