Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois

First Sunday in Advent Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Service of Vespers (evening)

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Music Prelude/Ringing of the Bell/Welcome

(Stand)

ADVENT VERSICLES 1

LSB 219

- L O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- make haste to help me, O Lord.
- Glory be 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.

Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

+ PSALMODY +

- ₱ ¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
- ³Restore us, | O God;*
 let your face shine, that we | may be saved!
- ⁴O LORD | God of hosts,*

how long will you be angry with your | people's prayers?

- 5You have fed them with the | bread of tears* and given them tears to drink in full | measure.
- ⁶You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,* and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.
- ₱ ⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
 let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

(Sit)

OFFICE HYMN 332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

+ READINGS +

READING Isaiah 64:1–9

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 64.

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,

who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

8But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

READING 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any

spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

READING

Mark 13:24-37

P A reading from Mark, chapter 13.

²⁴Jesus said: "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY J

LSB 230

- P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
- Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- P Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
- Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

(Sit)

HYMN 331 THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

SERMON "The King Shall Come"

+ CANTICLE +

(Stand)

LSB 231

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

HYMN 933 MAGNIFICAT "MY SOUL REJOICES"

(Sit)

OFFERING

+ PRAYER +

(Stand)

KYRIE

LSB 233

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INTRODUCTION TO COLLECTS

LSB 233

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to You.

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.

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS, Amen to each

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS J

LSB 234

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION J

LSB 234

- C Amen.

(Sit)

HYMN 348 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS

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