

First Sunday in Advent
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LETTING YOURSELF GO

PRESERVICE MUSIC “The Advent of Our King” (arr. Willan & Brandon) & “Prepare the Royal Highway” (arr. Farlee)

A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you!

331 THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

- 1 The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
 And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
 Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
 Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
 And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.
- △ 6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. *Matthew 16:16*

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.

- P** The LORD says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”
C **We thank You, O Lord!**
P The LORD says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”
C **We adore You, O Lord!**
P The LORD says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”
C **We praise You, O Lord!**
P The LORD says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”
C **We worship You, O Lord!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One Advent candle is lit.

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 25:6–7

- P** Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

- P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

- 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.

INTROIT

Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

- P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

C Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

- P** who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

C For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel. 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.

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

HYMN OF THE MONTH - 762 THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

This hymn, based on Ecclesiastes 3, was written by Stephen Starke in remembrance of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Stanza 4, doxological in nature, recounts that the Lord knew before time began that He would need to send His Son (2 Timothy 1:9) “to redeem those who were under the law” (Galatians 4:4-5) and that He would “bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6).

- 1 There is a time for ev’rything, A time for all that life may bring:
A time to plant, a time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,
A time to heal, a time to slay, A time to build where rubble lay,
A time to die, a time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born,
- 2 A time to hold, then be alone, A time to gather scattered stone,
A time to break, a time to mend, A time to search and then to end,
A time to keep, then throw away, A time to speak, then nothing say,
A time for war till hatreds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.
- 3 Eternal Lord, Your wisdom sees And fathoms all life’s tragedies;
You know our grief, You hear our sighs— In mercy, dry our tear-stained eyes.
From evil times, You bring great good; Beneath the cross, we’ve safely stood.
Though dimly now life’s path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.

- △ 4 Before all time had yet begun, You, Father, planned to give Your Son;
Lord Jesus Christ, with timeless grace, You have redeemed our time-bound race;
O Holy Spirit, Paraclete, Your timely work in us complete;
Blest Trinity, Your praise we sing— There is a time for ev’rything!

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection

C **we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins**

P and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

C **for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares 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 dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what 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, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25–36

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

340 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

SERMON "Letting Yourself Go" Luke 21:25-36

CREED Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

- P** We pray,
- C** hear us, coming Lord.

At the end of the prayer:

- C** Amen.

Early service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- 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 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

***For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.***

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

sts. 1, ref, 5–7

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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**

348 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS

1 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see His face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Grant that His presence with us in the Meal fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; 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

1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Numbers 6:24–26

- P** May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.
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** Amen.

343 PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story: **Refrain**
- Refrain** Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
- 2 God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! **Refrain**
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! **Refrain**
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: **Refrain**

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POSTLUDE “Lift Up Your Heads” (arr. Behnke)

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-22; 1 Peter 1:13-25
Monday: Isaiah 5:1-25; 1 Peter 2:1-12
Tuesday: Isaiah 6:1-7:9; 1 Peter 2:13-25
Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-8:8; 1 Peter 3:1-22
Thursday: Isaiah 8:9-9:7; 1 Peter 4:1-19
Friday: Isaiah 9:8-10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14
Saturday: Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Nichole, recovering from Covid	Carrie, healing from a stroke
Steve, recovering from Covid	Linda, brain cancer
Wes, health issues	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Del, health issues	Voss, infant recovering from an accident
Jack, ongoing health issues	Elgart, cancer
Chris, ongoing health issues	Lauren's mother
Mehria in the Middle East, safety	Shirley, health issues
Blake	Nancy, health issues
Al, health issues	Berklee
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Jean, health issues	Duane, cancer
Jerry, health issues	Dave, health issues
June, health issues	Eunice, health issues
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	
Those injured and those who mourn in the city of Waukesha	
For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.	
For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.	
Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.	

Our Savior Families: Jim, Jim & Gloria, Terrance & Joanne, Raymond, Judy

Hymn of the Week "Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 340

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction