

**A Prayer  
Upon Enter-  
ing Church**

Oh, come,  
Thou Wisdom  
from on high,  
Who ordered  
all things  
mightily;  
To us the  
path of  
knowledge  
show,  
and teach us  
in her ways  
to go.  
Rejoice!  
Rejoice!  
Emmanuel  
shall come  
to you,  
O Israel!  
Amen



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## **The First Sunday in Advent**

December 1, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Thanks has been said, plenty of football watched, and the tryptophan (turkey!) has had its desired affect. Indeed, all the celebrating that accompanies this time of year can be exhausting, but in the Advent of our God we are not to be found sleeping it off. Instead, this is the time to awake and be stirred up by the promise of something new! Let us walk together in the light of salvation which, through our Lord Jesus Christ, has come near to you.



## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Deb Schuett in thankfulness for the blessing of her parents, Verna Schuett, and the late Charles Schuett. Their faith and devotion to God and family has been an inspiration to the family.
- Flowers do not adorn the chancel during the Advent season.
- The Radio Broadcast and Flower sponsor sign-up charts for 2020 will be available later in December.

## **A Welcome for Those With Young Children**

This house is your children's home, too. Relax and enjoy your time here:

- Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please consider sitting towards the front where your children can easily see the worship leaders, hear the words, note the colors, wonder about some of the images up there, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in with their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And also with you! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them, too.
- Be sure to sing and pray your parts as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. There is a nursery downstairs for those who would like to use it, but like Jesus, we want your children in the liturgy, not out. *Let the little children come unto me.* (Luke 18:16).

If you need help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.

## **Announcements**

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



## PRELUDE

A Selection of Hymns for Advent I

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

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

*Please kneel. Silence for reflection.*

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**

*Repentance is  
sweet sorrow  
and sorrowful  
sweetness.*

*~ Martin Lu-  
ther,  
"Lectures  
on Ro-  
mans."  
1516 A.D.*

Why use the color blue for Advent? In Christian art, blue is Mary's color. As Mary awaited the birth of her Son, so do we await His final appearing. Advent is about both: preparing for Christmas and (more importantly) for the final appearing of Christ. So in Advent and throughout history the Church is the Virgin Mary, clothed in hope, always waiting on the Christ-child, who graciously comes in unexpected and humble ways.

~ Pr. Kenneth Meadows, b. 1974 A.D.

**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 announce the grace of God to 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**

*Please stand.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" green hymnal #27

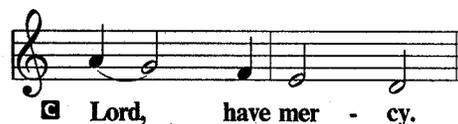
## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

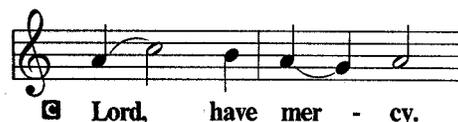
C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

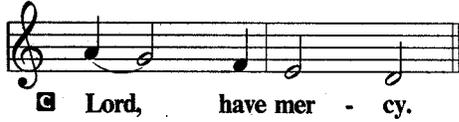
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



### COLLECT

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

*Please be seated.*

### OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>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

*God's grace will no longer come through animal sacrifices at the stone temple. Rather, His grace will come through what the Lord has instituted to be the worship life of the Church: Word, Baptism, Lord's Supper. This font of the Church's life prepares the people of God for the end times, which could come at any time. The Church must be prepared to see that the end times begin with the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*~ Arthur A. Just Jr.,  
Heaven On Earth,  
2008 A.D.*

walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 122**

L: I was glad when they 'said to me,\*  
"Let us go into the house 'of the LORD."

C: **Now our 'feet are standing\*  
within your gates 'O Jerusalem.**

L: Jerusalem is built 'as a city\*  
that is at unity 'with itself;

C: **to which the tribes go up the tribes 'of the LORD,\*  
the assembly of Israel to praise the name 'of the LORD.**

L: For there are the 'thrones of judgment,\*  
the thrones of the 'house of David.

C: **Pray for the peace 'of Jerusalem:\***  
**"May they pros'per who love you.**

L: Peace be with'in your walls\*  
and quietness with'in your towers.

C: **For my brethren and com'panions' sake,\*  
I pray for 'your prosperity.**

L: Because of the house of the 'LORD our God,\*  
I will seek to 'do you good."

