

# Welcome to Anchorage Lutheran Church



**Second Sunday in Advent**

**December 5, 2021**

**8:30 am**

Divine Service

Setting 2

**\*\*\*We are streaming our Services via Facebook & YouTube!\*\*\***

## OUR CALLING

**We exist** as a ministry because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. As Christians, we seek to know Him and understand His purpose in our lives through the study of God's Holy Word, frequent worship, and reception of the Lord's Supper.

**We strive** to share the Good News of Christ's victory over death through proclamation in our worship services, Christian education programs in our community and support of missions in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and the World.

**We seek** to live as God's children, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit by witness and discipleship of Christ Jesus through the use of our time, talent, and treasures.

**The Lord's Supper:** The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. We celebrate this meal often in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. Baptized adult Christians, understanding and seeking the mystery of this Holy Meal-the nourishing forgiveness and Real Presence of Christ-are invited to participate.

*\*Should you come to the altar and wish not to receive this sacrament, please cross your arms to receive a blessing. Children who have not yet been confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*



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# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prelude:** What Child Is This? Arr. Jorgensen

## Opening Hymn:

### 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the  
2 Arighteous Helper comes to thee; His charity  
3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the  
4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a



King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing  
is humility, His kingly crown is holiness  
ruler is confessed! O peaceful hearts and happy  
temple set apart From earthly use for heaven's em-



near; The Savior of the world is here. Life and sal-  
ness, His sceptor, pity in distress. The end of  
homes To whom this King in triumph comes! The cloudless  
ploy, Adorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



vation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.  
Sovereign enter in And new and nobler life begin.



To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.  
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.  
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.  
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 167*

**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.

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 167*

**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.

## Announcement of Forgiveness

LSB 167

**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

### Kyrie

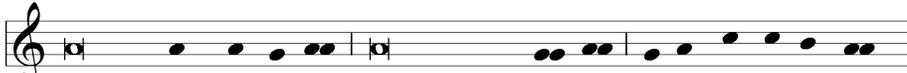
LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



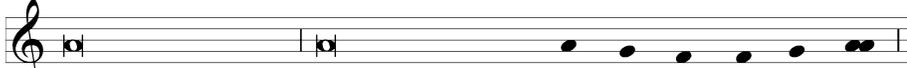
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

**C** A - men.

**This Is the Feast**

**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



**Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

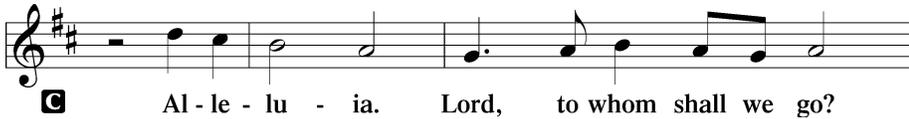
<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 173



## Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:10–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Hymn of the Day:

### 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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## Message: "Thank God for Second Chances"

Vicar Dave Keddington, DCE Intern Matthew Murphy

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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. 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. Amen.

**Offering:** You may place an offering in the offering plate placed at the table next to the soundboard. You are also able to provide your tithes and offering through our website [anchorage.lutheran.org](http://anchorage.lutheran.org). Thank you in advance for your gifts, donations, and tithes to the ministry of Anchorage Lutheran Church.

## Prayers of the People

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### Preface

LSB 177



**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.

#### 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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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

LSB 178



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

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 179*

**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.

**Words of Institution**

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 180*

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

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 180*

**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, grant us peace.

## Distribution

### 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

#### *Refrain*



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



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

- 5 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. Refrain
- 6 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. Refrain
- 7 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. Refrain

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## 624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -  
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
 of God's righ - teous - ness; His hal - lowed touch brought  
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
 As at the rail on bended knee  
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
 The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
 A priestly food and priestly meat;  
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
 His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim  
 Our voices join the endless hymn,  
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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## 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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### Thank the Lord

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

**A** 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** Amen

### Benediction

**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.



## 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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### Sending

P Go in Peace as you Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

**Postlude:** Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending by Oliver's



### THOSE WHO NEED OUR ONGOING PRAYERS

Rose Diekelman, Jody Quinn, Christine Gill.

### COMFORT, HEALTH, RECOVERY

**Members:** Norma Huseman, Forest Taylor, Liz Millikan, Ann McCoy, Eric McCoy, Keith McGranahan, Jerome Dodge, Terry Callies, John & Carol Drager.

**Family & Friends:** Tonya (Rick Funner's niece); Tina (Rick Funner's sister); Ed & Cathy Rasmuson (Lynn Ann Eng's friends); Ruth Erdman (Arlene Raney's niece); Liz Gellerman (Scott Gellerman's mother); Ann McMullen (Ashley Kobylinski's aunt); (Jan & Doug Schroeder's friends): Marc & Margaret Provencher, Cathy Johnson, Phil Barnes, Ken & Diana Rowedder; Sarah Gazurian (Tamara McCoy's sister); Jason Restad (Tamara McCoy's uncle); Zaden Kodiak Courtner (Gail Schroeder's grandson); Tabi (Karen Loeffler-Quintieri and Michael Quintieri's granddaughter); Ron Beach (friend of Steve Fibranz).

**Special Prayer:** An Anchorage Community member is asking for prayers for her father, Jacob Johnson Sr. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Liturgical Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Musical Rehearsal/Adult Education</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Adult Praise Team</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Praise Team</b>
	<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Sudanese Worship Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>ALANON Meeting</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study Fellowship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>ALANON Meeting</b>
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Sewful Quilters</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>ALANON Meeting</b>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Musical Rehearsal</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Advent Worship Service</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Youth Night</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>ALANON Meeting</b>
	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>ALANON Meeting</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>The Anchorage Civic Orchestra, Messiah Concert</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>ALC Christmas Musical, "Away in a Mango"</b>
		<b>Youth Praise Team</b>



- ◆ **ALC Volunteers & Decorators**
- Flowers:** Mike & Lynn Boots, in memory of Esther Brautigan and in honor of Tom Boot's birthday
- ◆ **Media Team**
- ◆ **Reader:** Rebecca Logan
- ◆ **Ushers:** Tyler & Doug Schroeder



The Anchorage Civic Orchestra  
Messiah Concert  
December 10 @6:30

Free Admission /  
Donations Appreciated.

\*In person or via live-stream  
on our FB/YouTube

**ALC Christmas Musical**

**AWAY IN A MANGO**

December 12, 10:00 am