



December 3rd, 2023 – Advent 1

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

About the Picture: The theme for Advent this year is “The King Shall Come.”

Offering: The offering is collected as you enter into the sanctuary, in an offering plate located on a small table. Guests and visitors do not need to feel obligated to make an offering, though you are welcome to do so.

The Service

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Hymn: 495 – The King Shall Come

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

2. Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ,
victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death despite the rage
of foes
shall dawn that glorious, welcome morn for all who
know his grace –
the day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall
see his face.

3. The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's
dark night is past;
that morning cannot rise too soon, that day that e'er
shall last.
Then let the endless bliss begin, as heav'n with praises
rings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly,
King of kings!

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy
Spirit

Amen

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us,

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
And will forgive us our sins
And purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**And have sinned against you in my thoughts, words
and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

With his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him I pray: God have mercy on me a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)(sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)(sung)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

are most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

²As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before
you.

⁴Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

⁶All of us have become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

⁸Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

Refrain: Welcome the King of glory, each tribe and nation! He
is the Lord Almighty, bringing salvation.

The earth is the Lord's, and every- / thing in it,
the world, and all who / live in it;
for he founded it / on the seas
and established it on the / waters.

Who may ascend the mountain / of the Lord?
Who may stand in his / holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior.

Refrain: Welcome the King of glory, each tribe and nation! He
is the Lord Almighty, bringing salvation.

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.

Who is this King of / glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient
doors,

that the King of glory / may come in.

Who is he, this King of / glory?

The Lord Almighty – he is the King of / glory.

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.

Refrain: Welcome the King of glory, each tribe and nation! He
is the Lord Almighty, bringing salvation.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus who is
coming again. He will come to gather his people from
everywhere, both the living and the dead.

We remember Jesus who will come at the end of time.

None of us knows what day that will be.

We hear his call to watch.

**We light one Advent candle as a sign of our
watchfulness and waiting.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

One Advent candle is lit.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

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

⁴I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (sung) *The offering is brought to the altar at this time.*

"Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Your words are my joy; and my heart's delight.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia

Gospel: Mark 11:1–10

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 301 – Savior of the Nations, Come

1. Savior of the nations, come;
virgin’s Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,

that the Lord chose such a birth.

2. Not by human flesh and blood,
by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh,
woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
of the virgin undefiled,
though by all the world disowned,
yet to be in heav'n enthroned!
4. From the Father's throne he came
and ascended to the same,
captive leading death and hell.
High the song of triumph swell!
5. Praise to God the Father sing,
praise to God the Son, our King,
praise to God the Spirit be
ever and eternally.

Sermon: Matthew 25 – The King Shall Come to Save Us

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Prayer of the Church

Come, dear Savior. We long for your appearing!

Come to cheer us with your promises, as you once cheered your ancient people throughout their long night of waiting and watching.

Come to restore our hope. Rouse us from the slumber of despair; lift our hearts from petty, earthbound goals.

Direct our eyes above, from where you will soon come to make all things right again.

Come and work in us a godly grief and a genuine sorrow over sin. Forgive us for the shameful way we have dishonored you and the shabby way we have dealt with one another.

Through your mighty Word, stir up in us a ceaseless yearning to give ourselves to others, as you have given yourself for us.

Come also to rekindle our joy as we prepare to celebrate your first coming. Do not permit a frenzied busyness to rob us of your peace or to deprive us of times to ponder and to wonder at your Word. Set our hearts apart from the bustle and the clamor and the jostle of these days.

**Fill us with the quiet delight of finding you in the manger,
and keep hearts and minds undisturbed by the great throng
that streams by uncaring.**

We pray also for those enduring great sorrow, for those
undergoing spiritual trial, and for those whose restless hearts
have no knowledge of your coming.

**Comfort, strengthen, and illumine them with the sweet
peace born of your love, and keep them in the way of peace
by your Holy Word.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Come quickly, dear Lord, and fill our longing eyes with the
light of your coming! We wait, we keep watch, and in you we
put our hope.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn 548 – The King of Glory Comes

Refrain: The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the
gates before him; lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain: The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people, curing their illness.

Refrain: The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

3. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
he took upon himself the sin of the nations.

Refrain: The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

4. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
and he will share with us his heavenly vision.

Refrain: The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices. Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

Amen

The 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.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look with favor and + give you peace.



Be seated

Hymn: 313 – Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

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,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

"The Service: Setting One" and all hymn lyrics

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

Today, Dec. 3: Sunday School and Bible Study, 10:30ish

Monday, Dec. 4: Griefshare, 6 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 6: Adult Bible Class, 10:30 am

Catechism, 5:30 pm

Advent Supper (Outreach), 5:30 pm

Advent Worship, 6:30 pm

Adult choir and chimes follow

Saturday, Dec. 9: Caroling, meet at church at 1 pm

COMING UP:

**Sunday, Dec. 10: Peace Lutheran School Christmas Service,
3 pm**

Wednesdays Dec. 13, and 20: Midweek Advent services

5:30ish pm suppers (Youth Group and

Ladies Aid, respectively)

6:30 pm Worship

**Saturday, Dec. 16: Griefshare holiday potluck, 10 am, St.
John's, Princeton**

Youth Group Advent Supper: If you have a child in 7th-12th grade and you (and/or your child) are available to help on Dec. 13, please come at 5:30! The freewill offerings collected will help pay for youth to attend the youth rally in the summer. Contact Tiara Hilke-Burk or Brandi Berger for more information.

Send Christmas greetings to missionaries! There are cards in the fellowship hall for our LWMS Befriend-A-Missionaries. Please take a moment to sign them! You can also donate towards gifts for the mission families/congregations. December 10 will be the last day to sign cards and contribute!

Temporary change warning! One of our new school families has a child in a wheelchair. To allow the family to sit together inside the sanctuary for the school Christmas service, one pew will be *temporarily* removed from the sanctuary and replaced with chairs. Thank you for being understanding and accommodating!

Bring items for Advents suppers: There are signups in the fellowship hall to donate items for Advent suppers (usually beverages, desserts, or sides). PLEASE sign up to help the groups who host!

Looking for Church Cleaners! If you have a free hour or two every few weeks, we need your help cleaning church! Please consider signing up to help an experienced cleaner. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

OFFERINGS 11-26-23

General fund -- \$4,685.00
Church Outdoor sign -- \$190.00
Meditations -- \$20.00
Plate offerings -- \$66.00
Church-School Applied to Operating -- \$45.00
Thanksgiving Eve Envelope -- \$1,525.00
WLA - Forward in Trust/Faith/Building -- \$50.00
Church Roof Fund- School -- \$45.00
School- Family Financial Aid Fund -- \$45.00

TOTAL \$6,671.00

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Memorials Given

In Memory of Sue Abendroth

To: Outdoor sign

By: Audrey Kelma

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