

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Ad Te Lavavi

November 29, 2020

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Redeemer Lutheran Church, School, & Child Care

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Pre-Service Meditation: *Behold, the Messiah comes to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, and it shall be proclaimed in all of Jerusalem: “This is the prophet Jesus!” From Mount Sinai to Calvary, the Lord reveals His edicts, His decrees, and Jesus is the very fulfillment of them all. Chris is faithful in the midst of faithlessness; humble in the midst of arrogance. He alone is the rightful Prophet, Priest, and King. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!*

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

Please stand and face the processional crucifix

The Processional Hymn: “The Advent of Our King”

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1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite 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

The Invocation

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of your Baptism into Christ Jesus.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

The Baptismal Address

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of

all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16). And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you” (1 Peter 3:21).

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful (Psalm 51:5), and are under the power of the devil (Ephesians 2:3) until Christ claims us as His own (John 15:16; 1 John 3:1). We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The congregation is seated. When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

Then the pastor addresses the candidates for Baptism:

P How are you named?

R [name]

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P [name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Michael and Lily according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be

declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The pastor addresses the sponsors:

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve [*name of candidates*] as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R Yes, with the help of God.

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

The pastor addresses the baptismal party and the congregation stands:

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The pastor places his hands on the heads of the candidates, and the congregation joins in praying.

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even
† evermore.

C Amen.

The congregation is seated. The pastor addresses the candidates and asks the following questions.

P [Names], do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you 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?

R Yes, I believe.

P [Name], do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

P [Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the heads of the newly baptized while saying:

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C Amen.

The pastor places a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

- P** Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and gives it to the newly baptized while saying:

- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized are welcomed with the following:

In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Please stand

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Michael and his daughter Lily the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of these children entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture them that they may attain to the full stature intended for them in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The pastor then presents the Baptized with a certificate of Baptism.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

The Baptismal party returns to their places and the congregation stands.

The Confession and Absolution

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

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.

P 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,

John 20:19–23

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Introit

Ps. 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: Ps. 25:1–3a



- P** To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.
- C** **Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;***
teach me | your paths.
- P** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.
- C** **May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,***
for I | wait for you.
- P** Redeem Israel, | O God,*
out of all his | troubles.
- C** **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.
- P** To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
Let not my enemies exult | over me.*
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And with thy spirit.
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.

Please be seated

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The first blue candle, also known as the Prophet Candle, is lit in a symbolic representation of HOPE. Christmas is the season of Christ's arrival and fulfillment of the waiting for the Messiah. The HOPE of Christians is in the Second Coming of Christ in His glory.

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:5–8

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

⁷“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

Ps. 25:3–4



L None who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

The Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from

sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Verse of the Day

Psalms 27:7

G Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will 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 worshiped 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.

The Hymn of the Day:

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1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

The Sermon: *“New Year, New Birth, New Life, New Beginning”*

Rev. Jim Kress

Please stand

The Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Please be seated

The Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response following each petition

- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Please stand

The Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136

- P** The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

- P** Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

The Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”



The Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

The Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



Please be seated

For those present and are prepared to receive the Sacrament of the Altar worthily, please approach the Communion table for the distribution of Christ's true body and blood while safe distancing is maintained allowing 4-6 communicants on each side of the communion table.

Holy Communion Instruction: In respect of the teachings of Holy Scripture (*Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:15-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*), and in loving concern for all people, we ask that only confirmed members of our congregation, members of other LCMS congregations, and Lutheran Church bodies with whom we are in fellowship commune at the Table of our Lord. God clearly says in His word that while communion is meant to bring great blessings, the unexamined and undiscerning “*eat and drink judgment to themselves*” (*1 Corinthians 11:29*). Therefore, the nature of this Sacrament requires careful administration. If you have any questions, please speak to the pastor or to an elder.

For those not present and viewing at home, please pray the following prayer during the distribution:

Heavenly Father, Your Son instituted this most blessed Sacrament to eat and to drink, that what is promised in His testament may be truly received by His friends and heirs. Have mercy on me as I am kept from Your table during this extraordinary circumstance, and do not shut me out of Your Supper forever. Let the words of this testament echo in my ears and heart and, in true faith, let me believe these words, trusting that I receive spiritually in faith exactly what Your Son has both won and declared: the forgiveness of sins. Stir up in me a desire to commune with my fellow Christians on Your true body and blood, and bring me soon to the table of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

During the distribution we shall sing the distribution hymns on the following pages.

