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## *First Sunday of Advent 11/29*



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GRACE

*to you and*

PEACE

*from God our*

FATHER

*and the Lord Jesus*

CHRIST.

*1 Corinthians 1:3, NRSV*

## Hymn of Invocation 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.

Confession and Absolution *Setting 3 begins on page 184*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. .... Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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 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, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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 The Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Introit** *Read responsively*

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

**To you, | O LORD,\***

**I lift | up my soul.**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

**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.

♪ **Gloria Patri**

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ **Kyrie**

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.

## Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
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!  
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From 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.  
You 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?  
We 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.  
There 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.  
But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.  
Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 80:1-7** *Read responsively*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\*

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.**

**Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,\***

**stir up your might and come to | save us!**

Restore us, | O God;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**O LORD | God of hosts,\***

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

You have fed them with the | bread of tears\*

and given them tears to drink in full | measure.

**You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,\***

**and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.**

Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

**Epistle**      **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel** **Mark 13:24-37**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And 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.

“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. So also, when you see these things taking

place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It 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. Therefore 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—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### 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.

### Hymn of the Day

**348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**      LSB 348

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!

## Sermon

**Offering (Please place your offering in the white box as you enter or depart)**  
*(As we sing the offertory pastor raises the offering plate as a wave offering for all of our tithes and offerings given in person or by mail or via the internet)*

## ♪ Offertory

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary.....evermore praising You and saying:

♩ Sanctus (*Holy*)

**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.

### Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

**Pax Domini** (*The Peace of the Lord*)

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

**C** Amen.

♩ Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

**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.

### Distribution

♪ **Nunc Dimittis** (*Now Dismiss*) (*Song of Simeon*)

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Thanksgiving

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

### Post-Communion Collect

**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.

### Salutation & Benedicamus (*we bless / we praise*)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen

## Closing Hymn

### 349 Hark the Glad Sound LSB 349

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.
  
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
  
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.
  
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With Thy belovèd name.

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## Announcements

### Our Friends in need of prayer:

Judy Schuller	Donna Allen	Jim Wagner
James Huling	Dick Medley	Charles Schuller
Bruce Rispoli	Emil Mariani	Pat Dettmer

The grieving Brown family

### Pre - Service meditation:

Reading and meditating on the Psalm, the Introit, and the text the bulletin can be helpful in your pre-service meditation.

**This Week at a Glance:**

TODAY	Worship Services @ 8:30 9:45 & 11 AM, Sunday School @ 9:45 AM
<b>MON</b>	<b>LWML meets @ 6:30 PM</b>
WED	Bible study @ 5 PM & Worship @ 6PM (non communion)
FRI	Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM
SAT	Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM 10:30 AM Home Bodies Zoom Room Bible Study. Worship Service @ 6 PM
SUN	Worship Services @ 8:30 9:45 & 11 AM

**Looking Forward to Next Sunday:** Reading over and studying the text for the coming week can enrich your personal prayer and study time and your worship time. The text for Wednesday is Revelation 7:2-8 (9-17) and next weekend is Amos 5:18-24.

When it is again safe to resume choir practice, we will inform you.

**Service Schedule:** Until further notice

Saturday 6pm Communion service

Sunday 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM Communion

Wednesday 6 pm non-communion

In compliance with all current CDC, Guidelines:

- Social distancing remains in place
  - Households that travel together may sit and commune together
  - Sharing of the peace is replaced with a wave of peace
  - Pews and other surfaces will be wiped down  
after the closing hymn is over
  - Offering & prayer request box is at the entrance and exit.
  - The entry doors will be propped open,
  - Take your bulletin with you or throw it away
  - If you use a hymnal, please wipe it down
- We will all enter through the narthex and exit through the door on the left, next to the lectern, in the front of the sanctuary. When people are arriving for the next service, as

necessary

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Please socialize outside.

### **Communion Practices**

Common cup will be available

Standing at the rail 2 households at a time

(one on the lectern side and one on the pulpit side, no kneeling yet)

An elder will assist the pastor

Communion cup bowls on brass post will be used.

Communion blessing / dismissal will continue to be one after all commune.

### **Mask Guidance will remain in place as long as necessary.**

1. Masks should be worn upon entering the narthex and before being seated in the sanctuary.
2. Since we are seated in accordance with the protocol for social distancing, the mask may be removed when seated in the sanctuary.
3. Masks are to be worn as we proceed to and return from communion and can be removed once seated again.
4. At the end of the service, masks are to be put back on and worn until outside the building. However, if for any reason you are unable to wear a mask you are still welcome to join us for worship.

***A simple way to remember when to where a mask is :  
when moving in doors, if you are able, you should have a mask on.***

If you wish to purchase altar flowers, please put your name on the altar flower chart in the narthex. The cost is \$40 for two tall vase bouquets, for any questions contact Rod or Jean Kuszynski.

Altar Flowers:  
In celebration of  
Dean and Gail Bidle's Wedding Anniversary