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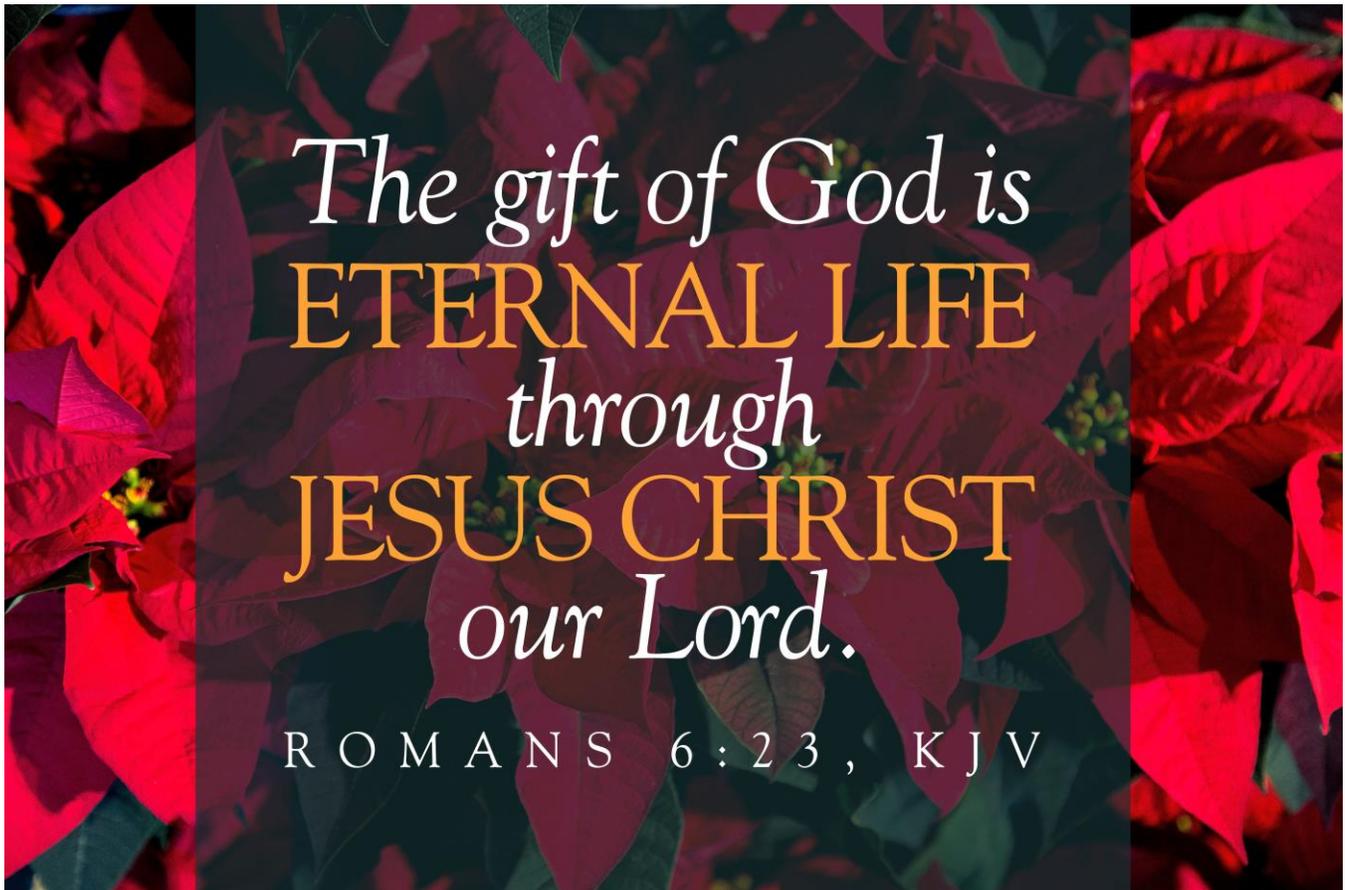
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# **First Sunday in Advent** **November 28th, 2021**



## **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00AM SERVICE**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### **AS WE GATHER**

Some days in our lives stand out as more memorable than others. The birth of a child, a long-awaited graduation, a particular vacation, or a family gathering are all days of joy that become part of the stories of our lives. A terrible illness, the death of someone dear, the loss of a job—these days, too, stand out as moments seared in our memories of pain that never seems to go away entirely. Some days stand out more than others. Today's Readings declare the days when Jesus came into the midst of all our joys and sorrows to bring joy, restoration, and hope. Our salvation was won on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. And the day is still coming when Christ will return and all creation will be restored. Jesus fills our days—good or bad, joyful or sorrowful—with His gracious presence from now until He returns on that great Last Day.

### **SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Elder of the Day

**EXPLANATION & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**HYMN**

*“The Advent of Our King”*

LSB 331

**OPENING VERSICLES (ADVENT)**

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**O.T. CANTICLE**

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

LSB 338

### **‡ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ‡**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Jeremiah 23:5-8**

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Romans 13:8-11*

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For 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.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 21:1-9*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**RESPONSORY** [Advent]

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**CATECHISM REVIEW | THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**The Conclusion**

Pastor: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**All: This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”**

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## LORD’S PRAYER

SERMON HYMN                    *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*                    LSB 341(vs. 1-3)

SERMON                                    *“Gift Wrapped Just for You”*                                    *Romans 13:8-14*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ’s coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

*A brief time of silence may be observed.*

Pastor: O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope.

**People: Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to yearn for that coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored.**

Pastor: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption.

**People: Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings.**

Pastor: Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war.

**People: Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world.**

Pastor: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, [*especially . . .*]. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

**People:** hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: (Special Petitions that end in: Lord, in your mercy)

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents.

**People:** Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends.

Pastor: You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## OFFERING

**\*\*5:30PM SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE\*\***

## HYMN

*“The King of Glory”*

AGPS 227

**Refrain:** The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?  
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages.
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,  
He goes among His people curing their illness.
3. Sing then of David’s son, our Savior and Brother;  
In all of Galilee was never another.
4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,  
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation.
5. He conquered sin and death. He truly has risen.  
And He will share with us His heavenly vision.

Text: Willard F. Jabusch B. 1930 Tune: The King of Glory, Israeli folk song

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection

**People:** we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins

Pastor: and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

**People:** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

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**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

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**N.T. CANTICLE**

***“Emmanuel”***

CM 21

by Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God is with us, reveal'd in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
*(Sung three times)*

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**BLESSING**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

***“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”***

LSB 341(vs. 4-5)

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

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## OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### 5:30 PM SATURDAY

**Alan Carlson**

Elder

**Kris Deardoff**

Organist

### 9AM SUNDAY

**Brian Ternus**

Elder

**Camden Pantekoek**

**Ellyse Pantekoek**

Acolytes

**Kris Deardoff**

Organist

**Mike Beyer**

Congregational Chairman

**Rick Melius**

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