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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

✠ *As We Gather* ✠

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Today's world is full of distress and fear. But right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (*Luke 21:33*). God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, He establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

The service is printed in this service folder. Hymns will be sung from the LSB hymnals located in the baskets underneath the seats. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box at the Sanctuary door as you exit.


✠ *Preparation* ✠

WELCOME


OPENING HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332



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.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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INVOCATION

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

People **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 51:4, 6; Psalm 39:7; 93:2, 5; Mark 13 :33

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

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Pastor Let us 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 only 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.**

✠ *Service of the Word* ✠

INTROIT

Psalms 89:6, 14-16, 18

Pastor Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

People **Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord?**

Pastor Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

People **Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,**

Pastor Who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

People **For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

ALL **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.**

KYRIE

LSB 152-53

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



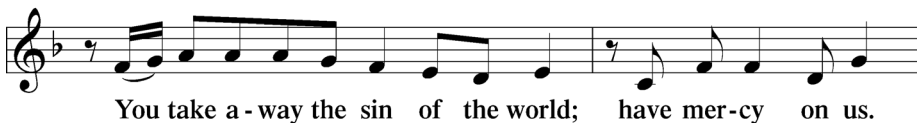
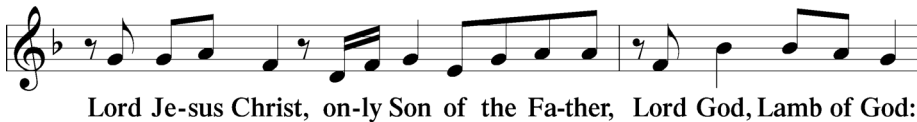
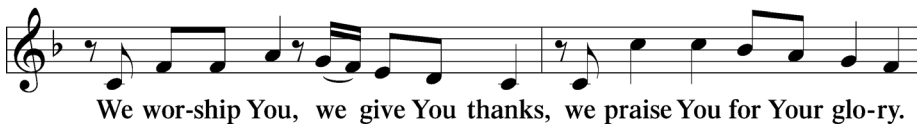
Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

Pastor Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
ALL 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. Amen.

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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

ALLELUIA & VERSE

LSB 156



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

People **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd

said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

LSB 335



1 O bride of Christ, re - joice; Ex - ul - tant raise thy voice
2 Let shouts of glad-ness rise Tri - um - phant to the skies.
3 A hum - ble beast He rides, Yet as a King pre - sides;
4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He is and kind;
5 Then go thy Lord to meet; Strew palm leaves at His feet;



To hail the day of glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Now comes the King most glo - rious To reign o'er all vic - to - rious.
Though not ar - rayed in splen - dor, He makes the grave sur - ren - der.
To them He gives a trea - sure Of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.
Thy gar - ments spread be - fore Him And hon - or and a - dore Him.



Ho-san-na, praise, and glo-ry! Our King, we bow be-fore Thee.

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SERMON

Rev. Eric Stinnette

PRAYERS

† *Service of the Sacrament* †

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

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, 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:

SANCTUS

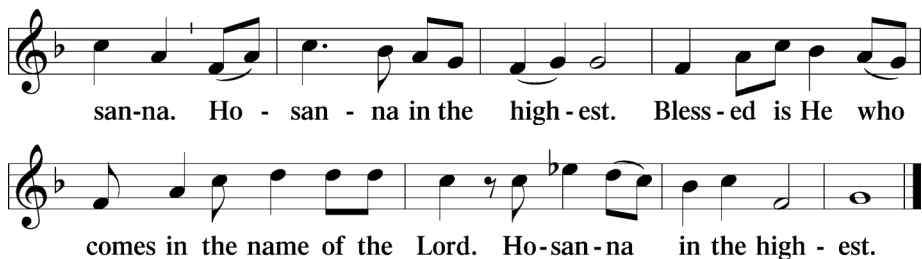
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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor You, Lord Jesus Christ, are the Word made flesh. We give You all thanks, praise, and worship, for through Jeremiah and all the prophets Your Word continued to be spoken and lived at times when few people wanted to hear it. We give You all thanks, praise, and worship, for in the fullness of time, You entered this broken creation to take upon Yourself this world's sin and evil, to suffer and die, and then, in fulfillment of the ancient promise, to rise from the grave. We give You thanks, praise, and worship for letting Your Word come also to us, that we may live our days in Your kingdom and forever worship and adore You in the days to come. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

ALL **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

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

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John 20:19

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **Amen.**

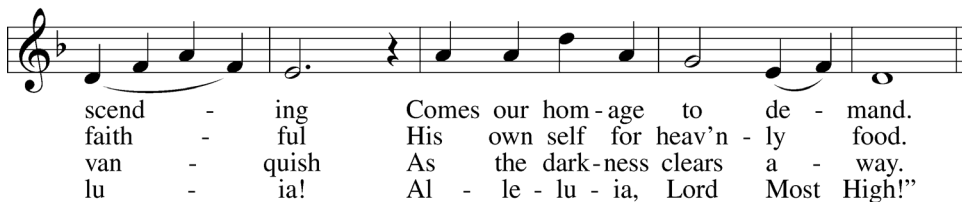
G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table. (An usher will direct you.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar-y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard
4 At His feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with
trem-bling stand; Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly mind-ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de-scend-ing
sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence
For with bless-ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de-
In the bod-y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end-less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-



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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor 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.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

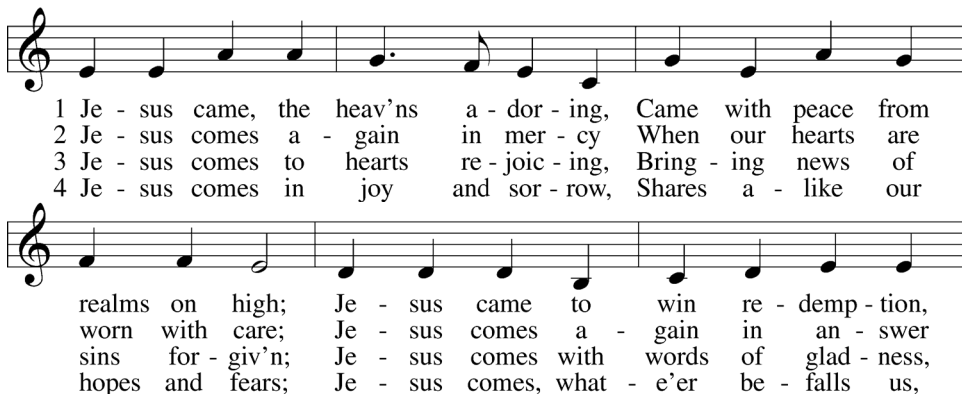
Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353





Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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Go in peace

✝ Thank you to Rev. Eric Stinnette for leading us in worship today..

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving is an act of grace through which we gratefully respond to God's kindness to us in Jesus Christ. Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering box at the Sanctuary doors as you exit. Contributions can also be given through your banking institution's online bill pay service, our website, or the *Givelify* mobile app.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God in honor of Vivian T.'s birthday.



ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Symbols of Salvation: Foretelling Christ's Birth

Wednesdays, December 1, 8, & 15 ✨ 7 PM

Soup Supper each Wednesday at 6 PM



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 24 ✨ 7 PM

Accompanied by piano and a 10-piece orchestra



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

The Nativity of Our Lord

Friday, December 25 ✨ 10 AM

Transportation assistance for our evening Advent & Christmas Eve services is available for those who don't like to travel at night. Contact your Elder or the church office to make arrangements.

