

# *First Sunday in Advent*

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November 27, 2022  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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### **As We Gather**

Please take time to fill out the fellowship pad located near the center aisle in your pew. If you have any prayer requests, feel free to use a prayer request card from the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate after the sermon. (For those joining us online, please contact the church office.) We will include these requests in our prayers during worship and share them with our prayer chain (if desired).

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*



## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### 349 Hark the Glad Sound

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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



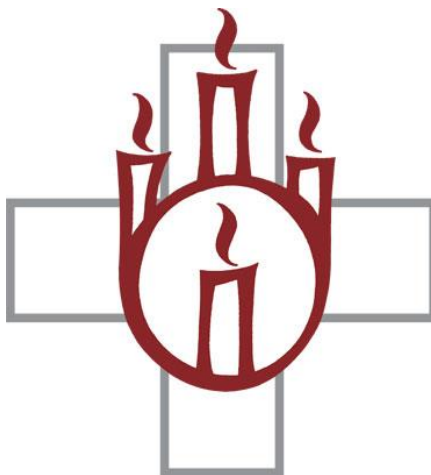
prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



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.

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## Divine Service Setting One, page 151

### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, “To absolve of sin and wrongdoing,” more specifically, to affirm God’s forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **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 on God’s Word and for self-examination. Consider: Have you loved God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength? Have you loved your neighbor as yourself?*

### Confession of Sins

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **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.**

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23] LSB 151*

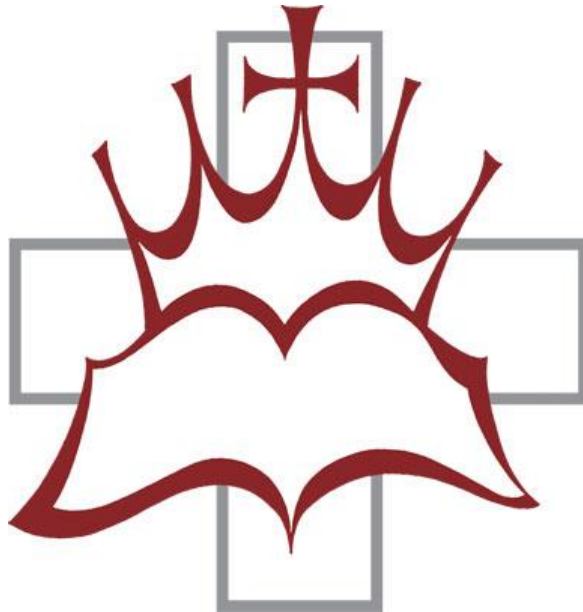
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**C** **righteous and having salvation.**
- P** Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
**C** **O LORD, we pray, give us success!**
- P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
**C** **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- P** The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
**C** **Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**
- P** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
**C** **you are my God; I will extol you.**
- 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.**
- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**C** **righteous and having salvation.**



# Kyrie

Mark 10:47 152

*A Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy!" A brief prayer not only imploring God's mercy but rejoicing in it through Jesus Christ.*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*“Salutation” is a word from Latin meaning, “to greet.” “Collect” (KAH-lect), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also “collects” the message of the day’s Gospel reading.*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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 saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

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## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 2:1–5*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,

and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 13:8–14*

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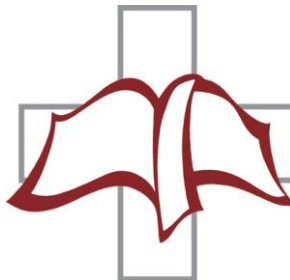
<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall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

<sup>11</sup>Besides 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. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

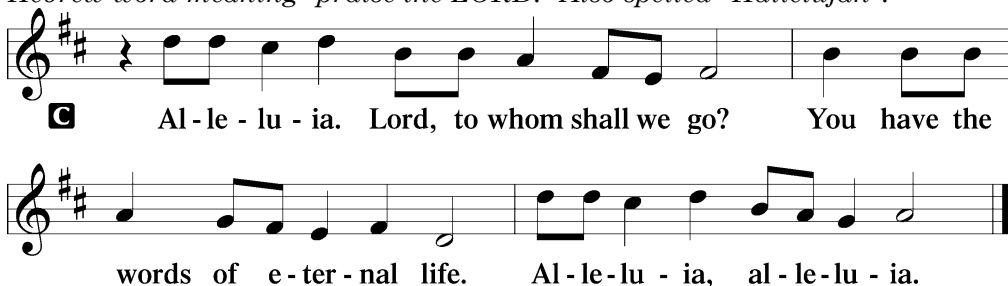
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## Alleluia and Verse

