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Sunday, November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING: The choir will sing "Light the Candle" © Contributors: Carl Schalk, Jaroslav J. Vajda; Tune: © 1988, GIA

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Light the candle of love today; the Giver of love is here!
Welcome the love we live and die for, but only Christ can give.
Flicker and flame and glow with love; light up the world around you.

OPENING HYMN: #25 "The King Shall Come"

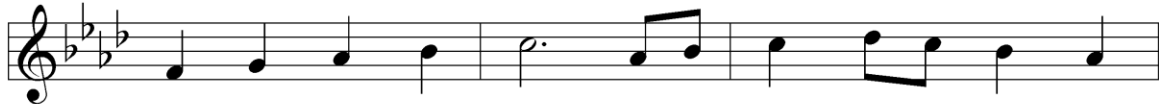
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The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child To
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
 dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes—
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 splen - dor comes And we shall see his face.
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, abr., alt.

Tune: CONSOLATION (CM) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

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All Glory Be to God on High

Gloria in Excelsis

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, Who has our
 2 We praise, we wor - ship you, we trust; We give you
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Of God, your
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious Gift, Our Com - fort -



race be - friend - ed! To us no harm shall
 thanks for - ev - er, O Fa - ther, that your
 heav'n - ly Fa - ther, You did for all our
 er from heav - en, Our wea - ry hearts and



now come nigh; The strife at last is end - ed. The
 rule is just And wise and chang - es nev - er. In
 sins a - tone, And your lost sheep you gath - er. O
 souls up - lift; For this our praise is giv - en. De -



Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to
 bound - less pow'r, with might - y reign, Done is what - ev - er
 Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we
 liv - er us from doubt and fear; When Sa - tan trou - bles



all the earth; Oh, thank him for his good - ness!
 you or - dain; Your rule brings count - less bless - ings!
 sin - ners cry, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
 us, be near; We trust your love and pow - er.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, abr., st. 1-3; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.

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Tune: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR (87 87 887) attr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, alt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: 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.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: 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.

¹⁵ In 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. ¹⁶ In 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.'

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 25

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD. ***Refrain***

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen. ***Refrain*****

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so 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.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir):

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.
(Revelation 22:20)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ “And 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, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the

powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.

³³ Heaven 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. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶ But 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.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

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GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Prepare the Royal Highway”

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Prepare the royal highway; the King of Kings is near!
Let every hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story.
Oh, blest is he that came in God the Father's name!

God's people see him coming: your own eternal King!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments!
Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
Oh, blest is he that came in God the Father's name!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet every nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join in singing:
Oh, blest is he that came in God the Father's name!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:
O blest is he that came in God the Father's name.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #2 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
 cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing

heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell — High the song of tri - umph swell!

5 Praise to God the Father sing,
 Praise to God the Son, our King,
 Praise to God the Spirit be
 Ever and eternally.

Text: Ambrose, 340-97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483-1546, abr.;
 tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812-76, alt.
 Tune: *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524
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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
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Alternate setting: 28

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT (page 123)

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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.

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Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*



THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

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#6 “Come, O Long-Expected Jesus” Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

ADVENT

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The Advent of our King



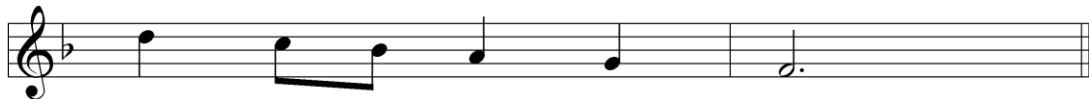
1 The ad - vent of our King Our
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In -
3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing Day Let



prayers must now em - ploy,
car - nate deigns to be,
meet your low - ly King,
soon will come a - gain
sin's dark deeds be gone,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To
Nor let a faith - less heart de - spise The
And his true mem - bers all u - nite With
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The



strains of ho - ly joy.
set his ser - vants free.
peace he comes to bring.
him in heav'n to reign.
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.

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Come, O Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, O long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;
2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,
By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
Tune: ST. HILARY (87 87 D) Unknown.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistants: Mark Castellese and Ron Bude

Organist: Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting
- Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- 7:00 PM Advent Service of Lessons and Carols
- Thursday – 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service with HVL Hawk Singers
- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Serving next week (Sunday): Altar Guild – Arlette Stobbe;

Ushering for the Wednesday (December 1) Advent Service – Team 1

Ushering Sunday, December 5 – Team 2

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated by the Marlow family, with thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior for all his blessings.

The Huron Valley Hawk Singers will present a seasonal concert next Sunday, December 5, during the morning service. Pastor Jon Baumann will be preaching

the sermon. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered after the students are finished singing. Principal Matt Foley will present the morning Bible class.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the church Christmas decorating yesterday. Your efforts are appreciated.

AN ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS will be held this **Wednesday, December 1**. The service consists of a series of Scripture prophecies and responsive Advent carols. If you enjoy singing such hymns as "Comfort, Comfort All My People" and "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" join us for an evening of preparation for the advent of our Savior King.

PLEASE ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS BY TODAY, NOVEMBER 28. The flowers will be decorating the sanctuary beginning December 9. There are order forms with instructions in the narthex.

November is our Lutheran Women's Missionary Society **Befriend a Mission Month**. Our World Mission assignment is Rev. Peter Bur, the South Sudanese Ministry Coordinator, who is located in Omaha, NE. Our Home Mission assignments are Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Liberty Hill, TX and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, NV. Please check out the display in the narthex. There are cards to sign and a collection plate to make a free will offering to our missionaries. We hope to send them gift cards.

Needed: Christmas cookies for the shut ins. Please have them in the church basement by Tuesday December 14th. Assembly will be on Wednesday December 15th @ 11am. Any help is welcomed.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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