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## Third Sunday of Advent 12/13

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Saturday 6 PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 11 AM

Wednesday: 6 PM

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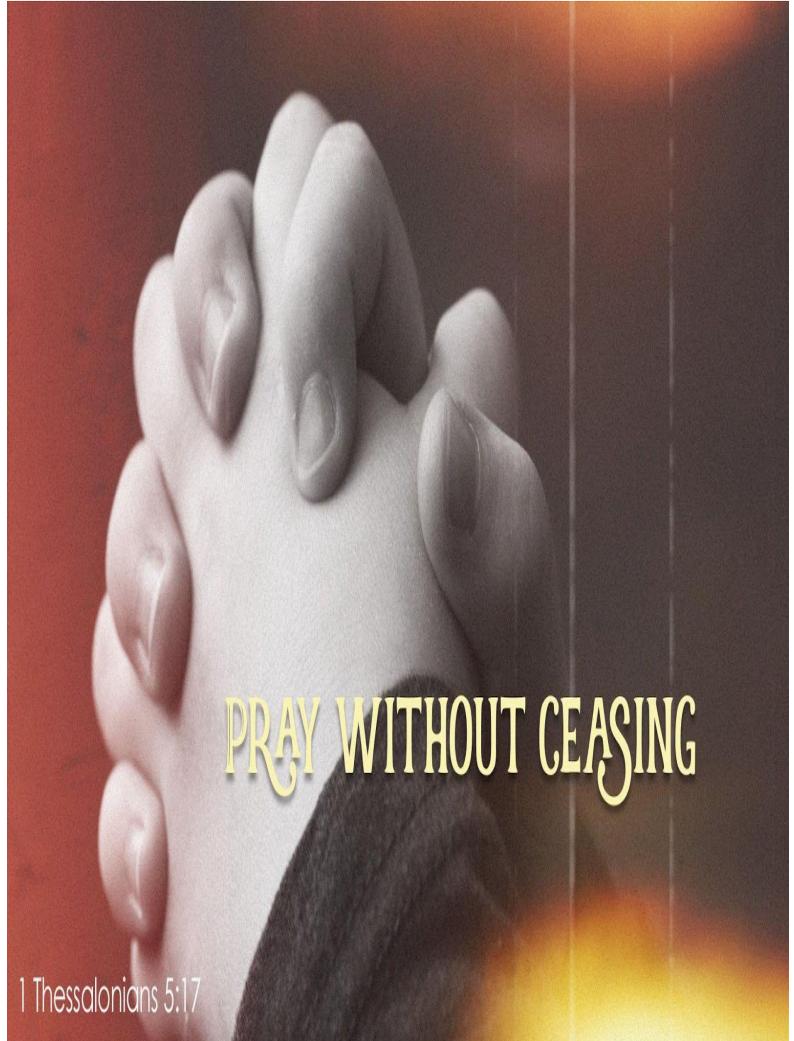
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## Hymn of Invocation

### 331 The Advent of Our King      LSB 331

- 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.

Confession and Absolution *Setting 3 begins on page 184*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T 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*

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

**Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*

that glory may dwell | in our land.

**Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\*  
and our land will yield its | increase.**

Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.

## **† 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.**

## **338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

*LSB 338*

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
  
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**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    Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations. . . .

For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,\*  
we were like | those who dream.  
**Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,\***  
**and our tongue with | shouts of joy;**  
then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”\*  
The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.

**Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,\***  
**like streams in the | Negeb!**  
Those who | sow in tears\*  
shall reap with | shouts of joy!  
**He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for | sowing,\***  
**shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his | sheaves with him.**

## Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**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 T everlasting. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day

**357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**      LSB 357

- 1    O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
      And ransom captive Israel,  
      That mourns in lonely exile here  
      Until the Son of God appear. Refrain
  
- ref   Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
      Shall come to thee, O Israel!
  
- 2    O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
      Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
      To us the path of knowledge show,  
      And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain
  
- 3    O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
      Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
      In ancient times didst give the Law  
      In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain
  
- 4    O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
      Free them from Satan's tyranny  
      That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
      And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain
  
- 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

## 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:

**f** 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.

**f** 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

**f** 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 **T** give you peace.

**C Amen**

### **Closing Hymn**

**341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**      **LSB 341**

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.

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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