

First Sunday of Advent

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Robert Lau

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✚ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW 272 (vv. 1, 2)

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| 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem
hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers
of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was
the night. | 2 Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
when half-spent was the night. |
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(Text: German carol, 15th cent; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Music: Alte catholische geistlichen Kirchengesunge, Koln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240 (v. 1)

*Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

(Text: Wayne L. Wold; Music: Yiddish folk tune; Text © 1984 Fortress Press)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound

in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**ELW 257 (vv. 1, 4, 5)*

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| 1 | O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. | <i>Refrain</i>
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel. |
| 4 | O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. <i>Refrain</i> | 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. <i>Refrain</i> |

*(Text: Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Koln, 1710; tr. composite; Music: French processional, 15th cent.)***NICENE CREED****We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.****We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.****We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.****PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***After each petition* Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.**PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.*We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.***MEAL****OFFERTORY MUSIC***Waiting, Watching, Wondering**Adult Choir**(Text: Charlotte Lee; Music: Douglas E. Wagner © 1999 Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.)**An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

What Child is This

ELW 296 (vv. 1, 3)

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| 1 | What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary! | 3 | So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary! |
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(Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898; Music: English ballad, 16th cent.)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

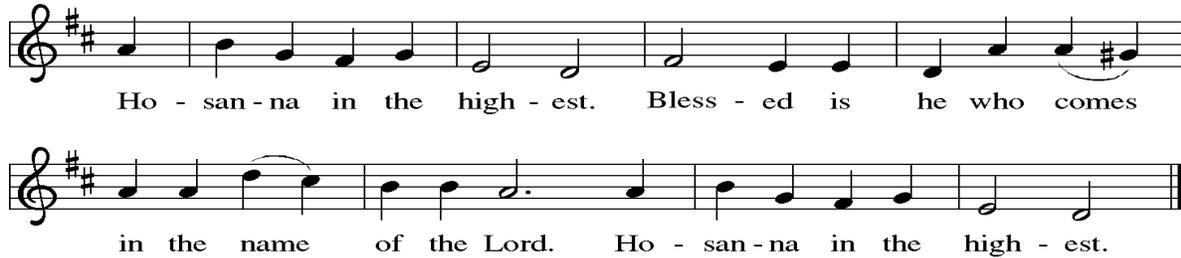
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



EUCARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he come.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor in yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray together.

**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.**

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW 438

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

1 You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

2 You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

3 You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

(Text and music: African American spiritual)

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus from whom we wait. **Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

Fling Wide the Door

ELW 259 (v. 1)

- 1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; the King of glory comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Savior of the world who brings his great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth and praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit, Word.

(Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Gracia Grindal; Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; arr. hymnal version; Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress; arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Paeon on "Wachet Auf"

David Lasky

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Special Worship Schedule

December 19th– Christmas Cantata w/Holy Communion — 10 am

December 21st– The Longest Night Service - 6:30 pm

December 24th - Christmas Eve Worship w/Holy Communion—11 am

Family Service— 4 pm (outside-weather permitting)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/ Holy Communion—7:30 pm

December 26th—Lessons and Carols—10 am



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of Alma M. Arnold on her 98th birthday (11-22-1923). From Bill, Gwen and Barbie Pohlman.

We are taking flower dedications for 2022. The dates available are: January 2nd, February 6th and 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, April 3rd, 10th and 17th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.



Today is the last day to order Christmas plants. Flyers are located on the counter outside of Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on our website.

Visit with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 11th from 9 – 11 am. Reservations are required to participate and all safety protocol will be followed. Sign up by December 5th. Flyers are on third floor counter, in the weekly emails and in the church office.



Social Ministry is providing gifts for seniors in need in our community for Christmas. If you are interested in participating in this program, take a tag from the tree in the Narthex. We ask that you wrap your gift and attach the tag to the outside of the gift and return it under the tree or in the church office. Please return your gift by Sunday, December 12th.

The Busy Bees invite you to participate in their Jelly and Jam Sale. They are offering the same delicious flavors as in the past along with bread & butter pickles and apple butter. Order forms are on the third floor counter, in the weekly emails, and on the website. You may also contact the church office to place your order.



Social Ministry is participating in the "Food For Thought Program". With your help, we are providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. **Our greatest need at this time is chicken & tuna salad kits, pudding cups, applesauce and Chef-Boyardee single serving meals.**

This week's schedule

Today	9 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	6:45 pm Handchimes Rehearsal (Music Room) 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	

Those Serving Today	10 am
Assisting Minister	Lee Smith
Crucifer	James White
Acolyte (s)	Abby & Eva Schwartz-Mitchell
Lector	Linda Wiley
Communion Assistant	Linda Wiley



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Julie Hastings, Kelly Sanford, Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Mike McDonough, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Jay Snyder, Mary January, Roy Kline, Michael Albrecht, Rose Alexander, Cynthia Schepler, Rita Brady, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Helen Marcomin, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Marcie Rother, Zita Dabars

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Helen Baker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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