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P The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him—

C The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.

P Glory to God in the highest,

C and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.

P The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"

C And let the one who hears say, "Come!"

*The Spirit gives us peace, that fills our hearts with hope
To give our sin-sick souls release and with our trials cope.*

P And a highway will be there;

C it will be called the Way of Holiness.

*P "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has
happened, which the Lord has told us about."*

**C So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the
baby who was lying in the manger.**

*P Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as
clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the
Lamb*

C down the middle of the great street of the city.

*This life a journey is, through valleys dark and gray,
But God walks with all who are His to help along the way.*

P Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down,

C that the mountains would tremble before You!

*P While they were there, the time came for the baby to be
born,*

C and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son.

P "Behold, I am coming soon!"

**C Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this
book.**

Interviews with Isaiah

**First Sunday in Advent • The Light
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Opening Responsory ... St. Thomas

P Come, O house of Jacob,

C Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

P The glory of the Lord shone around them,

C and they were terrified.

P The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it,

**C For the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its
lamp.**

*Come, walk into the light, to meet our glorious King
To flee the darkness of the night and gladsome praises bring.*

*While in this world we wait, for Christ again to come,
God grant us grace to celebrate until our labor's done.*

P The virgin will be with Child and will give birth to a Son,

C and will call Him Immanuel.

*P When they had seen Him, they spread the word concern-
ing what had been told them about this Child,*

**C and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds
said to them.**

P Those who are victorious will inherit all this,

C and I will be their God and they will be my children.

*The Child, God's only Son, brings heav'n's presence here
To make us with the Father one and His own children dear.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*P One candle is lit to remind us that we walk in the light of
the Lord.*

C The light of Jesus overcomes the darkness of sin.

P The light of Jesus shatters the darkness of despair.

C The light of Jesus drives out even the darkness of death.

*P One candle is lit to remind us that we walk in the light of
the Lord.*

C Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Confession and Absolution

*P The darkness of our hearts is so dark that we are filled
with shame to come before the light of Your presence, O
Lord. Our sin makes the world that You created in light to
become as dark as night. Shine the light of Your grace and*

*forgiveness into the darkness of our hearts. We have
sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what
we have done, and by what we have left undone. In the
light of Your perfect love, forgive us our sins. If this is your
confession, respond by saying, "I do so confess, and I ask
for God's forgiveness."*

C I do so confess and I ask for God's forgiveness.

*P Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." It is His perfect
light and love that drive out the darkness of all of your sin.
In His name and by His light I forgive you all your sins in
the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.*

Hymn of Praise ... Hark the Glad Sound

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

Prayer of the Day

*P Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World. Teach us
that walking in Your light means walking under the favor*

*of Your forgiveness, walking with Your very presence,
receiving Your grace-full care, and living according to
Your truth. Shine your perfect light upon us and drive out
all the darkness of sin, death and the devil. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 2:1-5

*Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.*

Epistle Reading ... Romans 13:11-14

*The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand.*

Gospel Reading ... John 1:6-14

*The saints who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him their diadems of gold.*

Children's Sermon

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.*

*With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!*

Isaiah sees a mountain above all other hills.

*The nations will stream up it and do the Father's will.
All swords they'll turn to plowshares and give up every fight.
Come, now, O house of Jacob, and walk in God's great light.*

Sermon

Offering and Prayers

Each petition ends with this response:

P *O people of God,*

C **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Holy Communion LSB Setting Four

Benediction

P From Him who is the Light of the World, the Light
that lights all nations, and the glory of God's people, Israel,
be all grace, and mercy and peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn ... Italian Hymn

*God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!*

*Lord, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind: oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!*

*Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth your flight; move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!*

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Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor.

If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning.

For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.