

**December 1, 2024**

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**331 The Advent of Our King**

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| 1 The advent of our King<br>Our prayers must now employ,<br>And we must hymns of welcome sing<br>In strains of holy joy.      | 4 As judge, on clouds of light,<br>He soon will come again<br>And His true members all unite<br>With Him in heav'n to reign. |
| 2 The everlasting Son<br>Incarnate deigns to be,<br>Himself a servant's form puts on<br>To set His servants free.             | 5 Before the dawning day<br>Let sin's dark deeds be gone,<br>The sinful self be put away,<br>The new self now put on.        |
| 3 O Zion's daughter, rise<br>To meet your lowly King,<br>Nor let your faithless heart despise<br>The peace He comes to bring. | 6 All glory to the Son,<br>Who comes to set us free,<br>With Father, Spirit, ever one<br>Through all eternity.               |

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In the name of the Father,  
**The Creator of all things seen and unseen.**

In the name of the Son,  
**The Redeemer of the world, Emmanuel, God with us.**

In the name of the Holy Spirit,  
**The One who calls us to faith and helps us live as God's children.**

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us,  
**Not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.**

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace,  
**We might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
**Most merciful God, we confess that 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. 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.**

**Hymn of Confession**.....sung to: *On Jordan's Bank*

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
And make us rise to fall no more;  
Oh, let your face upon us shine And fill the world with love divine.

Our God saves us not because of things we have done, but because of what Jesus has done for us. Through His incarnation, holy life, sacrificial death and glorious resurrection God draws us to Himself. It is my joyful duty to announce the full forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**.....sung to: *On Jordan's Bank*

All praise to you, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,  
Whom with the Father we adore, And holy Spirit, evermore.

### **Prayer**

O Lord, keep your people continually in the true faith so that we who lean on the hope of your grace may never fail to trust in you and always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament**

**Psalms 77:1, 9-12 (excerpts)**

I cried out to God for help [saying] "Has God forgotten to be merciful?"

Then I thought: I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

**Romans 4:18-21**

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations.... Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Verse**.....sung to: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

### **The Gospel**

**Luke 1:5-25, 57-64 (excerpts)**

In the time of Herod...there was a priest named Zechariah [and]...his wife Elizabeth.... Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

Once when Zechariah...was on duty...he was chosen...to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him.... When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God...to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."

Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Object Lesson**

## **Hymn of the Day**

### **338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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| 1 | Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,<br>Born to set Thy people free;<br>From our fears and sins release us;<br>Let us find our rest in Thee.<br>Israel's strength and consolation,<br>Hope of all the earth Thou art,<br>Dear desire of ev'ry nation,<br>Joy of ev'ry longing heart. | 2 | Born Thy people to deliver;<br>Born a child and yet a king!<br>Born to reign in us forever,<br>Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.<br>By Thine own eternal Spirit<br>Rule in all our hearts alone;<br>By Thine all-sufficient merit<br>Raise us to Thy glorious throne. |
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## **Sermon**

### **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.**

**The Prayers** *[If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
**And for all people according to their needs.**

*After each portion of the prayer:*

Lord in Your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

### **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.**

### **Our offerings help to support:**

Lutheran World Relief

**Offertory**.....sung to: *What Child is This* vs 3

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!

**Preface**.....sung to: *O Come, All You Faithful*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with you, His servant.**

Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**With hearts uplifted**

**Thanks to Him we render:**

**With joy we come before Him,**

**In gratefulness implore Him,**

**With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!**

Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the day of Your appearing, manifest when the time had fully come and You sent Jesus, Your Son. Having seen His glory, we now wait for the day of consummation when He will come again as King. And so, with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**.....sung to: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!  
Heaven and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name!  
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh  
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:  
Hail, hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord, to You!

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.

**Amen.**

## Jesus' Directions for Communion

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Agnus Dei**.....sung to: *From Heaven Above*

**O Lamb of God, You take away The sin of all; now hear us pray.**

**And grant us from our sins release: Have mercy on us.**

**Grant us peace!**

### Distribution of Communion

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol, the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

### The Distribution Hymns

#### 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

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| 1 | Savior of the nations, come,<br>Virgin's Son, make here Your home!<br>Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,<br>That the Lord chose such a birth. | 5 | God the Father was His source,<br>Back to God He ran His course.<br>Into hell His road went down,<br>Back then to His throne and crown.   |
| 2 | Not by human flesh and blood,<br>By the Spirit of our God,<br>Was the Word of God made flesh—<br>Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.        | 6 | For You are the Father's Son<br>Who in flesh the vict'ry won.<br>By Your mighty pow'r make whole<br>All our ills of flesh and soul.       |
| 3 | Here a maid was found with child,<br>Yet remained a virgin mild.<br>In her womb this truth was shown:<br>God was there upon His throne.    | 7 | From the manger newborn light<br>Shines in glory through the night.<br>Darkness there no more resides;<br>In this light faith now abides. |
| 4 | Then stepped forth the Lord of all<br>From His pure and kingly hall;<br>God of God, yet fully man,<br>His heroic course began.             | 8 | Glory to the Father sing,<br>Glory to the Son, our king,<br>Glory to the Spirit be<br>Now and through eternity.                           |

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#### 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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| 1 | Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!<br>Behold, the King of glory waits.<br>The King of kings is drawing near;<br>The Savior of the world is here.<br>Life and salvation He doth bring;<br>Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.<br>To God the Father raise<br>Your joyful songs of praise. | 2 | A righteous Helper comes to thee;<br>His chariot is humility,<br>His kingly crown is holiness,<br>His scepter, pity in distress.<br>The end of all our woe He brings;<br>Therefore the earth is glad and sings.<br>To Christ the Savior raise<br>Your grateful hymns of praise. |
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3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

**Thanksgiving & Nunc Dimitis**.....sung to: *From Heaven Above*

**Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure And steadfast love fore'er endure!**  
**Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, And we have tasted of His word.**  
**As His own servants we depart With His salvation in our heart.**  
**His saving power He has made known; His love through all the earth is shown.**

Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift and we ask that, by your mercy, you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in a fervent love for one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Benediction**.....sung to: *O Come, All You Faithful*

The Lord bless and keep you,  
Look with love upon you,  
Be gracious, and cause His face to shine with peace!

**Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**

**The Savior close beside us,**

**God's love from harm to hide us,**

**The Spirit's power to guide us evermore!**

## The Final Hymn

### 349 Hark the Glad Sound

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

4 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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## Server Schedule

	12/1	12/8	12/15
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Edwin	Gordon	Bill
Reader	Bob	Wanda	Nanette
PowerPoint	Phil	Dan	Greg
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Amy	Preston	Amy
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Erik	Herold	Mike
Reader	Kathy	Delka	Cole
PowerPoint	Vicki	Erik	Vicki
Audio/Visuals	Hayden/Donovan	Greg/Conor	Erik/Preston
Counters	John Da/James	Adria/Michelle	John Di/Wayne
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Monika/Inge	Royce/Paula	Williams/Koob
Altar Flowers	Spacht	Prosser	Bianco

Altar flowers this week are donated by Jon and Wanda Spacht in honor of Wanda's birthday and another blessed year.

## Birthdays this Week

12/01	Paula Boehrs
12/02	Aaron Kilian
12/03	Solomona Rakotonirina
12/06	Jerry Otto

## Anniversaries this Week

12/03	Jeff & Teresa Stamp
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