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ORDER OF WORSHIP – Sunday, December 1, 2024 9:00 am

First Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Announcements

- Communion is celebrated at each service. Please contact the church office if you are unable to come into the building and wish to receive.
- Sign up for our email distribution list to receive updates and important announcements.

Prelude

Confession and Absolution (stand)

Confession p.167

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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

Opening hymn LSB 331 The Advent of Our King (Vs. 1-3)

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.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

L: Today we begin our celebration of Advent.

On these four Sundays leading up to Christmas
we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ.

To help us celebrate,

We will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath.

The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World.

The evergreens reminds us that He is life and brings life to us.

All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

Each Sunday we will light an additional candle.

Then on Christmas Eve, we will light all the candles,

Including the center one, the Christ candle.

As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us.

He is Immanuel... God with us.

L: On this first Sunday of Advent

C: We light the candle of hope.

(acolyte lights one candle)

L: Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started.

C: Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised.

L: All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

C: He is our hope, today and forever! (2 Corinthians: 1:20)

All: Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Kyrie p. 168

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy

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

C: Lord, have mercy

L: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 172

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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.

Psalm 25:1–10

¹To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.

**²O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

**⁶Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**⁸Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was is in the
beginning, is now, and evermore shall be. Amen**

Second Reading: 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.

Alleluia p. 173

C: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2^{1st} chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 21:25–36

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.

Sermon

P: We rise for the Hymn of the Day

Hymn of the day :

LSB 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (Vs. 1. 2 & 4)

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;

The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.

Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

2. The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;

Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.

The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.

Arise, O heirs of glory, The Bridegroom is at hand.

4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus now appear;

Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.

With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see

The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

Nicene Creed

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered and was buried;
and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

We continue the age-old practice of presenting our tithes, gifts, and offerings to Almighty God though now through modern means. Giving options and contact information are listed the end of this worship folder.

Service of the Sacrament p. 177

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 Lords our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus p. 178

C: Holy, holy , holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 178

C: Amen

The Words of Our Lord p. 179

Proclamation of Christ p. 179

C: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus

P; So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini p. 180

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

C: Amen

Agnus Dei p. 180 Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution p. 181

Communion Hymns

Renew 27 O How He Loves You and Me!

1 O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me;

He gave his life- what more could He give?

O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!

2 Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.

What He did there brought hope from despair.

O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!

W&P 141 This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

W & P Emmanuel (2x)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Renew 30 His Name Is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,

His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord,

He is the mighty King, Master of everything,

His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord'

He's the great Shepherd, The Rock of all ages,

Almighty God is he;

Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,

His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to live everlasting. Depart in peace.

C: Amen

Post communion canticle

LSB 348 The King Shall Come (Vs. 1 & 5)

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

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 Collect p. 183

P: Let us pray,

C: Amen.

Benediction p. 183

Closing Hymn: LSB 331 The Advent of Our King (Vs. 4, 5 & 6)

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.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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