

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting V 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the readings for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited for “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Our Lord’s contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the coming of our Lord in word and supper today.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen**

P The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Almighty God,

C **we confess that we have sinned against you, and against our sisters and brothers. Our words and deeds have not proclaimed your reign of justice and truth. We have failed to watch and pray for the signs of your advent among us. Forgive our sin, and come quickly to save us. Amen.**

P In the advent of Christ, the dawn from on high breaks upon you with light and healing. Through Jesus Christ, God looks with favor upon you, and forgives you all your sins.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

P From the one who was, who is, and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

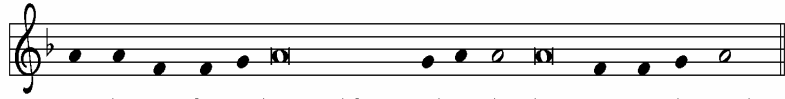
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



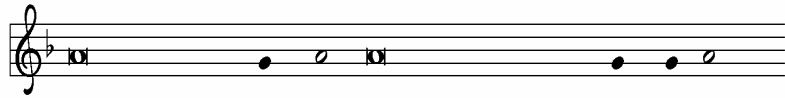
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



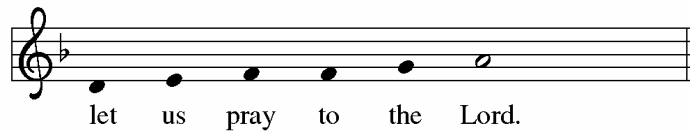
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



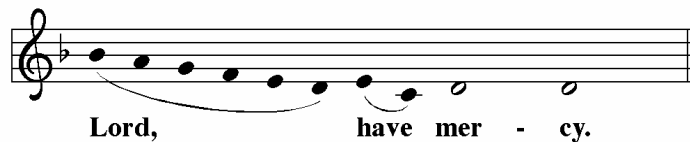
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



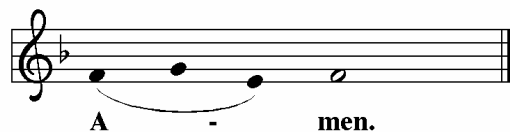
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ...

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Will We Know Him?"

Don Besig

Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem to be born in a lowly stall? Are we ready to greet the tiny little King who will come to save us all? Are we ready for the star of Bethlehem to appear in the winter sky? Are we ready to follow anywhere it leads us and let its light fill all our lives? Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory, once again proclaim the wondrous story. God will send His own true Son, but will we know Him when He comes? Are we ready for the song of Bethlehem to declare our Savior's birth? Are we ready to join the angels as they sing, and spread the news to all on earth? Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory, once again proclaim the wondrous story. God will send His own true Son, but will we know Him when He comes? Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem, God's true and promised Son? Are we ready to greet the tiny little King and will we know Him when He comes? Will we know Him when He comes?

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Hebrew scriptures, righteousness is not so much a moral virtue as the fulfillment of the responsibilities of a relationship among people or with God. God acts righteously in speaking against Israel's faithlessness and in working salvation for them. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name--"The LORD is our righteousness"--serves as a sign that the Lord is even now working salvation for the people.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

Sung Responsively

¹To you, O LORD,

I lift ¹ up my soul.

²**My God, I put my ¹ trust in you; let me not be ¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹ over me.**

³Let none who look to you be ¹ put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame ¹ who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ¹ ways, O LORD,
and teach ¹ me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all ¹ the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹ sion and love,
for they are from ¹ everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- ¹ right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹ in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- ¹ ly in justice

and teach the low- ¹ ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹ testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

From Timothy, Paul hears about the faithful congregation in Thessalonica and is moved to express his thanks to God. He prays that the congregation may grow in love and holiness until "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints."

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Gospel Acclamation

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

When God brings the creation to fulfillment, there will be dismay, perplexity, fright, and shaking heavens. But with this vision also come words of assurance: for the faithful, it will be a time not to cower in fear, but to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

Jesus said. ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for

the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord
C. Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" ELW 240

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"* ELW 436

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We believe in one God.

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A: Waiting and watching for our sure and certain hope, let us pray for the world redeemed, the church reformed, and for all people restored in the coming one.

A brief silence.

A: God of promise, your intention for the world is peace, justice, and righteousness. Plant this hopeful vision in our hearts, keep it always in our eyes, and strengthen us to live by it. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of righteousness, you call your people to live out your ways in the world. Give to us, your body the church, your compassion and love. Increase our love for one another and for all the people we touch. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of hope, you know the fears and terrors we face. Be our strength when we are weak. We pray especially for the sick, the addicted, the anxious, and

those immobilized by fear. Draw near to them and give them your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of restoration, by your hand the heavens and the earth and all their inhabitants are continually being sustained. Guide us to care for your creation and steward its resources faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of grace, guide the gatherings of your people by the light of your grace.. Lead this congregation in your ways. Keep us mindful of the needy and forgotten, and strengthen our service to them. We pray also for our companion congregations this week and their faithful witness and service: St. Paul in Willow Springs, Lord of Life in Wichita, and Andover Lutheran in Windom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: God of life, the generations rise and pass away before you. As we remember the lives of all your saints, inspire us by their witness and support us by their communion as we continue to live by your word that will not pass away. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Alert and watching for the coming of the Lord, we commend to you, O God, all for whom we pray, trusting all things to your never-failing love revealed Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Create in Me *Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a half note on C5, followed by quarter notes on B-flat4, A4, and G4. The accompaniment maintains the same harmonic structure.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a half note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment maintains the same harmonic structure.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a half note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment maintains the same harmonic structure.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of mercy and grace,

C: the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. From all that you have given us, receive these gifts, signs of our thanksgiving and praise. Fill us with good things at your table that we may come to the help of all in need; through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, the fourth staff the fourth line, and the fifth staff the fifth line. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and slurs.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you...for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup,...We look with hope for his coming

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God...Bring the gift of peace on earth

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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Lamb of God

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. A - men.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Strad"*
"Light Dawn on a Weary World"

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

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Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray...

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P The God of hope strengthen your hearts as you await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all the saints. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN

“The King Shall Come”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SHUT-IN Advent/Christmas treats will be packaged **next Sunday (6th)** after Worship Service in the lower level. See the newsletter for details of how you can help. Thanks! Priscilla WELCA Circle.

GIVING TREE - The tree is set up in the narthex. Take a tag(s) from tree and purchase the item(s). Place your gift under the tree unwrapped. Gifts will be delivered to the Doorstep Christmas Store. Have your gift here by **Dec. 13**. The Doorstep Christmas Store will be open Dec. 16 and 17 to allow 250 families and individuals adopted from the Christmas Bureau an opportunity to shop that they might not otherwise have.

SMORGASBORD & CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: **Dec. 13** is the date for the annual Smorgasbord and Christmas program. The program begins at **5pm** followed by the meal. Bring a dish or two to share and your table service. There will be a Silent Auction of gift baskets to benefit our partnership with Baker School of Nursing. You are invited to prepare a themed basket for the auction. Baskets received to date are on display today for bidding and will be through the 13th. Swedish table decorations are also needed for the 13th. If you can loan decorations, bring them to the Fellowship Hall by Dec. 12.

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