

✠ First Sunday in Advent ✠

“The Hanging of the Green”

November 30, 2025

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

O bride of Christ, rejoice; Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory Foretold in sacred story.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

A humble beast He rides, Yet as a King presides;
Though not arrayed in splendor, He makes the grave surrender.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;
Thy garments spread before Him And honor and adore Him.
Hosanna, praise, and glory! Our King, we bow before Thee.

LSB 335

✠ Divine Service – Setting Three ✠

Lutheran Service Book (LSB), p. 184

Choral Prelude

“O Lord, Fling Wide the Gate of Heaven”

Johannes Brahms

O Lord, fling wide the gate of heaven;
Descend with haste from heaven above;
Unbar the door to Paradise;
Remove the lock from this day forth.

O God, as dew from heaven falls,
As dew descends and blesses us,
The stormclouds break and rain brings forth
The ruler over Jacob’s house.

Friedrich von Spee, tr. Robert S. Hines

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Preparation of the Chancel

Processional Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” *LSB* 341

*The Processional Cross leads us into worship
as the long-awaited “King of kings is drawing near.”*

**All: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.**

Please be seated

*The Candles follow the Cross of Christ to symbolize the Light of the world
that only Jesus can bring.*

**Choir: A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.**

*The Lectionary and Altar Book are brought into the church
to symbolize the Word of God. Jesus is the “Word made Flesh.”*

*The Altar Flowers follow these symbols for the Presence of Christ in worship.
We have not gathered of our own accord. Christ has called us together.*

*The flowers represent the joy of God’s people in the life He gives
in this world—and our sure hope of eternal joy.*

**All: How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.**

*The Christmas Trees are decorated next. Evergreens symbolize our assurance of life everlasting.
The white Chrismons are symbols of the Christian faith.*

Choir: Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!

The Christmas Rose Banner reminds us of the wild rose blooming in the desert heralding Jesus' birth in the fulfillment of the prophecies as we await with joy His Kingdom of Glory.

**All: Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.**

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

Invocation

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

(11:00) Sacrament of Holy Baptism

See page 12

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Sponsors John Link and Grace Link

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- 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.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of

my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

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.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11–14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires..

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB, p. 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

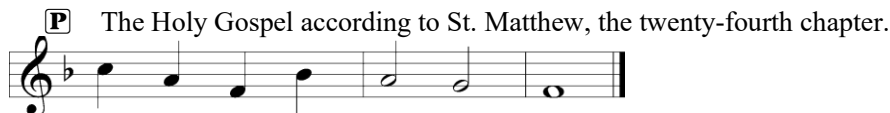
Choir: Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Psalms 24:7

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

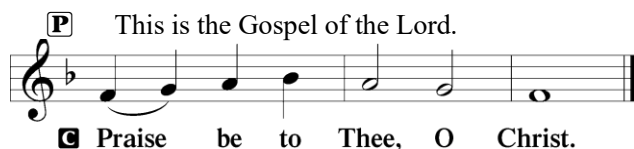
Matthew 24:36–44



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of

the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.



Preparation of the Chancel

Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LSB 357*

The Christmas Wreaths are placed in the nave to symbolize the “evergreen” quality of eternal life for all who worship the Savior. The wreaths are decorated with holly, whose red berries remind us of the blood of Christ shed for the forgiveness of sins.

Choir: 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 thee, O Israel!

All: O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, Free them from Satan’s tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save, And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Advent Wreath, symbolizing the “evergreen” of eternal life, is brought in. The holly reminds us again of Jesus’ crucifixion. The one candle is lighted to represent the growing nearness of both our celebration of the Promise fulfilled and the eternal Promise which awaits us in Jesus.

O come, Thou 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

The Lighting of the Nave occurs as we sing "Rejoice!" All the Christmas and chancel lights are lighted to remind us to "Arise, shine, for your light has come."

**O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Nicene Creed

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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 of the world to come. Amen.

(8:00, 9:30) Sermon

"House Preparations" *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Prayer of the Church

Anthem at the Offering

Text See LSB 351

(11:00) Sermon

"House Preparations" *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

- 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 – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB, p. 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini – “The Peace of the Lord”

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- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

“Savior of the Nations, Come” *LSB* 332

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” *LSB* 336

Nunc Dimittis – “Song of Simeon” *LSB*, p. 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

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- A** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus (*Sung*)

Psalm 103:1



Benediction (*Sung*)

- 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.

Numbers 6:24–26



Recessional Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *LSB 338*

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Preacher

Pastor Schudde

Liturgist

(8:00, 11:00) **Pastor Thompson**

Prophetic Voice

Pastor Paul Prange

Altar Candles

(8:00) **Phil, Mary, Rachel, Caleb, and Hannah Theiss**
(9:30) **Jesse, Genevieve, Katja, Gunnar, Otto, and Gretchen Keyser**
(11:00) **Heath, Aunnee, Jonathan & Andrew Trampe**

Lectionary and Altar Book

(8:00) **Ken and Sue Kreissler**
Jeff and Denise Rice

(9:30) **Keith, Brittany, Eddie and Madison Thompson**
(11:00) **Scott, Heather, Alexander and Emma Miller**

Altar Flowers

(8:00) **Katarina Hinck**

(9:30) **Joan and Al Koepke**

(11:00) **Jim and Lynn Linden**

Tree Decorators

(8:00) **Joe, Abby, Julian, Owen, and Hudson Sanders**
Mike, Katie, Colette, and Ava DeWulf

(9:30) **AJ, Heather, Weston, Oliver, and Charlotte Stoll**

Josh, Lindsay, Theo, Charlotte, Madilyn, and Emilia Davidson

(11:00) **Paul, Kirsten, Anna, Leah, and Sophia McCain**

Matt, Lauren and Caroline Brickler

Advent Banner

(8:00) **Jim and Sally Verhoff**

(9:30) **Jan Solgas**

(11:00) **Kathy Foster**

Hanging Wreaths

(9:30) **Nicholas, Kathryn, Addison, Henry, and William Schubert**

Advent Wreath

(8:00) **Chip, Cathy, and Landon Newman**

(9:30) **Charles, Stephanie, Hendrick and Kennedy Keyser**

(11:00) **Tabitha Schubert**

Coordinator

Julie Schowe

Choir

St. Paul's Choir

Organist

Kantor Matthew Gerhardt

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The Service of Holy Baptism

The Invocation

The Scripture and Holy Gospel

Named with the Sign of The Cross

The Address to Parents and Sponsors

The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- C** I do renounce them.
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** Yes, I believe 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.
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** Yes, 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.

The Baptism

The Gift of the Candle

The candle given to the child is a visible reminder that Christians are to be the “light of the world.” Even newborn Christians are reminded that they are to grow up to let their “light shine before men that they may glorify our Father in heaven.”

The Prayer

The Welcome

- C** We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father and an heir with us of the Kingdom of God.

The Blessing

- C** Amen.

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