

The First Sunday in Advent

Saturday – November 28, 2020 – 5:30 pm. Worship

Sunday – November 29, 2020 – 8:15 am. & Live-Streamed
10:45 am. Worship



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 332:1,3,5,7

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
That the Lord chose such a birth.
God was there up - on His throne.

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.

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

Invocation

LSB 203

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

Exhortation

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 151 [John 20:19-23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, by His authority and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 79:1-13

P ¹O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
C **they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.**
P ²They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the heavens for food,
C **the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth.**
P ³They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
C **and there was no one to bury them.**
P ⁴We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
C **mocked and derided by those around us.**
P ⁵How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever?
C **Will your jealousy burn like fire?**
P ⁶Pour out your anger on the nations
C **that do not know you,**
P and on the kingdoms
C **that do not call upon your name!**
P ⁷For they have devoured Jacob
C **and laid waste his habitation.**
P ⁸Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
C **let your compassion come speedily to meet us,**
for we are brought very low.
P ⁹Help us, O God of our salvation,
C **for the glory of your name;**
P deliver us, and atone for our sins,
C **for your name's sake!**
P ¹⁰Why should the nations say,
C **“Where is their God?”**
P Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants
C **be known among the nations before our eyes!**
P ¹¹Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;
C **according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die!**
P ¹²Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors
C **the taunts with which they have taunted you, O Lord!**
P ¹³But we your people, the sheep of your pasture,
C **will give thanks to you forever;**
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.
ALL **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.

Hymn # 357:1-3 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357 sts. 1, ref. 2-3



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest all things
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the Law

Refrain
 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:15–64:8

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¹⁵Look down from heaven and see,

from your holy and beautiful habitation.

Where are your zeal and your might?

The stirring of your inner parts and your compassion
are held back from me.

¹⁶For you are our Father,

though Abraham does not know us,

and Israel does not acknowledge us;

you, O LORD, are our Father,

our Redeemer from of old is your name.

¹⁷O LORD, why do you make us wander from your ways

and harden our heart, so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants,

the tribes of your heritage.

¹⁸Your holy people held possession for a little while;

our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary.

¹⁹We have become like those over whom you have never ruled,

like those who are not called by your name.

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

that the mountains might quake at your presence—

² 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!
³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From 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.
⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
 those who remember you in your ways.
 Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
 in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We 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.
⁷There 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.
⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in
 Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—
⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in
 any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to
 the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God 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.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’”*** ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed 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.

Hymn # 355:1,4,6,7 “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?
6 Sin's dread - ful doom up - on us lies;
Come down, come down with might - y stride;
When will You come with com - fort strong?
Grim death looms fierce be - fore our eyes.
Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;
O come, lead us with might - y hand
Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.
From ex - ile to our prom - ised land

7 There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

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Sermon “Rend the Heavens and Come Down!” Isaiah 63:15-64:9

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
taught us to pray,

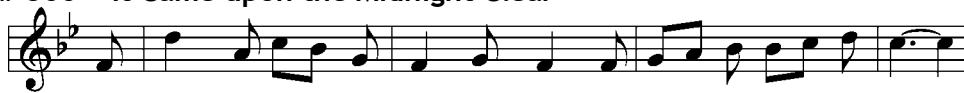
Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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.

Hymn # 366 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.
 Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:
 When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
 Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
 And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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