



ADVENT

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

First Sunday
of Advent

29 November 2020 Anno Domini

Welcome!

EFFECTIVE TODAY

COVID-Response Plan Update – **ORANGE**

- 8:15am Divine Service **MASK-REQUIRED**
- Sunday School and Bible Class **CANCELED**
- 10:45am Divine Service **MASK-RECOMMENDED**

A copy of the latest Update has been emailed, placed in your member mailbox and also available on our website and Narthex.

- **Pews have been re-taped to better accommodate social distancing.** You may sit anywhere in the Sanctuary **NOT** marked with blue tape and 6' from other individuals or households. In addition, we ask that you do not gather in the narthex or elsewhere before or after the service.
- **For those of you who choose to continue to shelter in place,** the early service will be streamed on our YouTube channel.
- **To view the service or Bible Study online,** visit our homepage at www.adventlutheran.org and click on the YouTube link. Videos are streamed “live” or you may watch them at any time.
- **If you watch the service online, please print this bulletin** (includes the entire service - hymns, propers, prayers, etc.)
- **If you do not have a hymnal at home,** feel free to retrieve yours from your member mailbox, or we can drop one off for you.
- **If you desire to receive the Sacrament,** call the pastors directly, call the office, or make an appointment online by visiting our website. Follow the link on our homepage to a sign-up where you may choose a 15min time to meet a pastor privately here at Church.
- **Communication updates are posted on the website.** Check there weekly for bulletins and prayer sheets, etc. Copies of the latest updates will also be available in the narthex.

Visitors & Guests

- Thank you for attending! Please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors or Elders and refer to our **Communion Policy** on page 2.
- Please sign our Visitors' Register in the Narthex.



is drawn from his life story. The sling and five smooth stones represent David's vocation as shepherd when he was a boy, and also the weapon he used to slay the Philistine giant, Goliath. The star identifies his birthplace, Bethlehem, where the promised Messiah would be born as well. David was also a gifted musician, denoted by the lyre, and a poet. The Lamb and water represent the 23rd Psalm - "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul." The crown identifies him as the King of Israel, and the fortified walls are those of its capital, Jerusalem.

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The Sacrament of the Altar

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, Advent distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it.

- **If you are a member at an LCMS parish**, please speak with one of our pastors beforehand so that they may greet you and inform you accordingly regarding our practice.
- **If you are a visitor** and have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from Advent and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with our pastor. If communing, please prepare with prayers in hymnal on pages 308, 329-330.
- **Distribution** - If communing, at the appropriate time in the Divine Service, please approach the altar via the center aisle. When directed to a position at the rail, bow and kneel without waiting (you may also stand as needed). After you receive the sacrament, please stand, bow and return to your pew via the side aisle. The final blessing will be made at the end of the distribution and the covering of the elements.

Bible Study and Sunday School CANCELED

Both will be available online! Bible Study will continue to be streamed on our YouTube channel. To participate in Sunday School online, please contact Sarah Becker at sarahsmile2005@gmail.com

Please see an Usher if you need help locating the following:

- **Hearing assistive devices** for use during worship are available in the Narthex.
- **Wheelchairs** are available upon request.
- **Restrooms** are located to the left of the Narthex as you enter the church.
- **The Nursery and Cry Room** provide quiet places for active or crying children and are equipped to broadcast our services. Please ask an usher for locations.

Worship Broadcasts

Sunday services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Weekly service bulletins are available on our website at www.adventlutheran.org.

The Congregation at Prayer

The Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is now included in this bulletin and may be found on the last pages.

To receive Advent Announcements via email every Friday, sign up on the website's 'Contact Us' page or contact the office at 317.873.6318 or email us at info@adventlutheran.org

ADVENT'S UPCOMING CALENDAR

See last page of Divine Service

Altar Flowers - Thank you to Advent Lutheran Church for sponsoring today's altar flowers.

Special Music – Megan Grady on violin.