The Distribution Hymns:

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

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1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,
 Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,
 You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished
 stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
 Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
 Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,
 Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

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1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
 3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
 am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

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1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.
 5 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Can - not His love e - raise;
 6 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror to His foes,



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 Your guilt the Lord will par - don And cov - er by His grace.
 A light of con - so - la - tions And bless - ed hope to those



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
 He comes, for you pro - cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n,
 Who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,

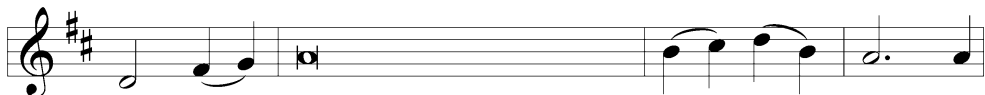


To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.
 His chil - dren thus se - cur - ing E - ter - nal life in heav'n.
 Send forth Your beams so cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

Please Stand

The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with out end. A - men.

The Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



C Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

The Recessional Hymn: "Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

The Postlude

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

How the scripture readings still hold true for you today: The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “*Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey*” (Matthew 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “*The LORD is our Righteousness*” (Jeremiah 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*” (Matthew 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “*our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*” (Romans 13:11).

Serving in the Lord’s house today:

Preacher, Liturgist and Celebrant:

Elder:

Crucifer:

Acolyte:

Organist:

Rev. James T. Kress, Sr.

Collins Sita

Alyssa Hancock

Kylee Payne

Bill Bowers

Altar flowers: The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God.



Portals of Prayer: Portals of Prayer for October – December 2020 are available. You will also find them in the Large Print version. Please prayerfully consider leaving a donation in the black donation box provided on the credenza in the narthex. Thank you.



Flower Chart: The 2020 Flower Chart is available in the Narthex for you to fill out. Please bring your calendar to mark any special occasions that you wish to give God glory in the offering of beautiful flowers for the decoration of the altar. The cost of altar flowers is \$30 which you may include in your Sunday offering envelope. Please mark your offering envelope (“Altar flowers”) for accounting purposes.

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus: What a joy it is to worship with you this morning here in God's house. It is our sincere desire that the Holy Spirit strengthen the faith of each one of you through God's Holy Word and Sacrament. Let us be reminded from our catechism of the One whom we are to fear, love, and trust in above things: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way" (Psalm 46:1-2a).



What to expect when you worship:

- We will abstain from handshaking and other physical greetings;
- Please sign in at the Coffee Hour table before entering the sanctuary;
- Service bulletins can be picked up on the table located inside the sanctuary (bulletins will not be reused nor are hymn books required);
- Offerings can be deposited in the offering plate when you enter or leave the sanctuary;
- Please use any pews that **do not** have hymnals on the pew cushions;
- When entering a pew, please use safe distancing measures (family units are exempt);
- During the distribution of Holy Communion, safe distancing measures still apply, with the exception of couples and families;
- After each Communion table, the Communion rail will be sanitized before the next Communion table is admitted by the pastor;
- The wearing of masks is not required, but worshipers are free to wear them during worship service to ensure personal safety and comfort.

Sunday **Divine Services** are offered at **9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** However, if you are not feeling well, it is advised that you remain at home.

If you are not yet comfortable in coming to church to receive the Lord's Supper, please contact the church office or Pastor Kress directly, and he will arrange a visit with you in your home and bring these gifts of our Lord Jesus.

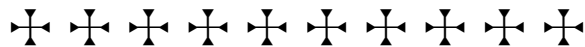
We continue to broadcast the 9:15 a.m. Divine Service on Facebook Live on Sunday mornings. There is a PDF copy of the service bulletin available on our website so you can follow along with the readings and hymns as you watch from home.

