



Come, Lord Jesus!

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 ✠ 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

COME, LORD JESUS AND MAKE US READY FOR YOU

WHAT GETS YOUR HEART? That's an Advent question. God wants to give you joy in your salvation. He wants to give you lasting, deep and divine peace for your soul. But to be able to receive the deepest joy of Christmas, there has to be a change in our hearts. The real joy of Christmas can only fit into hearts that are sorry for sin and long to be freed from it.

Hearts that are praying, Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

He comes here and now and breaks bonds, unchains prisoners and sets us free from living in their sin and being slaves to our selfish desires. He is the potter, we are the clay. He's shaping us, He's changing us, forming us into His own image. God give you a heart that longs for that!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

While most of the world marks the passage of time from January through December, Christians have kept their own calendar for centuries. This Christian year is a way of remembering key events in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Today is the first day of a new year in the Christian calendar, as the season of Advent begins. Advent means "coming near" or "arrival," and in this season before Christmas we think about how Jesus comes near to us:

- Jesus arrived once as a baby in Bethlehem, coming near to humanity to save us. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas.
- Jesus arrives here among us today through his Word, in Holy Baptism and in Holy Communion, to forgive us and strengthen us.
- Jesus will arrive in glory at the end of this world. We look forward to that day with excitement because Jesus has already come and prepared us for it.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

🌀 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.* 🌀

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

Advent Gathering

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When God created the world, He made the crown of His creation, the human race, in His image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.

However, God, who is Love, did not want to be separated forever from those he created. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death.

All sing:

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom to set you free; your sins are forgiven. *Galatians 4:4-5*

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, the Light of the World, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

The Spirit declares through the psalmist, "Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption." *Psalm 130:5,7*

We wait for the Lord, and in his word we put our hope.

All sing:

**O Come, our hope who has declared:
"Salvation's won; do not despair."
Help us believe that once for all
You bore God's wrath, redeeming all.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

Living in the hope given by God's promises, we go to the world.

We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

All sing:

**Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

"The mountain of the Lord" is a picture of God's family, the Christian Church. Through His Word, God calls people from all over the world into His family and gives them peace through Jesus. We are God's family...let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:
In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against
nation, nor will they train for war anymore.
Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Understanding the present time means being prepared for our Lord's return, which is closer each day.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual

immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand

Alleluia Hymn

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, came with peace from
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant when the heav'ns shall



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
pass a - way. Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;



low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
let us, then, our hom - age pay, Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
ev - er sing - ing till the dawn of end - less day.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

The Last Day will come as unexpectedly as the flood came at the time of Noah. While we do not know exactly when Christ will return - it is our joy to know that He will. He asks us to keep watch.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing

about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son

of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day | 487 **Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending**

Sermon Wake up, Jesus reigns and things aren't the same
after the sermon please stand

Apostles Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

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THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The congregation sings led by cantor:

The musical score is written on six staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music is: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'rand might, The second line is: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, The third line is: heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. The fourth line is: Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est. The fifth line is: Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The sixth line is: Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life.

With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who became our substitute under your holy law, who destroyed the works of the devil by his perfect obedience to your will, who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world's sin, who lives and reigns to give us life.

Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward. Unite us to our crucified and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

The congregation sings led by cantor:

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how.

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

Hymn | 305 Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

Hymn | 309 The Advent Of Our King

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Your † sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Stand

Closing Hymn | 495 The King Shall Come

Thank you to Amy Sehloff for using her gifts to serve us and our Savior with music this morning!

Our Week with the Lord Nov 27–Dec 4	Sunday:	Divine Service	8:00 am, 10:15 am
		Family Bible Hour	9:15-10:00 am
		Chapel Christmas Decorating	11:30 am
	Tuesday:	Advent By Candlelight	6:00 pm
	Wednesday:	BIC and Bible study	7:00 pm
	Thursday:	Worship	6:30 pm
	Sunday:	Divine Service	8:00 am, 10:15 am
	Family Bible Hour	9:15-10:00 am	
	Building Project Presentation/Potluck	11:30 am	

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So here it is Christmas again and old man that I am, with so many of them to remember, I love it with much of my heart. I grew up in a home where management was sharply divided –mother adored it, father harrumphed and rolled his eyes–so I know both sides. [...]

The basic idea of Christmas is a cheerful one: that we are connected to all of creation, the fish, the forests and mountains, the stars, the solar systems, and infinity itself by the love of the Creator who came to Earth in the form of an infant and was first recognized as divine by poor uneducated shepherds and by travelers from afar—a story that endures despite all the tinsel and glitter. You can take the story literally or partially or as metaphor, and it will warm you. A gift from us Christians to all of you Spiritual But Not Religious.

To my mother, Christmas was the magical triad of decorating-shopping-baking, and to Dad it was a wasteful carnival of false piety. They loved each other dearly, and their quarrel was a quiet one, but they stuck to their principles. He sighed and shook his head; she beamed and fussed over the wrapping and cooking. It was like having Scrooge and Mrs. Cratchit under one roof. [...]

It was instructive for me at a young age, knowing Dad was correct but Mother was right. We were Sanctified Brethren, and nowhere in Scripture are believers told to celebrate the birth, only the death, of our Lord. And the hullabaloo around his infancy by those who ignored his teaching struck Dad as an absurdity. But Mother had grown up in a family of 11 children, whose mother died of scarlet fever when Mother was 7, and her motherless youth was austere. Christmas was a burst of extravagance and color and music in a pale abstemious world. No wonder she loved it so. And every year she managed to produce it for us, mounds of gifts, a shining tree, a classic dinner, and in the end Dad could not help but smile on it. And so we learned that it is right and good to give pleasure. [...]

The one I best remember was 1956, when I was 14. Dad had just gotten out of the hospital after falling off his cousin Harold's barn roof while nailing shingles and landing headfirst on concrete and fracturing his skull. Mother spent weeks at the hospital, tending to him. The three younger kids were parceled out to relatives, and we three older ones boarded the school bus in the morning and sat down to a quiet supper with Mother at night. She didn't say much, but we knew by the fact that we couldn't go visit Dad that it was bad. She did warn us that there might not be Christmas this year.

One Sunday, at church, I noticed a shoe box on a table in the coatroom, wrapped in white paper, a slot in the top, and marked "For The Keillor Family," and I felt intensely ashamed, to be the object of charity. I told Mother that I didn't want Christmas this year. No presents. The idea of church members looking upon us poor Keillors with pity gave me the creeps. I avoided people lest someone pat me on the head.

And then Christmas began to appear. A smaller tree than usual, a few presents, the smell of baking. And then our father came home. Pale, somewhat withdrawn, slow afoot, but still himself. He lay on the sofa, a blanket over him, and Mother sat at the piano and carefully chorded her way through "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright," and we sang and it was Christmas again. All we needed was each other and that song.

Last week in New York, I stood in a crowd of strangers, some believers, others not, and someone started singing about the calmness and brightness, the radiant beams, and everyone sang along, quietly, a cappella, and we were united in a common mystery. There it is. Unto you, a child is born in the city of David. Make of it what you will. God bless you all, each one.

- GARRISON KEILLOR

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.*

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