Today's Servers

8:15 a.m. Service

Acolyte	Kelsey Harris
Altar Guild	Brittney-Shea Herbert, Donna Coomes
Crucifer	OPEN
Elders	Mark Harris, Pete Doods

10:45 a.m. Service

Acolyte	Josh Kinnaman
Altar Guild	Margaret Halvorsen, Debbie Grady
Crucifer	Rachel Kinnaman
Elders	Neil Alldredge, Steve Vogtman

First Sunday of Advent - *Ad Te Levai*

Today's Readings

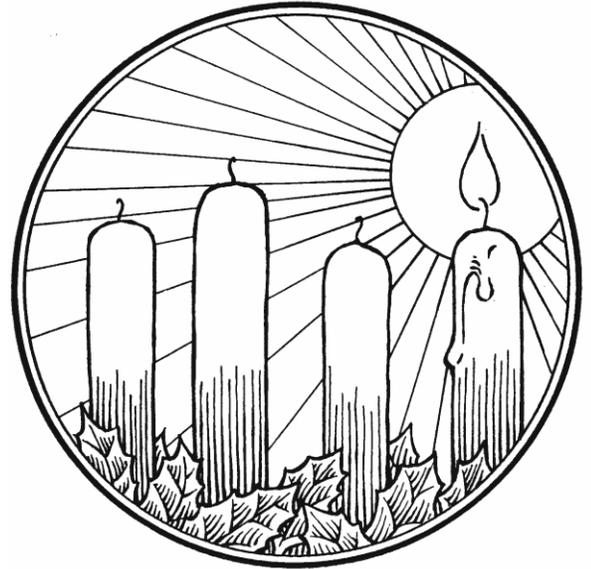
Jeremiah 23:5-8

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 21:1-9

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. *"Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey"* (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be *"The LORD is our Righteousness"* (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"* (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for *"our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed"* (Rom. 13:11).



Hymn of the Day - *Savior of the Nations, Come*

In the fourth century, a lawyer named Ambrose was appointed Roman consul of Liguria and Aemilia. He moved to Milan, Italy, to take up this appointment, little knowing how his life would soon change. Not long after Ambrose's arrival, the bishop of Milan died. While a great crowd was debating what should be done, someone shouted out that Ambrose should be bishop. Ambrose was elected as bishop of Milan and compelled to accept the position. He was consecrated bishop just a week after he was baptized.

This zealous man did much for Christianity. He introduced the Eastern Church's custom of hymn singing into the Western Church and is known as the father of Latin hymnody. He also was very influential in battling Arianism, a heresy that claimed that Jesus was not fully God and not equal with the Father. This was the teaching that had beguiled his predecessor. Because of this concern, and his pastoral heart, Ambrose was very interested in the instruction of the laity. He combined his love of music and theology to craft songs that proclaimed Christian truths simply. His hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come" tells the story of the incarnation of the Son of God, who is truly and fully God.

Nearly 12 centuries later, Martin Luther, like Ambrose, was concerned for the layperson's understanding. He also joined Ambrose in thinking that music was a powerful tool for education. Luther said that he gave music the "highest place, next to theology" because he saw just what a beautiful and powerful thing it was. Luther probably translated this hymn into German for Advent 1523. His translation appears in the two earliest Lutheran hymnals of 1524. To this day, Christians from a variety of backgrounds continue to sing this powerful Advent hymn that tells the story of the incarnation in a very straightforward way while reinforcing biblical teaching.

In His Service:

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Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn of Invocation

Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** 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.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: vv.1-3a



To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*

teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*

for you I wait all the | day long.

May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*

for I | wait for you.

Redeem Israel, | O God,*

out of all his | troubles.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ing, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:5-8

⁵Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

⁷Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' ⁸but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Show us your steadfast Love,
O Lord, and grant us your salvation



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-9

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

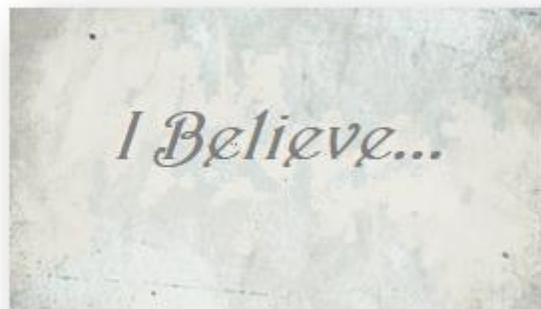
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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

Sit



Hymn of the Day

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
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

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

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.

