

# The First Sunday in Advent

Sunday – December 3, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

*(In-Person & Live -Streamed)*



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# † Call to Worship †

## Greeting and Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn #357 (v. 1,4-6) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

*Refrain*  
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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*Stand*

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

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8-9 LSB 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- 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.

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

- 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, and by His authority, 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 ☩

### Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7

- P**<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!
- C** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- P**<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
- C** stir up Your might and come to save us!
- P**<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;
- C** let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P**<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts,
- C** how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?
- P**<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears
- C** and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- P**<sup>6</sup> You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
- C** and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- P**<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;
- C** let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
- 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,
- C** that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins
- P** and saved by Your mighty deliverance;
- ALL** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
- <sup>2</sup> 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!
- <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- <sup>4</sup> From 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.
- <sup>5</sup> You 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?  
<sup>6</sup>We 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.  
<sup>7</sup>There 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.  
<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
 we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
 and remember not iniquity forever.  
 Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

### Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

*John 6:68 LSB 156*

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

### Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

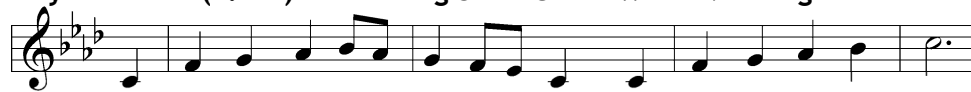
<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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

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

*Sit*

### Sermon Hymn #348 (v.1-3) “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Of old the pro - phets spoke the hope That Christ would soon ap - pear.  
3 The bright sun in our lives is hope; The dark is fear and dread,



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
He saved us from our sins and now we know He's al - ways near.  
But Je - sus came and gives us faith, The Church with Him as head.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt. Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth  
Verses 2 & 3: Phil Gruenbaum  
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### Sermon: "Faith in a Faithful Hope"

*Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:1*

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

~KJV

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

~ESV

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. 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 lives and reigns with  
 You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar

## $\text{✝}$ Service of the Sacrament $\text{✝}$

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

- C** Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.

# Pax Domini

*John 20:19 LSB 163*

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



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

*John 1:29 LSB 163*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

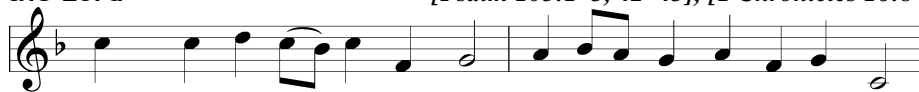
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# Distribution

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# Thank the Lord

*[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10] LSB 164*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.



## 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 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.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 166*

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

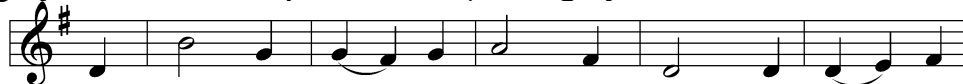
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



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

## Closing Hymn #341 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
rul - er is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
Thee; here, Lord, a - bid! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
all our woe He brings; There-fore the earth is glad and sings.  
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.  
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.



Next Week  
*December 10, 2023*

## What Do We Do with Advent?

### The Second Sunday in Advent The “Prepare” Candle

*Like Zacharius and Elizabeth, we Prepare in amazement.*

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