All: **Glory 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**

**EPISTLE** Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is-ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

**GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

*Christ in many ways in the Gospel wakes us up against this kind of sleep, admonishing us that we must be watchful. And we must take note that he is not speaking of those people who are dead in the sin of unbelief, nor about those believers who are lying in mortal sin, but rather about Christians who are living lukewarm lives and are snoring in their smugness... They are going their way without fear of God, hardened, impious, insensitive.*

*~ Martin Luther, "Lectures on Romans." 1516 A.D.*

*Advent, with its strange opening number, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, is to open our eyes to the wonder that God keeps coming, entering into dialogue with us, to speak in love, and in judgment in love, where we least expect: in a man sitting on a donkey...always appearing to be less than He really is, so we can recognize Him in His love.*

*~Edmund A. Steimle,  
1907-1988  
A.D.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **NICENE CREED**

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 Scrip-**

tures; 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

*Please be seated.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*There is no Sunday School today. It will resume next Sunday, Dec. 8.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior of the Nations, Come” green hymnal #28

## SERMON

“Stir Up”

*Please kneel.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

P: . . . let us pray to the Lord,

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

*The Divine,  
in this world,  
is all dressed  
up in mortal  
clothes, and  
longing and  
mortality are  
so profoundly  
intertwined  
as to be fi-  
nally, entirely  
inseparable.*

*~ Mark Doty,  
Twentieth  
Century*

We preach not one coming only of Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the first. The first revealed the meaning of His patient endurance; the second brings with it the crown of the divine kingdom.

In His first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger. In His second coming He is clothed with light as with a garment . . .

## OFFERING

While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.

## VOLUNTARY

Three Variations on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

... Kenneth T. Kosche

Please stand.

## OFFERTORY ("The Magnificat")



My soul pro - claims your great - ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray . . . Gracious Father, with this bread and cup, we remember the life our Lord offered for us. Believing in the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

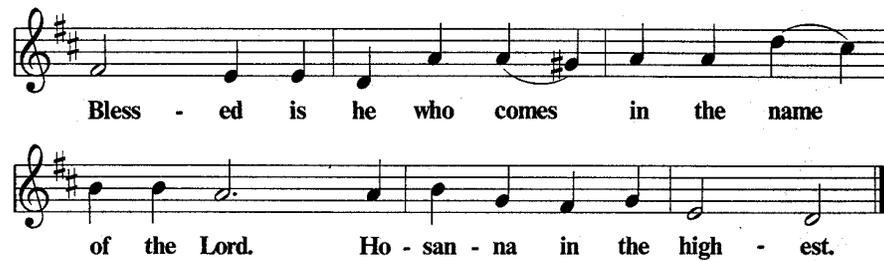
. . . In His first coming He bore the cross, despising its shame; He will come a second time in glory accompanied by the hosts of angels.

He first came in the order of divine providence to teach men by gentle persuasion; but when He comes again they will, whether they wish it or not, be subjected to His kingship.

~ Cyril of Jerusalem, 315-386 A.D., Instructions to Catechumens

*One falls into one sin after another. But when it is aroused and brought to life, then the blood of the Son of God must be applied to remove it. Medicine and help as powerful as this are required, namely, the Godhead become incarnate and the very blood of the Son of God.*

*~ Martin Luther, "Lectures on Genesis," 1545 A.D.*



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

### ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## AGNUS DEI ("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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

*The feast of the church has no end. It is as though the altar rail extends beyond the wall of our churches into eternity.*

*Thus, we eat and drink Christ's body and blood together with all believers both living and dead, yet unseen. The feast, though something great in itself, also points forward to something greater yet.*

*The feast will have an eternal dimension. The feast will be set and served by Jesus Himself in eternity, as it is here and now ([Rev 22:17](#)).*

*~ Rev. Scott Murray,  
2019 A.D.*

**A Prayer as  
You Go**

Oh, come,  
oh, come,  
our Lord of  
might,  
Who to  
Your tribes  
on Sinai's  
height in  
ancient  
times gave  
holy law,  
in clouds  
and majesty  
and awe.  
Rejoice!  
Rejoice!  
Emmanuel  
Shall come  
to you, O  
Israel!  
Amen

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Come, O Precious Ransom" green hymnal #24

"Fling Wide the Door" green hymnal #32

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Nunc Dimittus"**

Lord, now 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

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

## BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Fugue on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

... Jacob B. Weber

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**

*To God alone be glory*

## Serving at Worship

Preaching: (9:00) The Rev. Joseph Pinzl (*at Bethany, 10:30*)

(11:00) The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Kathy Fandrey

(11:00) Carl Boettcher

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Paul Fandrey

Acolyte: (9:00) Noah Harter

(11:00) Ella Johnson

Elder: (9:00) Robb Halverson

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Adele Blair; Donald Budnik;

Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson

(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Ted Gulhaugen; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Rob Kittel; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Janet Dettmering; Donna Nuernberg

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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