*Hebrew word meaning "praise the LORD." Also spelled "Hallelujah".*



**C** 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.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 24:36–44*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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



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

## **Apostles' Creed**

*Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) agreed upon by the ancient church.*

**☩ 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.**

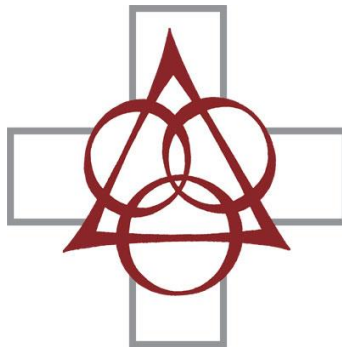
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Children's Message**

*Matthew 19:14; Mark 13:13-15; Luke 18:16*

*Children are invited to join Amanda Adams, our Director of Christian Education,  
at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Message.*



# 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

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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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## Sermon



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For those joining us remotely, you may use the electronic giving methods listed above, or you may mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).

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## Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19 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

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

**P** ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 161

(SAHNK-toose), "Sanctus" is Latin for "holy".



**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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

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

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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

John 20:19 163

*(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163

(AHG-noose DAY-ee). Latin for “Lamb of God.”

□ 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.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. Then they will distribute it to those who cannot come up to the altar rail due to physical ailments. Following that the ushers will dismiss the people from their pews to go to the altar rail. The congregation will be ushered down the middle aisle to go up to the rail and when dismissed from there will use the side aisle to return to their seats. All are invited up to receive a blessing.*

## Give Us Clean Hands

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# 337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending

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1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
 2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
 3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
 4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our  
 5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now  
 child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
 morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
 hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -  
 night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
 all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
 in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
 round us may in - crease. But now one Star is  
 turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant  
 cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
 ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
 beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for  
 sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
 new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.  
 our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.  
 still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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# 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,

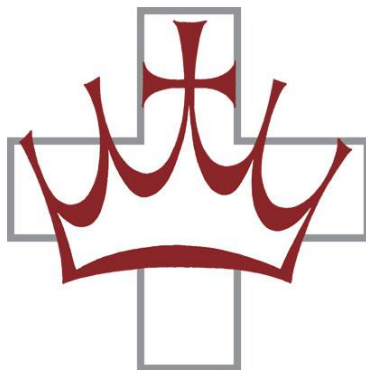


O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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# 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

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1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
 When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,  
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
 O Sun, arise; without Your light  
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
 O come, lead us with mighty hand  
 From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring  
 And sing to You, our Savior King;  
 There shall we laud You and adore  
 Forever and forevermore.

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10] LSB 164



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



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



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

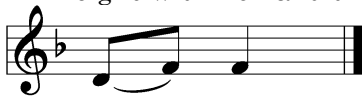


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 166

*A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.*

- ☐ 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## 333 Once He Came in Blessing

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1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday November 27th	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (children & adults) Jr. Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades) Youth Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades) College & Young Adult Group (ages 18-25)  <i>Bible Reading Challenge Begins</i>
Monday November 28th		
Tuesday November 29th	9:00 am 5:30 pm	LWML Work Day Volunteer at Harvesters
Wednesday November 30th	4:00 pm 6:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b> 7:30 pm	Confirmation Advent Meal <b>Advent Midweek Worship Service</b> Choir
Thursday December 1st	2:00 pm	Chair Aerobics
Friday December 2nd		
Saturday December 3rd	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday December 4th	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 9:15 am 11:45 am  7:00 pm	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Sunday School (children & adults) Voters Meeting Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades) Christmas Movie Day College & Young Adult Christmas Gathering* *Time subject to change – check with Pastor/Amanda