△8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our King,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through Eternity

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



☐ 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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.



P It is truly meet, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197



P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger bod - y, which is giv - en for you.



This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it

to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
 My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



Sit

Distribution

Please wait patiently in your pew until an Elder or Usher motions to you. You and/or your household should come down the Center Aisle, maintaining appropriate distance between other Individuals and/or Households that will be in front and behind you. You may kneel or stand at the Communion Rail. **Please maintain appropriate distance from other parishioners.** If you are wearing a mask, please remove it and hold out your hand to receive our Lord's Body, the Common Chalice and/or Individual Chalice. After communion, please exit to the side aisle, placing the individual chalices carefully in the bowl provided. Then return to your seats, maintaining appropriate distance from the other communicants.

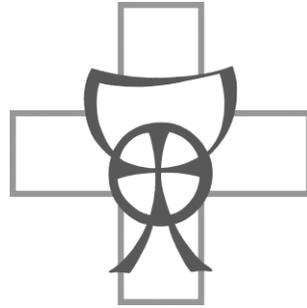
The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.



Distribution Hymn

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in Thee and
3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is nigh, who
4 Though death may threat-en with dis - as - ter, It can - not rob me
5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly



me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -
Thou in me. No sor - row fills my soul, de -
jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
of my cheer; For He who is of death the
Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy prais - es



ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be



for my soul the high - est good!



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.



Distribution Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

LSB 798



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a-bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su-preme com-mand
 6 The good-ly land I see, With peace and plen-ty blest:
 7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righ-teous-ness,
 Δ 9 The whole tri-um-phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days And God of love.
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
 A land of sa-cred lib-er-ty And end-less rest.
 Tri-um-phant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
 "Hail, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost!" They ev-er cry.



Je-ho-vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con-fessed;
 I all on earth for-sake, Its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r,
 There milk and hon-ey flow, And oil and wine a-bound,
 On Zi-on's sa-cred height His king-dom He main-tains
 Hail, A-br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n-ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa-cred name For-ev-er blest.
 And Him my on-ly por-tion make, My shield and tow'r.
 And trees of life for-ev-er grow With mer-cy crowned.
 And glo-rious with His saints in light For-ev-er reigns.
 All might and maj-es-ty are Thine And end-less praise!

