





# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prayer on entering church:** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE

People, Look East

Anna Laura Page

### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

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

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God,

our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

## **KYRIE**

Hymnal p.204

P: Heavenly Father, as we prepare for the arrival of Your Son, enlighten and empower us by Your Word and Spirit that we would remain steadfast in the hope of everlasting life, be strengthened in the peace we have with You through Christ Jesus, overflow with joy because of the abundance of Your mercies, and live in the way of love towards all people.

**C: *(sung)* Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymnal p. 204

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high —**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;**

**You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

## **COLLECT**

P: 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 be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 2:1–5

L: The first reading for the First Sunday in Advent is from chapter two of Isaiah.

*Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALMODY**

### **Psalm 122**

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May they be secure who love you!"

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!**

**"May they be secure who love you!"**

L: I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord"

Our feet have been standing

Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!**

**"May they be secure who love you!"**

L: Jerusalem---built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,  
to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for  
Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.  
There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!**

**"May they be secure who love you!"**

L: "Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!"  
For my brothers and companions' sake  
I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!**

**"May they be secure who love you!"**

**A: 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.**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 13:11–14

L: The second reading is from chapter

*Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await His coming.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**(*please rise and sing*)

Hymnal p. 205

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe**

**that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:1–11

**P:** The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, chapter twenty-one.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem.*

*Following the reading...*

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Savior of the Nations, Come**

Hymnal 332

**SERMON<sup>3</sup>**

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**VOLUNTARY**

**Savior of the Nations, Come**

Walter L. Pelz

## OFFERING SONG

### What Child Is This

Hymnal p. 370 v.1,3

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!  
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

**Hark the Glad Sound**

Hymnal p. 349

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;**

**Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.**

**The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,**

**Thy welcome shall proclaim,**

**And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.**

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**Prayer after worship:** Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

**Fanfare Postlude on "Stuttgart"**

**Douglas E. Wagner**

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS**

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

**HOME COMMUNION:** Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Your help getting these packages out is needed. Talk to Pastor if you'd like to help.

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