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***Our Vision: Equipping Our Members to Take the Message of Jesus Where They Live, Work and Play***

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**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 1, 2024

*Divine Service, Setting Three*

## **AS WE GATHER**

Though a full month remains before we turn our calendars to 2025, today we can wish a "happy new year" in the life of the church. The Advent season begins a new church year and is a time of preparation, as the Latin "Adventus" means an arrival or coming of someone. More than preparing for the coming of just anyone, here we prepare for our Savior. As we get hearts and minds ready for the Christmas crescendo to come celebrating Christ's humble birth, we also remain prepared in this season and always as He promises to come again.

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **WELCOME**

## **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

## **OPENING HYMN**

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

***LSB 341 v.1-4***

## **INVOCATION**

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

**G** Amen.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** *John 1:5, 9; Genesis 3:15; Psalm 33:20-22*

**P** Each week in Advent, we light a candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who

promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**C** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**P** The first Advent candle is known as the prophecy candle or the candle of hope. We hear again the first promise and prophesy made in the Garden of Eden after the fall into sin: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." The Lord has kept His Word through the mouths of prophets who, for generations, pointed people to the promised Savior to come.

**C** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

**P** Guided by the light of hope, we respond with the psalmist: "Our soul waits for the LORD;

**C** He is our help and our shield.

**P** For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

**C** Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

**HYMN** "Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *LSB 341 v.5*

*(The first Advent Candle is lit.)*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Silence for personal confession )*

**P** O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.

† WORD †

### INTROIT

**P** Rejoice greatly O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**C** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He.

**P** Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;

**C** teach me Your paths.

**P** Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

**C** for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

**P** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

**C** for they have been of old.

**P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**C** according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**C** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He.

† WORD †

### KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 33:14-16 *Pew Bible, pg.787*  
*(The Lord's eternal covenant)*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 *Pew Bible, pg. 1173*  
(Lives of the faithful made ready for Jesus' return)

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 21:25-36 *Pew Bible, pg. 1047*  
(Ready and watching for the Son of Man)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Savior of the Nations, Come" **LSB 332**

**SERMON** *Pastor – Jonathan Dueker*

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Holy Lord, You sent Your Son into this world to be our Savior from sin and death, that through Him our hearts may be established holy and blameless before You, as He will come again in glory to redeem all His people. Be with us this Advent season and always as we wait upon Him and raise our heads, awaiting the redemption to come at the second advent. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of Light, we give You thanks for the truth that has been revealed to us through Your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to walk faithfully in this light, forsaking all darkness and loving all of the good things You have taught us in Your Word. Grant that we use that Word to shine as lights in the world this Christmas season, giving witness to the work of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, we ask that You strengthen the hearts of wisdom that You have placed within us through the water and word of Holy Baptism. Teach us to wait on Your grace and Your timing, satisfy us with Your steadfast love, and establish the work of our hands. We pray especially for one of Your children here at Peace, that You would encourage them in their work as they welcome and invite others back to worship who have strayed for a time. Give them guidance and compassion as they seek out those who have forgotten Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Compassionate Lord, as You come to Your people in need, grant Your continued presence with those who face trials of mind, body, and spirit. Give comfort to all facing affliction and pain, providing healing according to Your will. We remember those who have asked us to make intercession before You in the power of the Holy Spirit, especially *Karen, Ruth, Neil, Norm, Gail, Ruth, Ed, Ryan, Neil, and Heather, as well as Sandy, Jenny, Annette, Rose, Corey, Randy, and Maci.* As

others wait upon You for healing, give a sure and certain confidence of faith in Your promises made and fulfilled. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**P** Good Shepherd, raise up good and faithful under-shepherds for Your people that the church may be blessed with passionate preaching and faithful teaching. Bless Matthew presiding in Synod; David, our district president; Jason, our circuit visitor; Michael, our sponsored seminary student now serving in Friedheim, MO, and all others serving in Your church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** Amen.

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**G** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**G** It is meet and right so to do.

### PROPER PREFACE

**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, who was promised after the fall to crush the serpent's head, who was prophesied through the prophets You called, who when the time was right came into this world in our flesh, and who sacrificed His perfect and blameless body that our hearts may be established holy and blameless through Him as we await His coming again. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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

**G** 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 *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** 1 Corinthians 11:26; Rev. 22:20

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**C** we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes,

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**C** A - - - - - men.

**AGNUS DEI**

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - men.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Ancient Words" (Lynn Deshazo)  
 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"  
 "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

*Sola Deo Gloria*  
**LSB 849**  
**LSB 624**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**LSB 621**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** "Song of Simeon"

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

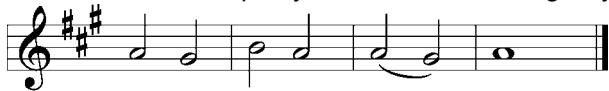
### **CLOSING SENTENCES** *John 1*

**P** In the beginning was the Word. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**C** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

### **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

**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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### **HANDBELL CHOIR** “Veni Emmanuel”

### **CLOSING HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LSB 357 v.1-3*

✠ in the name of Jesus ✠

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