### Celebrating

**Birthdays:** Harrison F., Tara K. (28<sup>th</sup>); Betty H., Breanna P. (30<sup>th</sup>); Wendy B. (1<sup>st</sup>); Les D., Nate J., Sarah M., Maya M. (2<sup>nd</sup>); Richard L. (3<sup>rd</sup>); Linda B., Lillian C., Elijah M. (4<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Anna H., Ryan K. (27<sup>th</sup>); Kaitlynn B., Tara K. (28<sup>th</sup>); Myrick F., Maelyn F., Brooklyn F., Kyilee F., Katie K., Alma S., Audrey S., Kaylyn S. (30<sup>th</sup>); Darric C., Eddie D., Adair H., Julie P., Erika S. (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Walt & Kendra M. (28<sup>th</sup>)

# -- Announcements --

## **Adult Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)**

Romans (with Pastor Ben) – Schemm Family Life Center (Gym)  
Tree of Life (Basement Small Group) – Basement Meeting Room  
A Walk Through the Bible (Women’s Group) – Meeting Room near Gym

## **Children/Youth Sunday School Hour (9:15 am)**

Children (Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Upstairs Education Wing  
Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Basement Youth Room

## **Pastor’s Midweek Bible Study**

The Book of Daniel – Thursdays at 7 PM – Basement  
*(This class does NOT meet on the first Thursday of each month.)*

## **Advent Meals & Advent Midweek Worship Services**

Beginning on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have our weekly 6:00 PM Advent Meals and 7:00 PM Advent Midweek Worship Services. A free will offering will be taken at Advent Meals, with proceeds going to Christ Youth. Our midweek worship services for this Advent season will have the theme “O Come, Emmanuel.” We hope you’ll join us!

## **Advent Devotions**

Pick up your FREE devotions for the season at the back of the sanctuary, courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Both regular print and large print are available.

## **Children’s Christmas Program & Potluck**

The Children’s Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. (The 8 AM time slot that day will still be a full worship service.) A potluck lunch will follow the program – so bring a dish to share!

## **Bible Reading Challenge – BEGINS TODAY!**

Our next Bible Reading Challenge is THE BIG ONE – reading the entire Bible in a year! Pick up a reading calendar in the coffee lobby or download from our website. The challenge begins on Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> (the beginning of the church year) – join us!

## **Cinnamon Rolls for Veterans Day**

The Evangelism committee raised \$386 to purchase gift cards for the residents at our local VA Hospital. Thank you to everyone who contributed, allowing us to show God’s love to our country’s heroes!

## **Voters Meeting**

Mark your calendar! Our annual voters meeting to discuss budget and other topics will be on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM. All members are encouraged to attend!

# -- Announcements --

## Youth Christmas Movie Day

4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to join us on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:45AM for a movie, devotion and Christmas fun. Lunch will be provided, feel free to bring a snack to share! (Parents – you can drop off youth in the basement and then attend the Voters Meeting!)

## College/Young Adult Group Christmas Gathering

Our College & Young Adult Group (ages 18-25) will meet on Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas gathering, including a meal and a gift exchange. This event is tentatively scheduled for 7 PM, but contact Pastor or Amanda if interested, as the time may change.

## Christmas for SLI

LWML is once again supporting SLI this Christmas. They would love your help collecting gifts for the residents. Please bring items by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> (unwrapped.) Items needed: Men's and Women's lotions, soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner; Toothpaste, Men's After Shave, Men's socks size 6-10 or 10-13, Men's underwear sizes L or XL; 38-40 Boxers, Women's underwear sizes 7, 8, or 13 OR items from the display board in the coffee lobby. Thank you for your support. If you have questions, please contact LaJean.

## Breakfast with Santa

A free event for the whole family! Join us on Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 11 AM in the gym here at Christ. Enjoy a pancake breakfast and fun activities at your table. We'll call your number when it's time to see Santa so you don't have to stand in line all morning. Don't forget to bring your camera for a photo! ***Volunteers are also needed for this event – please sign up in the coffee lobby.***

## Zoo Lights

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> anytime between 5:30 PM and 8:30 PM at the “Children’s Party House” shelter in Gage Park for some free hot cocoa and treats! Then enjoy the Zoo Lights with your family and friends. Tickets for the Zoo Lights may be purchased online through the Topeka Zoo website ([topekazoo.org/zoolights](http://topekazoo.org/zoolights)). Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended, as the event often sells out throughout the season.

## TLS Matching Gift Opportunity – Update

***Thank you from TLS!*** A total of \$20,725 in match gifts has been received over the past two months in response to the \$20K Match Gift opportunity; and with the initial \$20,000 donor gifts received, just under **\$41,000 has been directed to TLS for immediate staffing and facility needs.** We thank God for His continued goodness and blessings to TLS and thank you Association Churches of Christ, Faith, and St. John's for your prayers and support.



