

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 1, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

**Prelude** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” -arr. Hugo Distler

*His People*

Confession and Absolution

**Hymn of Invocation: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

*LSB 357*



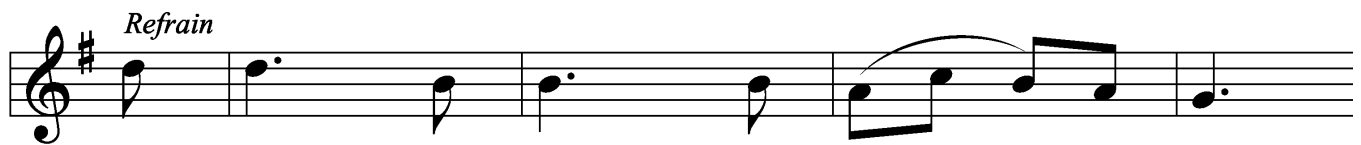
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: French, 15th cent.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
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

#### Psalm

*Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 6*

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

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.**

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\*  
teach me | your paths.  
**Lead me in your truth and teach me,**  
**for you are the God of my sal- | vation;\***  
**for you I wait all the | day long.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.  
**Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\***  
**according to your steadfast love remember me,**  
**for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!**

Good and upright | is the LORD;\*  
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.  
**He leads the humble in | what is right,\***  
**and teaches the humble | his way.**  
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,\*  
for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

**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.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

## Kyrie

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

Advent 1

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also 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** Amen.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today, the season of Advent begins, and the church tracks the time until Christmas with the lighting of the Advent wreath. The word *Advent* appropriately means *coming*, and that is what the season celebrates. It celebrates the coming of Christ in various ways. Each week, we will focus on a different aspect of Christ's coming as we light a candle on the Advent wreath.

Today, as we light our first candle, we call to mind the promises of Jesus' coming made in the Old Testament. In our Old Testament text we hear, "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" (*Jeremiah 33:14–16*)

As the first candle is lit to remind us how God kept His promises regarding Jesus' first coming, we sing stanza 1 of "Once He Came in Blessing."

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.

### Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** "Now Let Us Come Before Him" -J. S. Bach

*His People Choir*

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 19:28–40*

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

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

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

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

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

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## Hymn of the Day: "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.

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

## Prayer of the Church

**Offering** “Grant unto Us Thy Peace” -Felix Mendelssohn

*His People*

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.*

Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 208

**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.

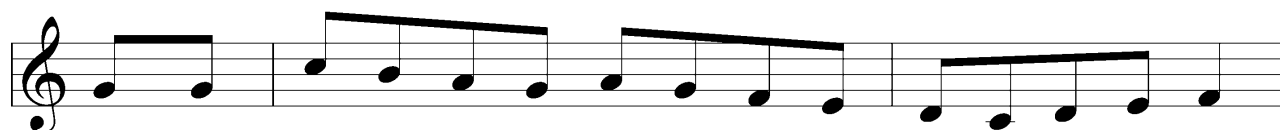
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*



Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 212

- 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**Hymn** “Shall We Gather at the River” -Robert Lowry, WOV 690

*His People Choir*

*(Congregation joins for refrain on sts. 3-4.)*

*Refrain:* Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

## Postlude

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**You are encouraged to take a walk this week with the Lord by reading Galatians. May the Lord make your heart burn with joy at the Good News and your place in His Kingdom!**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Luke 19:31 – “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”* Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do, which comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

**TODAY IS CA SUNDAY** at Emmaus! Please welcome our guests from Concordia Academy, including the His People choir and campus pastor, Rev. Andrew Asp. Afterwards, please join them downstairs for an update on the ministry and work at Concordia Academy.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS:** Sanctuary Christmas decoration donation slips are available in the narthex. Please indicate your willingness to help defray decoration costs by using the donation slip. Place in the offering plate, hand to an usher, or leave it on Maria’s desk. Donation slips will be available in the narthex through December 25.

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 7th, starting at 9 a.m. There will be a signup sheet in the back. Thank you! Chris and Mark G

**ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** will be held on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18, at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**ADVENT MEALS:** We will be having luncheons after the midweek Advent services. If you are willing to help set up, serve, and/or clean up for one or more lunches please contact Pam N. The dates are Dec. 4, 11, and 18th. In addition to meals served after the morning Advent services, a meal will be served before the evening service. Join us for a light supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. Contact Marilyn P if you have questions about the evening meals.

**FOOD SHELF DONATION IDEAS:** Did you know that if you purchase smaller portions of food items, it helps more families? For example, one large bottle of cooking oil will go to just one family. But a few smaller bottles will go to multiple families.

**FALL & CHRISTMAS DECORATION SALE:** Emmaus is having a Fall and Christmas decoration sale until 12/14. This is free-will donation and all proceeds will benefit the church. Items are located in the hallway and narthex. Contact either Chris G or Jean G with questions. Thank you!

**LWML MITES:** Where do your LWML Mites go? Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach: Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society | \$47,000. Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society (ELMS) shares the Gospel with the deaf and hard of hearing. It is estimated that 95% of people using American Sign Language (ASL) are unchurched. LWML Mission Grant No. 14 supports the expansion of the Church Interpreter Training Academy that is administered by ELMS. They will increase the number of training sites with the goal of training 100 new interpreters. This grant also supports the ASL translation of three LSB Divine Services and Matins. To learn more, visit [www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-14](http://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grant-14).

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Completely Ordinary Human” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again. (Malachi 3:7)

**CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS:** The public is invited to “A Concordia St. Paul Christmas” at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church in Bloomington. This will be a worship celebration featuring the choral and instrumental ensembles of Concordia University, St. Paul (CSP). The event is FREE with pre-reserved tickets. Reserve your tickets today at [www.csp.edu/tickets](http://www.csp.edu/tickets) or 1-866-488-4849. A freewill offering will be taken to support CSP Music.

#### **THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: CA Sunday at Emmaus

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Mon: 1 p.m. LifeLight

Wed: 11:30 a.m. Worship followed by lunch

6:30 p.m. Worship followed by Choir Rehearsal

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 9 a.m. Christmas Decorating

12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

**SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Rev. Nick Kooi

ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn P

ORGANIST: Rebecca F

SOUND TECH: Monte S

VIDEO TECH: Don V

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Mark G

USHERS: Gary B, Greg W

COUNTERS: Gary B, Roxann M

LECTOR: Steve N

GREETER: Jan N

ACOLYTE: Elizabeth G