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

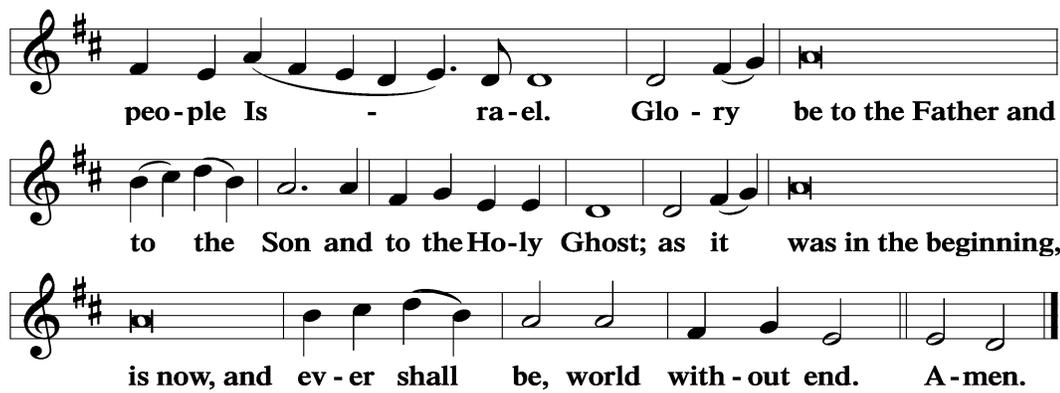


which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,



a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy

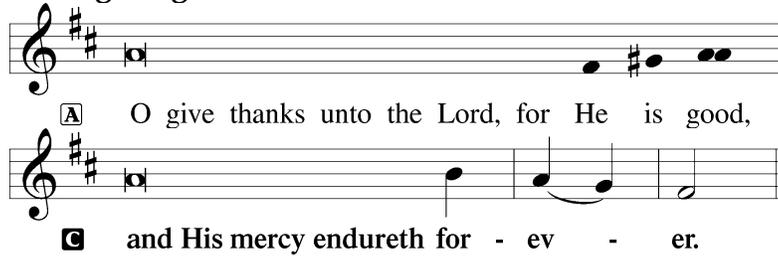




peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

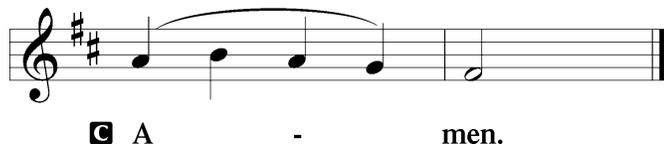
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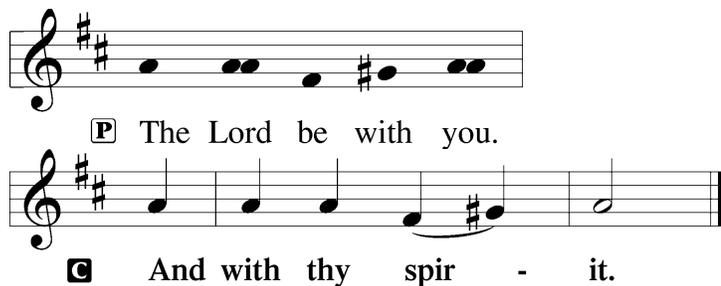
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A 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.



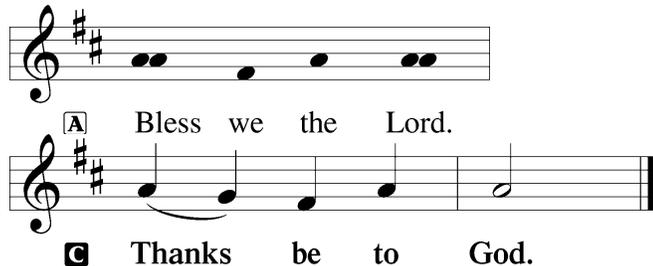
C A - men.



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

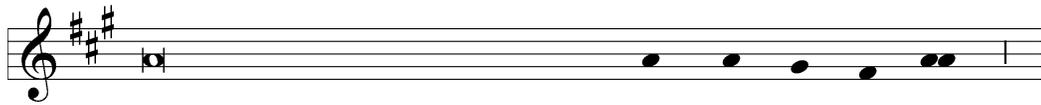
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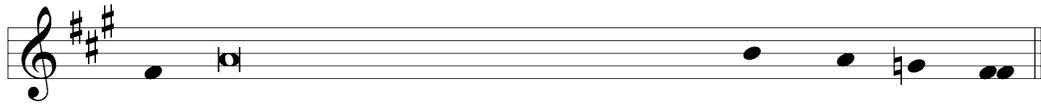
A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Recessional Hymn The Advent of Our King



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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Postlude

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The Lord's Week - 11/29-12/5/2020

SUN. 8:15 am Divine Service - MASKS REQUIRED
10:45 am Divine Service - MASKS RECOMMENDED

WED. 9:30 am Adult Bible Class - Library
7:00 pm Advent Vespers Service - Sanctuary

Confirmation Class and Adult Bible Class to follow service.

Special Advent *Midweek Services*

12/02/20 **Midweek Advent 1** - Rev. John Fiene
 "Jesus, the Seed of Jesse's Tree" Genesis 1:27; 3:8-15; Romans 5:12-21

12/09/20 **Midweek Advent 2** - Rev. Walt Ullman
 "Jesus, the Root of Jesse's Tree" Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:17-22

12/16/20 **Midweek Advent 3** - Rev. Ed Davis
 "Jesus, the Life of Jesse's Tree" Matthew 3:13-17; Romans 6:1-11

12/23/20 **Midweek Advent 4** - Rev. Marcus Mackay
 "Jesus, the First and the Last of Jesse's Tree" Prov. 8:22-31; Ro. 15:8-13



