

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

### OPENING HYMN

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

(LSB 334)

### INVOCATION

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

### EXHORTATION

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.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**INTROIT**

*Ps 25:1-3; (antiphon Zech 9:9a, alt.)*

- P Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.
- C **To you, O Lord,  
I life up my soul.**
- P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.
- C **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

**KYRIE**

- P O Lord,                    C **have mercy.**
- P O Christ,                C **have mercy.**
- P O Lord,                    C **have mercy on us today.**

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 64:1-9

(A Prayer for the Lord to Come)

*After the reading:*

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

**ANTHEM**

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"  
Andrew Wulf, clarinet soloist

(arr. Pinkston)

**EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

(We Wait for the Revealing of Christ)

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Savior of the Nations Come”

(LSB 332; v. 1-4)

*(Please stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 11:1-10

(Blessed is He Who Comes!)

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

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

*After the reading:*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**CREED**

“We All Believe in One True God”



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,  
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;  
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;  
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.  
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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**SERMON**

“Rider”

(Mark 11:1-10)

Pastor Sam Handschke

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in You we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope but come quickly. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, enrich Your saints in every way as we enter another Church Year. Encourage the preachers of Your Word and all who hear, that the testimony about Christ may be confirmed again among us. Give boldness and faithfulness to Matthew, our Synod president; Scott, our district president; Ray, our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. As You have called us into the fellowship of Your Son, so sustain us as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, be with the governing authorities and enable them to preserve peace and order in our nation. Hear our prayers for Donald, our president; Kristi, our governor; our military and police; and other civil servants as well as all newly elected officials. Increase a spirit of unity and cooperation among the people of our land and the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Lord, behold in mercy all who are in any danger, trouble, sickness or need. Hear our prayers for the sick and suffering (*especially ...*). Give health to our world and bring the pandemic to an end. Comfort all who mourn, (*especially ...*) and sustain them with a confident hope in the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal Lord, as Your Son once entered humbly into Jerusalem to cries of "Hosanna," so send Him to us according to His promise in the Holy Sacrament, that we may eat His body and drink His blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, Father, 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.**

## 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.**

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**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22). Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

## † SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

### PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

## SANCTUS

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.

**5 Holy Father, holy Son,  
 Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
 Though in essence only one,  
 Undivided God we claim Thee  
 And, adoring, bend the knee  
 While we own the mystery.**

**6 From Thy high celestial home,  
 Judge of all, again returning,  
 We believe that Thou shalt come  
 On that final judgment morning,  
 When Thy voice shall shake the earth  
 And the startled dead come forth.**

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## WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 C **And also with you.**

(Please be seated)

## AGNUS DEI

### "Lamb of God"

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Advent of Our King"

(LSB 331)

"Jerusalem the Golden"

(LSB 672)

## DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

(Please stand)

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

**"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"**

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
 2 With praise and thanks-giving To God ever-living,  
 The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.  
 The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,  
 The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.  
 The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
 Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
 His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing  
 To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## 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.**

*(Please stand)*

## BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- 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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

*(LSB 350)*

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*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord*

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Our Christmas Eve services will look a little different this year. In an effort to keep our members as safe and comfortable as possible, we are **increasing the number of services on Christmas Eve**. This will not only give our members increased options about the time of day that they worship but it will also allow us to keep the total number of worshippers low enough to allow social distancing between groups.

**Christmas Eve services will be held at:  
11:00AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM, and 7:30PM**

In order to ensure that each service has an appropriate number of worshippers, we are asking that **each member would sign-up for a specific service time**. This can be done online by visiting our website or by phone (calling the church office). When a specific service time is full, we would ask that our members choose another time. This helps us to keep our members spaced apart and as safe as possible.

For those who prefer to worship at home, we will be live-streaming our 5:00 service. You can join us online during that service (just like Sunday morning), or you can view the service later during the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of our members to join together, either electronically or physically, to remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Please wisely consider which of these options you may want to use.

