



**First Sunday in Advent**

**December 3, 2023**

**Divine Setting 1**

## WELCOME TO FAITH

**We are celebrating the Lord's Supper.** 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 in 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 of 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 a Pastor. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. [Also, page 329 in the hymnal can be helpful](#) (click to view on-line).

If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, please note that a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed there in the center of each tray for you.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

*Upon entering the sanctuary, please use this time to prepare for worship; suggested prayers can be found in the front page of Lutheran Service Book and on page 308 of the LSB. ("Be still and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10a)*

*Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!*

*PRELUDE*    *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

*Lanz*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

**The Advent of Our King**    (Isaiah)

LSB 331

- 1 The advent of our King  
    Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
    In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son  
    Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
    To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise  
    To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
    The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,  
    He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
    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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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**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.)*

**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.**

**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 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; \*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

To you, | O LORD, \*  
I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame; \*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame; \*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; \*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

*KYRIE*

LSB 152

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- A** 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 mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

### *SALUTATION*

- A** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

### *COLLECT OF THE DAY*

- A** Let us pray.
- C** **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.**

*ANTHEM*     *“On This Day, Earth Shall Ring”*     *Hopson*  
                     *Parish Choir and Handbell Choir*

### *OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 64:1–9

- <sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
 that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
 and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be  
saved?  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

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

*GRADUAL*

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

*EPISTLE*

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

*COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE*

LSB 156

**C** **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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

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

*NICENE CREED*

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*

*Mr. Timm Leikip*

*HYMN OF THE DAY*

**Savior of the Nations Come** (Mark)

LSB 332

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.
- 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.

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.

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

△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* “The Apocalypse of our Lord Jesus Christ”

*INSTALLATION OF BOARD DIRECTORS & MEMBERS*

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the Lord's grace and peace as we enter another Church  
Year, that God who is faithful would confirm the testimony

about Christ among us as we wait for His revealing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For Matthew, our Synod president; James, our district president; and all pastors in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** That the Lord would renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians, that we may be enriched in all speech and knowledge, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives; for the children entrusted to their care; for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect; and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For our nation, its leaders and our armed forces, that God would take them under His care and let His blessing rest upon them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the sick, troubled, grieving and dying, that they may receive grace according to God's merciful will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For all who await the second advent of Christ, that their shouts of "hosanna" might be answered now through Word

and Sacrament and soon by Jesus' return, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Gracious Father, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the good news of our Savior and receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies, and lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### *BLESSING OF THE OFFERING ENVELOPES*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, Moses was commanded by the Lord to receive gifts from the people for the beautification of the sanctuary. Everyone whose heart stirred and whose spirit was moved brought a contribution to the Lord to be used in the Lord's house in all its services.

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify these offering envelopes for use in God's Holy house.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, You have directed us to bring offerings

for Your glory. We implore You to bless these offering envelopes. Grant that they may reflect our love for You, benefit Your Church, and bring joy to those who use them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these envelopes and those who use them

**C** Amen.

*OFFERING*      *“Once He Came in Blessing”*      *Henklemann*

*OFFERTORY*      LSB 159

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

*PREFACE*      LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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.

**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*

LSB 161

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

LSB 161

**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*

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 ✠ 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*

LSB 163

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

**C** Amen.

*DISTRIBUTION*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN* **Once He Came in Blessing** LSB 333

- 1 Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.
  
- 2 Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.

3 Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing,  
That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.

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*NUNC DIMITTIS*

LSB 165

**G** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word  
has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have  
prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your  
people Israel.  
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.

*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** Amen.

*BENEDICTION*

LSB 166

**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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN*

LSB 348

***The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*** (I Corinthians)

1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race

The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

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**✠ THE WORSHIP IS ENDED.  
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN. ✠**

**✠ We Go in Peace to Serve the Lord ✠  
✠ Trust ✠ Grow ✠ Show ✠**

**THOSE ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**

Preacher	Rev. Marc A. Kappel, M.Div.
Assistant	Mr. Timm Leikip
Children's Message	Mr. Timm Leikip
Music Director	Mr. Michael Neas, M.M.
Acolyte	Everett Fretwell
Lector	Corinne Hoffert
Communion Assistant	Elder Kip Sandersfeld

*The altar flowers today have been placed by Ted Hall & family in  
memory of his wife, Jane.*

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## 2023 Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities at Faith

December 2	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
December 3	Worship with Communion	10:00 am
December 3	Service of Carols and Lessons	4:00 pm
December 6	Advent worship	6:30 pm
December 9	Worship/Grades 2 – 4 Program	5:00 pm
December 10	Worship with Communion	10:00 am
December 13	Advent worship/PreK-Gr.1Program	6:30 pm
December 16	Worship with Communion	5:00 pm
December 17	Worship with Communion	10:00 am
December 19	Middle School Christmas Program	6:30 pm
December 20	Advent worship	6:30 pm
December 23	Worship	5:00 pm
December 24	Worship with Communion	10:00 am
December 24	Candlelight worship	7:00 pm
December 24	Candlelight worship with Communion	11:00 pm
December 25	Worship with Communion	10:00 am
December 30	Worship	5:00 pm
December 31	Worship at Ferran Park	10:00 am