

December 1, 2024

First Sunday in Advent



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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper...*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. The purple cup is grape juice. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"Laudate"

arr. J. Leavitt

" O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Arr. E. Broughton

WELCOME

Stand

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WRATH

John 1:5, 9; Genesis 3:15; Psalm 33:20–22

P Each week in Advent, we light a candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P The first Advent candle is known as the prophecy candle or the candle of hope. We hear again the first promise and prophecy made in the Garden of Eden after the fall into sin: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." The Lord has kept His Word through the mouths of prophets who, for generations, pointed people to the promised Savior to come.

G **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

P Guided by the light of hope, we respond with the psalmist: "Our soul waits for the Lord;

G **He is our help and our shield.**

P For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

G **Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You."**

The first Advent candle is lit.

HYMN

"O Come, O Com, Emmanuel"

LSB 357

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8-9; Jeremiah 33:14, 16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13; Luke 21:28*

- P** As we begin the Advent season—a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior and a time of pondering God’s great love for us given in His Son—we also prepare ourselves to come before Him in humility and with honesty. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** The prophet Jeremiah proclaims, “The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made. . . . And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”
- C** **We confess we have not rightly rejoiced in the promises that the Lord made and fulfilled and have instead found our fulfillment in the temporal things of our lives and this world. We have sought our own rightness instead of the Lord’s righteousness. Forgive us.**
- P** Paul prays, “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus.”
- C** **We confess our hearts are full of blame and unholiness. Our love has been misguided and our actions have been self-serving. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**
- P** As Jesus speaks of the time of His return, He calls His followers to “straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”
- C** **We confess we have not remained ready for Your return, nor realized time is short for the work You’ve called us to do. We have prioritized other matters instead of Your Word, relied on other things instead of Your presence, and in our thoughts, words, and actions have chosen to live our way instead of by Your commands. Forgive us.**

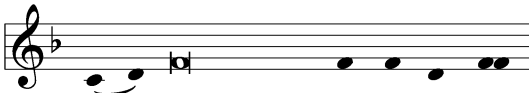
P The Lord is our righteousness. He alone establishes hearts blameless in holiness at His coming. Redemption draws near. We are declared righteous, blameless, and redeemed because of the living, dying, and rising of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

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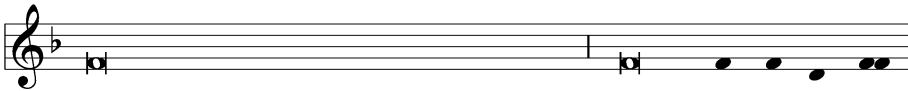
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



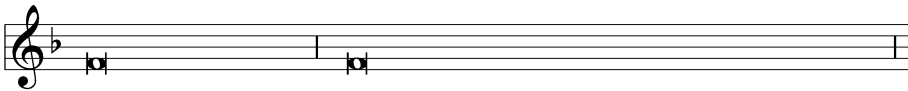
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. From everlasting to everlasting You are our God, and You come to Your people. In Your Word and in the flesh of Your only-begotten Son, You come that we may know forgiveness, righteousness, and redemption.
- C** **Prepare us to receive You in this season and always, that our hearts may be made blameless and filled with holiness;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The Word is read...

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 25: 1-10; antiphon: v. 6



- ¹To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.
- ²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
- ⁴Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.
- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.
- ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!
- ⁸Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.
- ⁹He leads the humble in | what is right,*
and teaches the humble | his way.
- ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,*
for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

The Word is read...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Psalm 24: 7

- P** Alleluia, Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
- C** that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19: 28-40

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

HYMN

"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

LSB 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
 mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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SERMON

Stand

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**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Holy Lord, You sent Your Son into this world to be our Savior from sin and death, that through Him our hearts may be established holy and blameless before You, as He will come again in glory to redeem all His people. Be with us this Advent season and always as we wait upon Him and raise our heads, awaiting the redemption to come at the second advent. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

- A** Forgiving Lord, as You have granted us the forgiveness of sins, give us the same heart to forgive those who sin against us, that our love may abound for all people. Bless all our relationships in our families, friendships, homes, vocations, and communities, that they would reflect the love You have first shown to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