# -- Announcements --

## Thank You

Thank you for the flowers, cards, condolences, and prayers after my mother's passing. I appreciate all the extra love from my church family! – Mel Lang

## Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Don L., Jerry M., Jean (Pauline C.'s sister), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Melanie (Sharon L.'s daughter), Ella (Marsha S.'s granddaughter), Vikki N., Matt N., Virginia C., Evelyn (mother of Sandy S.), Ted M., Carolyn S., Jen (Donna B.'s niece), Barbara K., Garry N., Mark (Carol J.'s friend), Wayne B., David (Sondra K.'s son), Kim (friend of the Micheels), Dick H., Penny (Marty K.'s coworker's wife), Betty H., Sammi (Carol J.'s friend's granddaughter), Burnell M., Dorothy (Wayne K.'s sister-in-law), Nick (Hannah M.'s cousin), Chris G., Sharon H., Lila N., and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, Chelsea Irwin and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ben, DCE Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of Topeka Lutheran School and the Jr. Wildcats. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.

## **Breakfast with Santa**

**Saturday, Dec. 17th -- 9 AM to 11 AM**

**Christ Lutheran Church -- 3509 SW Burlingame Rd (Topeka)**

**A FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

- **Enjoy a pancake breakfast and fun activities at your table.**
- **We'll call your number\* when it's time to see Santa so you don't have to stand in line all morning.**
- **Don't forget to bring your camera for a photo!**

**\*No ticket numbers will be dispersed after 10:45 AM.**



# *Advent*

## *Midweek Worship Services*

*Wednesdays at 7:00 pm*

*November 30*

*December 7*

*December 14*

*December 21*

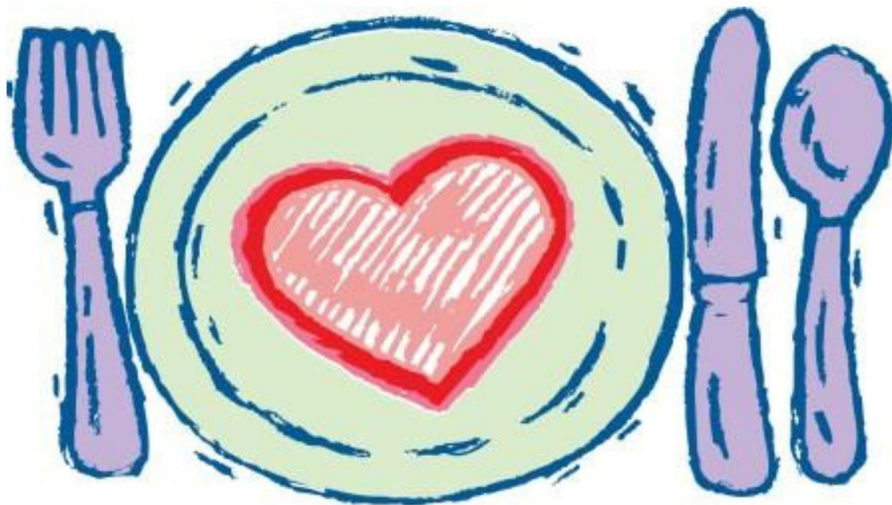


*Christ Lutheran Church - Topeka, Kansas*

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# Advent Meals



Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm  
before Advent Midweek worship services.

Nov. 30th -- Baked Potato Bar

Dec. 7th -- Hamburgers

Dec. 14th -- Lasagna

Dec. 21st -- Soup

(Gluten-Free options will be available all four evenings.)

A free will offering will benefit Christ Youth. Thank you for your support!

## *The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now*

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem “humble, and mounted on a donkey,” riding on “a beast of burden” (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matt. 21:9). For we are called “to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,” His Holy Church, “that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths” (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we “walk in the light of the LORD” (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which “does no wrong to a neighbor” (Rom. 13:10). We “cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,” for “salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, “for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming” (Matt. 24:42).

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### Worship Attendance – Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM -- 107

10:30 AM -- 81

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## Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	\$ 8,337
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 11/20</i>	\$ 4,886
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Oct 2022 )</i>	\$ 361,280
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Oct 2022)</i>	\$ 353,158

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**Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”** Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

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