*Offerings for the week ending **November 25:**

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| Offerings: | <u>Needed each week for 2020 budget</u> | <u>November 19 – November 25</u> |
| | \$4,040.87 | \$1,773.00 |

**This total reflects all amounts received between November 19 and November 25. Thank you to all of you that have continued to send your generous offerings to Redeemer during these extraordinary times.*

Online Giving Opportunity: We are offering our members an opportunity to give electronically through the Church website. *Please be assured that you always have the option to give by check or cash, and you may drop off your envelope to the church office or send it by mail.*



Welcome back: We are seeing more and more of our Northern friends returning! It is wonderful to see you again. We missed you. Please contact the church office via phone or email to let us know you have returned! This way we can make sure your contact information is up to date. Thank you and welcome back to the Sunshine State!

Voters' Budget Meeting and Elections: In two weeks, on **Sunday, December 13** our important December Voter's Assembly meeting will be held at approximately 10:45 a.m. following the 9:15 Divine Service. Please note there will be no 11:00 a.m. service that day. A publication of the Proposed 2021 Church Budget and slate of candidates is available to you and can be picked-up at the visitor's desk. The Nomination Committee is still accepting nominations. The deadline to submit nominees who have given their consent and willingness to serve is **December 3**. All nominees must be submitted in writing to the Committee or the church office (submitting to the church email account is an acceptable form of writing).

From the Board of Human Care: The board would like to thank all who generously made donations to the Thanksgiving baskets this year. As a result, five families will receive delicious Publix Turkey Thanksgiving Dinners. "Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name." (Psalm 30:4) May you and your family have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Day filled with love, joy, and a feast giving thanks to Him who provides all you need in this body and life.





Wednesday Morning *Table Talk*: Join us in the church narthex on Wednesday mornings at **10:00 a.m.**, to gather with Pastor Kress around tables to talk theology, ask a wide range of interesting questions, and witness our own theology shaped by the Word of God. No one is required to know everything about anything. If you have questions or are interested in listening in on our *Table Talk* you are welcome to join us in some engaging and thought-provoking conversations.

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This week on KFUO.org, hear Advent midweek service from Village Lutheran Church 12/9 at 12:00 p.m. CT, study Advent with the Prophets on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and consider the practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (12/8 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at **kfu.org** or wherever you get your podcasts!



Sacred Music for the Advent Season...“Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at **lutheranpublicradio.org**, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



Angel Christmas Tree:

The Angel Christmas Tree is decorated in the Narthex with tags describing the name and age of each child in our Child Care and Day School ministries. With a kind and loving heart, please take a tag or two from the tree, write your name and phone number beside the corresponding angel name tag on the recorder sheet, and then purchase a Christmas gift for the appropriate aged child written on the tag. The cost would be from \$20.00 to \$25.00.

After purchasing the gift, please wrap the gift and return it under the tree no later than **Sunday, December 15**. These gifts will be distributed to the children at their Christmas Lunch with Santa on **December 20**. The children thank you in advance for your generosity and ongoing support each and every year. They enjoy the lunch with Santa and your presents.

Welcome into the Season of Advent: Advent marks the beginning of the church calendar. It traditionally starts on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30th) and continues for four Sundays until Christmas. During this time the liturgical paraments and vestments in many churches will change to violet or blue to recognize Advent as a time of preparation and repentance as well as a symbol of the royalty of the coming King. The color blue is used as a symbol of anticipation and hope.

There is so much beauty and rich tradition during the season of Advent to prepare Christians for the coming of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem. When you see the altar draped in blue, remember the hope of the coming of your King who first came to bring you life and salvation. If you don't have one already, consider getting an Advent wreath for your home as you prepare for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. Give thanks to God for the confession of faith He gave to His people to shine His light in dark places. Learn about the tradition of reciting the *O Antiphons* (found in *Lutheran Service Book* along with hymn # 357 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel) and incorporate it into your Advent devotions. Finally, anticipate with joy the hope of the coming of our Lord!





