

**First Sunday in Advent**  
*November 27, 2022*



Welcome to *ASCENSION!*

*We are delighted to have you with us today.* That we may know you better, please sign the Guest Registry in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. May God bless you with the assurance of His forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you, and ... **Peace be with you!**



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## ✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Holy Communion is administered to **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** of Ascension, of other Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, and of Lutheran Church bodies in declared fellowship with the LCMS, who have been instructed, examined, and *confirmed* in the Christian faith as taught by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and so publicly declared their unity of faith in all doctrines of Holy Scripture in fellowship with LCMS.

All **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** desiring to commune today are to fill out a *Member Communion Card* or *Guest Communion Card* and hand it to the Ushers when coming forward to commune.

*All others we kindly and respectfully request to abstain from communing until such public declaration is made in keeping with Christ's institution.*

If you would like to know more about receiving Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak to the Pastors after the service and they will be glad to instruct you to that end. *Thank you!*

**Preaching Pastor** ✠ Pastor Gary Zieroth

**Assisting Pastor** ✠ Pastor James Gier

**Fieldworkers** ✠ David Clark and Zachary Benkert

**Organist** ✠ David Mussmann

**Prelude** ~ 8:00 ~ “Rejoice!” – handbell choir

10:45 ~ “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - Hayes

**Voluntary** ~ “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” – Culli

**Communion** ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ “Advent Bells” - handbell choir

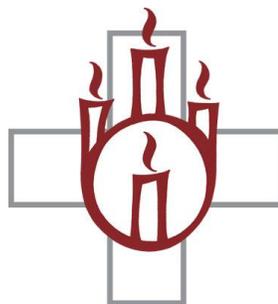
**Postlude** ~ “Savior of the Nations, Come” - Manz

**Special Music** ~ 8:00 a.m. Adult Handbells, Dr. Ray Beights, director

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**Introit** (*Psalm 118:25-28; Antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*)



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

**Save us, we pray, | O LORD!\***

**O LORD, we pray, give | us success!**

Blessed is He who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless You from the house | of the LORD.

**The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine up- | on us.\***

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!**

You are my God, and I will give | thanks to You;\*

You are my God; I will ex- | tol You.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

### **Collect of the Day**

**P.** 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.

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**C. Amen.**

**Gradual** (*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*)

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of | Zion.\*

Shout aloud, O Daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

**Old Testament Reading – *Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)*** <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 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading – *Romans 13: 11-14 (ESV)***

<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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel – Matthew 24:36-44 (ESV)** <sup>36</sup>“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,<sup>[a]</sup> but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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### MY SERMON NOTES

*“Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.” ~ Rm 10:17*