Giving Tree

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

On **Sunday, Nov. 29th** the **Giving Tree** will be set up in the Narthex, decorated with paper ornaments containing Christmas wish items for residents at Lutheran Child & Family Services. Please choose an ornament or ornaments from the tree to shop for these residents' gifts. **Place under the tree the UNWRAPPED presents and the original paper ornament by December 13th.** Please do not buy any journals or notebooks with metal spiral bindings and buy no pencil sharpeners. Any books purchased need to be paperback versions. The gifts will be delivered to LCFS on Dec. 14. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

A family daily devotional booklet titled *The Jesse Tree*, designed for your family's prayer-time during the Advent season, has been placed in each member's hymnal box. In addition, for Sunday School parents with children up to and including 4th grade, there are children's Advent devotionals titled *Jesus' Family Tree* - also in your hymnal boxes. This book is designed to encourage your family to gather together to learn Jesus' genealogy. Follow God's promises of a Savior starting with Adam and ending with Jesse's roots. Help your children understand the symbols of the Jesse Tree with Bible passages, making ornaments of the symbols, to hang on your own Christmas tree. Both booklets are published through Concordia Publishing House.

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

First Sunday of Advent, Ad Te Levai – November 29, 2020

Review or learn by heart from Luther's Small Catechism: Lord's Prayer – Second and Third Petitions.

Verse of the week: John 8:31b-32 If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Are you desiring the Lord's Supper? Times will continue to be set aside for individuals and families of our congregation to receive absolution and the Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of their faith. Please, if in the coming weeks you choose to remain isolated at home and are not venturing out into the community for any reason, know we are here for you should you desire to receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord. A signup has been placed on our website. If you are choosing to go places outside of your home and be around people in other settings (essentially not isolating), we encourage you to put on a mask and worship in person with us on Sundays. It is God's desire that His people come together, receive His gifts of Word and Sacrament together, trusting in God's grace and mercy to sustain us in all we do.

Daily Prayer LSB pp 294-298 Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord's Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

Readings for the week...

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
Sunday	The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem – Matthew 21:1-9	
Monday	Hannah Prays for a Son – 1 Samuel 1:1-18 St. Andrew, Apostle – John 1:35-42a	Philippians 2:19-30
Tuesday	The Prophet Samuel Is Born – 1 Samuel 1:19 – 2:2	Philippians 3:1-16
Wednesday	Advent Midweek: Created from One Blood – Acts 17:16-34	John 2:18-22
Thursday	The Song of Hannah – 1 Samuel 2:1-11	Philippians 3:17 –
Friday	The Lord Calls to the Boy Samuel – 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-21; 3:1-20	4:3 Philippians 4:4-
Saturday	The Day of the Lord – Malachi 4:1-6	9 Romans 15:4-13
Sunday's Lectionary Readings	Jeremiah 23:5-8 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 21:1-9	

Psalm 24

Prayer on the Psalm: Merciful Lord, I confess all my sins to You, trusting in Your promises. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (Prayer from *The Lutheran Study Bible*)

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	35	37	40	42, 43	45	48, 49	51
Evening	36	38	39, 41	44	46, 47	50	52, 53

Hymn of the Week: LSB 332 – Savior of the Nations Come

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; (note... 1000 years before Luther!)

German version, Martin Luther, 1483-1546;

tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812-76, sts. 1-2;

tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006, sts. 3, 6;

tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913-2001, st. 4-5,8;

tr. Gifford A. Grobien, b. 1973, st. 7

Tune: *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, ed. Johann Walter; setting: *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006

The tune can be found on the web. Search “NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND”

Weekly Collect - 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

Daily Themes for Prayer:

Sunday: *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God’s Word.*

Monday: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.*

Wednesday: *Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.*

Thursday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord’s body and blood.*

Friday: *Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

Saturday: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord’s Day.*

Specific prayer requests can now be found in the announcements that are emailed weekly to all members.

Looking forward to the Second Sunday of Advent, Populus Zion – December 6, 2020

Hymns Next Week: 873, 336, 621 – 659 – 643, 333

Texts: Malachi 4:1-6; Romans 15:4-13; Luke 21:25-36



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