

# *the* FIRST SUNDAY *in* ADVENT

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## WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

## NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

# ORDER of WORSHIP

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Kay Kaepf*

## OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *LSB 357, stz. 1*

- 1 **O come, O come, Emmanuel,** *Refrain* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**  
**And ransom captive Israel,** **Shall come to thee, O Israel!**  
**That mourns in lonely exile here**  
**Until the Son of God appear.** *Refrain*

## INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

## CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION (*Please stand*)

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

C **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.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy...name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## SERVICE *of the* WORD

### KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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 mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** (*please be seated*)

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,

and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

*Isaiah 64:1–9*

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given

### **EPISTLE**

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** (*Please stand*)

(9:00 am) - "Alleluia"

*Praise Team*

**All: Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.**

Spoken Verse: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. *Ps. 24:7*

**All: Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.**

(11:30am) - "Common Alleluia and Verse"

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 11:1-10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, "What are

<sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ**

**NICENE CREED**

*(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)*

(9:00am) - **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

*During the HYMN OF THE DAY, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331

**SERMON**

**OFFERING** “Offering”

*Praise Team*

*Please bring your tithes, offerings, and LWML Mites forward*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please stand)*

*After each petition of the prayer:*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude...*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**SERVICE of the SACRAMENT**

*We welcome to the table of the Lord’s Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the WORSHIP card, located in each pew rack.*

**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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow’r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P The table is prepared. Welcome to the table.

**AGNUS DEI**

**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



**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

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 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.

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

**CLOSING SONG** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*LSB 338*

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	<u>Today - December 3</u>	<u>Wednesday - December 6</u>	<u>Next Week - December 10</u>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Max Garn & Ashley M.	-	Lillian Gimenez
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	Ruth Patch	-	Aaron Garn
	Bill Tunison	-	Carl Hunker
	Andy AcMoody	-	Kevin Luckert
<b>Greeters</b>	Norma Meyer	-	Norma Meyer & Bonnie Polzin
<b>Cookies</b>	Marnie Wood	Soup Supper	
<b>Counters</b>	Moore & Patch	Mobley & Pipe	Mobley & Pipe