

1st Sunday Of Advent

AS WE GATHER

Advent is a time of anticipation! We are anticipating the joy of celebrating the Savior's birth. At the same time, we also anticipate the even greater joy of His Second Coming, when the Lord comes to rescue us from sin and death!



OPENING HYMN - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357, v. 1-4



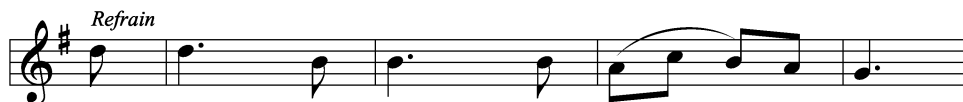
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d' rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(Stand)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Advent has come upon us and reminds us that the King is coming. Before we can meet Him, we need to be cleansed from our sin and restored by His grace. So now we come at His invitation to receive His promised grace.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor: Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. *Zech. 9:9*

People: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Pastor: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

People: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame. *Psalm 25:1-3*

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

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

+ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH +

HYMN - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357, v. 5-7

**5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. Refrain**

Pastor: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

People: Our God comes; He does not keep silence. *Psalm 50:2-3a*

Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord;

People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Pastor: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

People: Let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

Isaiah 45:8

(The First Candle on the Advent Wreath, the Prophecy Candle is lit during the singing of the hymn. The Prophecy Candle reminds us that God kept all of His promises through the prophets of old in the birth of the Messiah, Jesus.)

**6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain**

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

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.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 25:1-10

Pastor: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God, in you I trust;

People: Let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

People: They shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Pastor: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach me your paths.

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

People: For they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord;

People: Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right,

People: And teaches the humble his way.

Pastor: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

People: For those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

People: 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.

THE EPISTLE

1st 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia and Verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN - Savior of the Nations Come

LSB 332, v. 1-4



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING *(Offering plates are located in the back of the church.)*

THE OFFERTORY - What Shall I Render to the Lord?

LSB 159



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



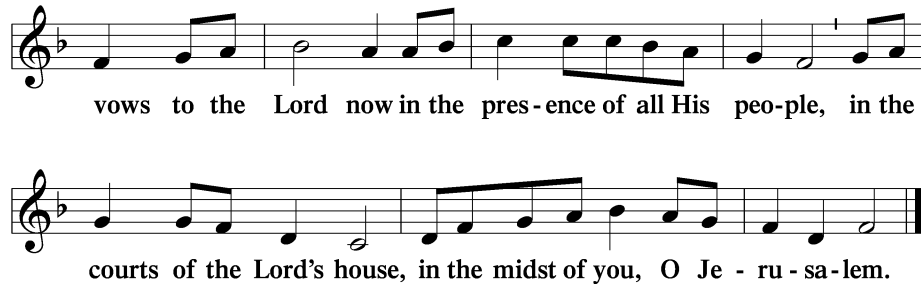
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. That we may not be distracted or grow complacent but be ready and waiting for the Lord when He returns to us in His glory. Lord, in Your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That the Lord would guide and watch over His Church and all who serve her—pastors, missionaries, and all church workers. Lord, in Your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That the Lord would bless our every effort to share the good news of Jesus that all the elect may hear and heed His voice calling and gathering His people, let us pray. Lord, in Your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That the sick and suffering may find healing and relief and that the dying and the grieving may know His comfort and peace [especially...]. Lord, in Your mercy;

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

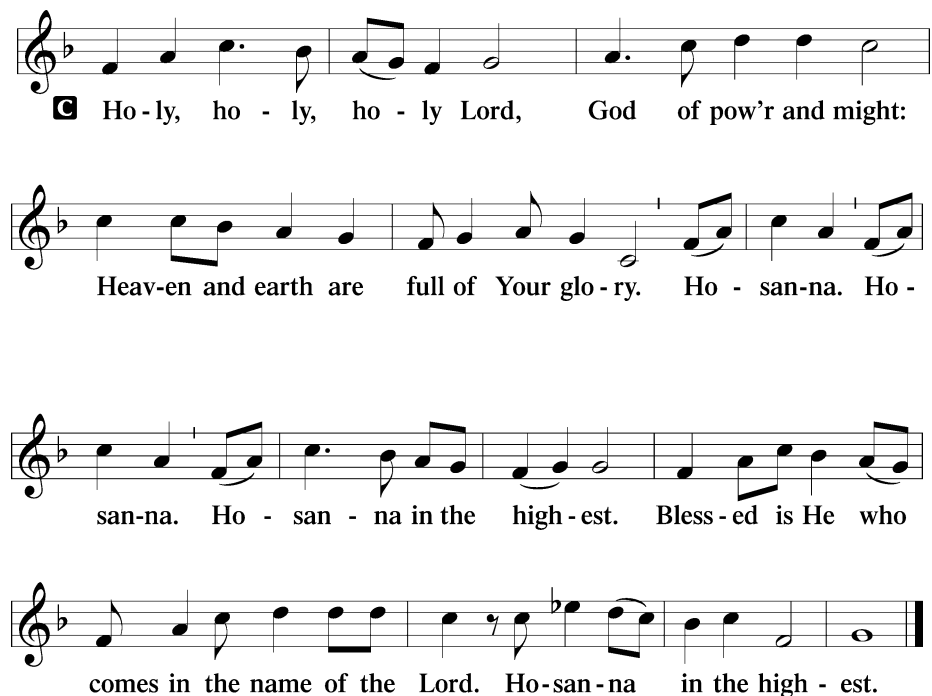
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: It is truly good, 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. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN - The Advent of Our King

LSB 331



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.

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thank the Lord

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN - Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors LSB 339



1 Lift up your heads, you ev - er - last - ing doors,
2 Who is this King of great and glo - rious fame?
3 Who may as - cend Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill
4 "Wor - thy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain



And weep no more! O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,
What is His name? Lord God of Sab - a - oth,
To do God's will? The One whose un - stained hands
Now lives to reign. He rules our earth - ly ways



To greet your com - ing King; Now wave the vic - tor's
Of whom the proph - ets wrote, Whose cho - sen, hum - ble
Can meet the Law's de - mands, Whose pu - ri - ty with -
As Lord of An - cient Days— O join the end - less



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your
steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,
in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this
song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!
Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.
King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!
Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

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Advent Sermon Series

The Angels of Advent

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| Wed. Dec. 1 | 11:00 & 7:00 | Gabriel Visits Zechariah |
| Wed. Dec. 8 | 11:00 & 7:00 | Gabriel Visits Mary |
| Wed. Dec. 15 | 11:00 & 7:00 | An Angel Visits Joseph |
| Fri. Dec. 24 | 4:00 & 7:00 | The Angels and the Shepherds |

Join Us For Food & Fellowship!

There will be a light lunch following the 11:00 AM Advent Services at 12:00 PM.

There will be a light supper before the 7:00 PM Advent Services at 6:00 PM



Special Services During December

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| Sun. | Dec. 19 4:00 PM | Children's Christmas Program |
| Fri. | Dec. 24 4:00 & 7:00 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |
| Sat. | Dec. 25 10:00 AM | Christmas Day Service |
| Fri. | Dec. 31 5:30 PM | New Year's Eve Service |

(Note: There will be no 5:30 PM service on Saturday, Dec. 25 or Saturday, Jan. 1)

