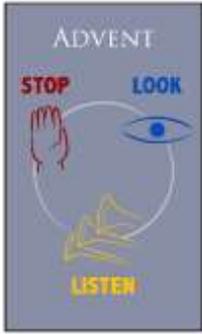




**Printed Order of Service**  
 St. Peter Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska  
**Midweek Advent Service #2**  
**December 9, 2020**



**Your King Is Coming! Are you ready?**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** ..... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" LSB 338 (tune 700)

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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**Invocation and Opening Sentences**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:
- C** **Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.**
- P** O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can open:
- C** **Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.**
- P** O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior:
- C** **Come and save us, O Lord our God.**
- P** Come, O Savior, among us!
- C** **Jesus, our Lord! Alleluia! Amen.**
- P** Behold, the Lord comes to save us.
- C** **O come, let us worship Him.**

## Theme Sequence:

### Revelation 1:4-5, 7

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

<sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

**P** Throughout the Scriptures there are words of encouragement to look for signs of the Lord and of His coming. One of the grandest invitations to look is written by John in the first chapter of Revelation as he writes: "Grace to you and peace . . . from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. . . . Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him." "Every eye" includes our eyes! We are certain to see His return as we continue to look in faith.

The hymn "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" invites us to look for the coming of the Lord and was authored by Charles Wesley, one of the most prolific hymnwriters of the English language. Wesley, whose life spanned most of the eighteenth century, wrote over six thousand hymns, many of which are still sung today. He wrote this hymn specifically for this particular week in Advent, reminding Christians of the final coming of our Advent King in all His glory.

### Hymn....."Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" LSB 336 v. 1,4

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,  
Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;  
Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,  
Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
Claim the king - dom as Thine own.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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### First Reading: 2 Peter 3:10-13

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading: Matthew 26:59-64

<sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup>And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Apostles' Creed

**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**..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357 v. 3,4

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

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Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## Advent Sermon: "LOOK!"

### Prayer of the Church

#### 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.

#### Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### Benediction

**P** 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.

#### Closing Hymn ..... "The Advent of Our King" LSB 331 v. 1, 4, 5

1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain  
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.  
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The new self now put on.

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