- P** Compassionate Lord, as You come to Your people in need, grant Your continued presence with those who face trials of mind, body, and spirit. Give comfort to all facing affliction and pain, providing healing according to Your will. We lift up those who have asked us as one people to bring prayers before You, [including . . .]. As they wait upon You, give a sure and certain confidence of faith in Your promises made and fulfilled. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

- A** We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved and served You who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious Lord, as we wait upon the redemption of the world at Christ's second coming, we do so not alone but with Your continued presence until that day. We thank You for the nourishment You provide through Your means of grace, and especially the forgiveness assured through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us. Be with us as we prepare to receive You in the fellowship of the altar as You come to us still. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Amen.

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

C Amen.

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OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"Come, O Savior of the World"

arr. T. Chesterton

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 176



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

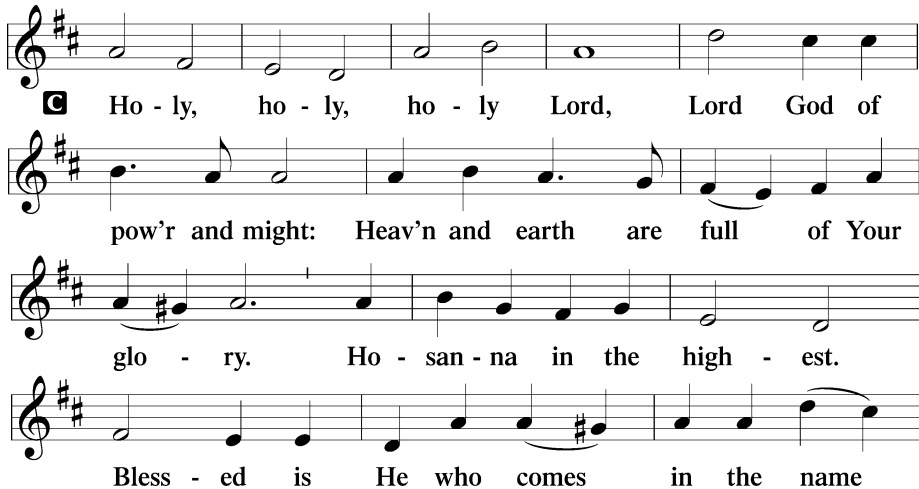
- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. We thank You for all the work of Your hands and for all the words You have spoken and kept, as You come to us still now with Your healing grace through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us.

G Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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- C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION 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.

- 5 Before the dawning day
 Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away,
 The new self now put on.

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

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VOLUNTARY

"The Advent of Our King"
 "Break the Bread"

setting: G. Brandon
 D. Paxton

HYMN

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

LSB 938



1 In peace and joy I now de-part Since God so wills it.
 2 Christ Je-sus brought this gift to me, My faith-ful Sav-ior,
 3 You sent the peo-ple of the earth Their great sal-va-tion;
 4 Christ is the hope and sav-ing light Of those in blind-ness;



Se-rene and con-fi-dent my heart; Still-ness fills it.
 Whom You have made my eyes to see By Your fa-vor.
 Your in-vi-ta-tion sum-mons forth Ev-'ry na-tion
 He guides and com-forts those in night By His kind-ness.



For the Lord has prom-ised me That death is but a slum-ber.
 Now I know He is my life, My friend when I am dy-ing.
 By Your ho-ly, pre-cious Word, In ev-'ry place re-sound-ing.
 For Your peo-ple Is-ra-el In Him find joy and glo-ry.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

C The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

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.

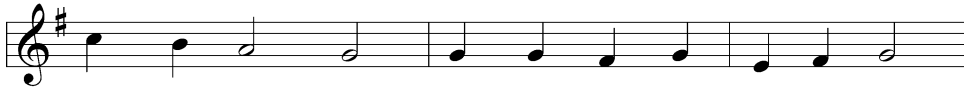
HYMN

“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
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Hosanna Now Through Advent”

setting: D. Busarow

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