



First Sunday of Advent

November 26-27, 2022

Abiding Presence
LUTHERAN CHURCH

A PLACE OF GRACE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Welcome to Worship

Introduction

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Prelude

Sleepers, Wake!
Shelbie Simmons, organ

J. S. Bach

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☒ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

☑ **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

☒ Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

☒ God of new beginnings,

☑ **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

☒ People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn



1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour
3 As the moon re - flects the sun
4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to
un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and
heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, Tune: Carl Schalk, © 1996, 1997 Augsburg Fortress

Advent Wreath

We light the first candle of Advent.

5:30 - Suzanne Gregory

8:30 - The Krenz Family

11:00 - The Lamb Family

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Sit

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible page 550

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Minsitry of Music

8:30 am

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Men's Chorus

Arr. Noah Reese

11:00 am

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Sanctuary Choir

Traditional

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible page 923

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Stand

Gospel Acclamation - ELW 267

Joy To the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Pew Bible page 806

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Sermon

Pastor Steve Cox

Want to dive deeper? Join the Pastors for coffee on Monday mornings via zoom. 2104948884

Stand

Hymn of the Day

The King Shall Come

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The King Shall Come'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, Music A. Davisson, arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

▣ As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

Each petition ends with the response:

▣ God, in your mercy,
▣ hear our prayer.

▣ God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

▣ Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

▣ The peace of Christ be with you always.

▣ And also with you.

*Greet one another with a sign of God's peace saying **Peace be with you** or similar words.*

Sit

Offering Message

Offering Music

Savior of the Nations Come
Karen Palafox, bell tree solo

arr. Jason Krug

Stand

Offertory Response – ELW 487

What Feast of Love

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heaven.
O, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

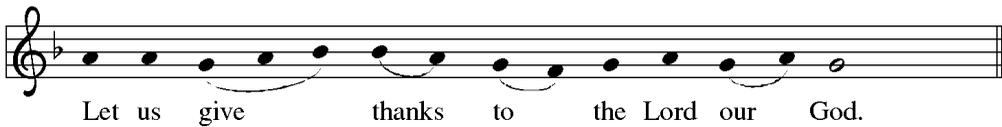
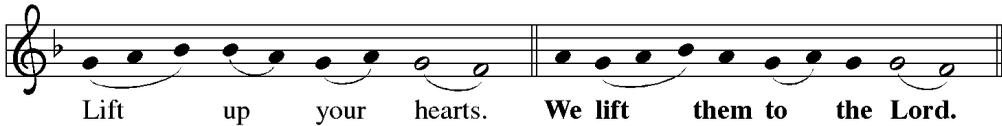
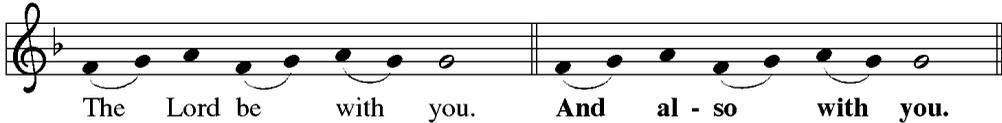
What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

Offering Prayer

☒ Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

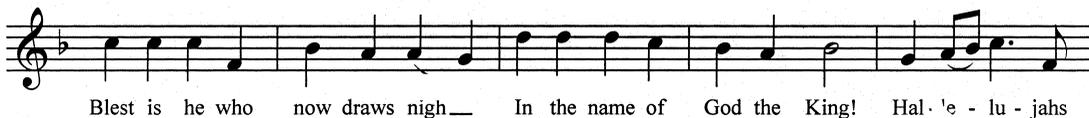
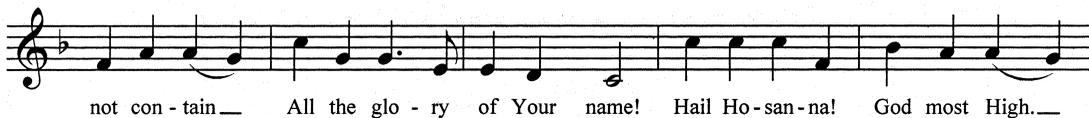
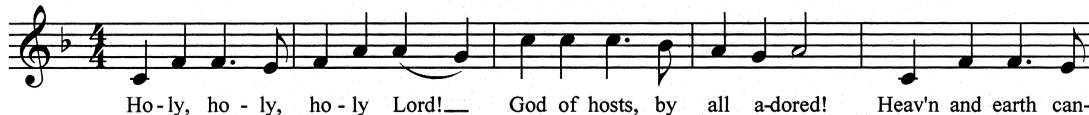
☒ Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



☒ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory...

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

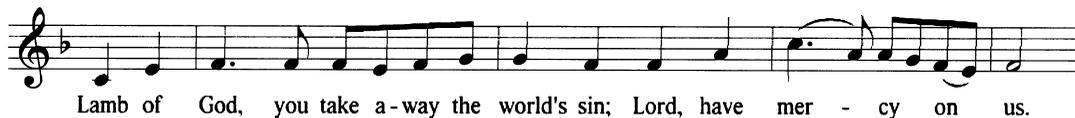
☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the world's sin; Lord, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the world's sin; Lord, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, Oh, spot - less one, take our sin and grant us — peace.

Communion Music – ELW 254

He Came Down

Stand

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hark, The Glad Sound!

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, Music Thomas Haweis, PD

Dismissal

- Go in peace. Christ is near.
- Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Lector Elanore Decker Becky Rodgers Scott Jones Guest Musician Karen Palafox	Assisting Minister Valerie Dillon Barbara Rodgers Paul Dvorak Acolyte James Schulze Kinley Blackmon	Sound Jeff Eggers Matt Humlie Video Jay Dewald
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