Please pray for:

Shut-ins: Susan Jahns, Rita Kaufmann, and Donna Weston

Healing for members: Neva Aldene, Carl Bertka, Bill Bowers, Sr., Jean Cote, Kathryn Demma, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Charlie & Pat Finkenbine, Don Garay, Mike & Judy Guastella, Bud & Jane Harty, Kitty Hill, Mark Horvath, Marva Jonas, Chuck Malecki, Angela Mannato, Ken Mielke, Lillian Miles, Glenn Mossner, Mariana Murray, Michael Nagel, Bob Payne, Tom & Sue Poyer, Myra Schaub, Dorothy Sinowetski, Paulette Sita, Russ & Carol Spooner, Ron & Sandy Tandy, Rob & Caitlin Tilton, Bob Varone, Cheryl Weston, Robert Vickey, and Sally Zierdt.

Friends and relatives: friends & family of Julie Abernathy, Michelle Bernard, Grace Blum, Bill Bowers, Jr., Mary Brissette, Wayne Buel, Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Diane Carr, Pat Carroll, Sally Chambers, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Donna Connors, Lisa Copeman, Martin Cressman, Molly Criely, Renee Dempsey, Irene DiTommaso, Barb Dumeah, Bruce Everson, Donna Fancher, Darla Finkenbine, Gerald and Mary Fischer, Marla Flores, Manual Galan, Liam Garland, Barbara George, Sandra Gettings, Vinnie Giannola, Nancy Gleis, Mary Ann Guilfoyle, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Marlene Hagen, Jake Harper, Debbie Harrison, Dennis Hegarty, Claudette Hendershot, Glory Herget, John Hill, Robin Hincman, Roger Hinzmann, David Hirtle, Linda Holt, John Hunter, Linda Hunter, Chelsea Hutchinson, Stanley and Lynne Jablonski, Larry Jackson, Bill Jaquest, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, Daniel & Michelle Kalstrup, John Kearns, Parker Kern, Elizabeth Lynn Klopfenstein, Nancy Lake, Stacey Lampert, Ray Likowski, Janet Lixey, Joe Manson, Dave & Roberta McMullan, Pete Mogg, Mike Morrissey, Mike Moyer, Ron Mullins, Esther Murphy, Louis Nanni, Bill & Jean Nesbitt, Riley Emilia Paquette, Charles Pentecost Jr., Bill Pinkston, Robin Potts, Rob Powers, John Purdy, Mary Raines, Elaine Reebe, Paul Rollo, Sandra Scheel, Ed Sheahan, Nancy Sly, Don Stewart, Celeste Stromberg & her newborn baby, Juliette Renee, Charles Tolley, Gwyneth Tolman, George Vespa, Jim & Judy Wahl, Steven Walker, Christy Wallace, Helen Weishaar, Gene & Donna Wensel, Gordan Winkel, Wava Zeitlow, and Martha Zimpfer.

Military Personnel: Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Joseph Garay, Brian Jackson, Jonathan Koen, and Charles D. Weishaar

Please contact the church office or Pastor Kress when circumstances change, so that we may continue to pray for your loved ones or rejoice in taking them off of the Prayer List.

This week at
Redeemer
November 30 - December 6

The Calendar is cautiously expanding. We continue to offer two Divine Services on Sundays and Wednesdays. Table Talk Bible study continues on Wednesday mornings. Please note: Choir practice and Confirmation classes have now resumed.

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| Monday | 7:00 a.m. | AA Meeting |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Child Care Chapel |
| Tuesday | 7:00 a.m. | AA Meeting |
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| Wednesday | 7:00 a.m. | AA Meeting |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Table Talk |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Midweek Advent Divine Service |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Choir practice |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Midweek Advent Divine Service |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Al-Anon Meeting |
| | | <i>Redeemer Nominations Deadline</i> |
| Thursday | 7:00 a.m. | AA Meeting |
| | 4:15 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| Friday | 7:00 a.m. | AA Meeting |
| | 8:00 p.m. | AA Meeting |
| Saturday | 7:00 a.m. | AA Meeting |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Confirmation Class |
| Sunday | | <i>The Second Sunday in Advent – Populus Zion</i> |
| | 7:00 a.m. | AA Meeting |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Divine Service |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Divine Service |

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK: *DEC. 6, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – POPULUS ZION*
OLD TESTAMENT READING: MALACHI 4:1-6
EPISTLE: ROMANS 15: 4-13
GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-36