



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27, 2016 – 10:45 a.m.

Divine Service Setting One with Holy Communion

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

What do we do when an important guest is coming over to visit? We clean the house, prepare the dinner menu, put on nice clothes, and do many other things in anticipation. Beginning a new Church Year is also a time of getting ready. We prepare ourselves not to welcome just any important guest though, but once again to welcome the King—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who comes in the flesh to His people. No matter our housecleaning, dinner plans, wardrobe, or anything else, the most important preparation we are called to is a readiness of our hearts and minds. This Advent season is a time of preparation—to prepare ourselves to welcome Him who came humbly as a king by earthly standards, yet the King we welcome by faith as Savior and Lord. More than that, we continually prepare ourselves in repentant joy to receive Him who humbly yet powerfully still comes to us in Word and Sacrament by His Holy Spirit.

† Prayer Before Worship †

O Lord, as You came humbly as King into Jerusalem and humbly as a King in our flesh born into this world, set our eyes on Your kingdom that is not of this world. Grant us the continued gift of faith that we may humbly welcome and receive You as You come to us still in Your Word and Sacraments; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

“Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

arr. by Wilbur Held

Welcome & Sharing of the Peace

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #331 “The Advent of Our King”

Confession and Absolution

I

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.**

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.

Introit *Ps. 118:25-28; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b,alt.*

P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C: **Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

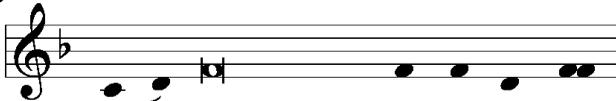
C: **The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

All: **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.**

P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

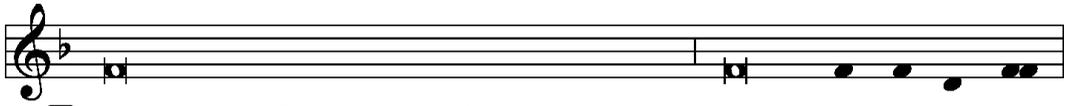
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



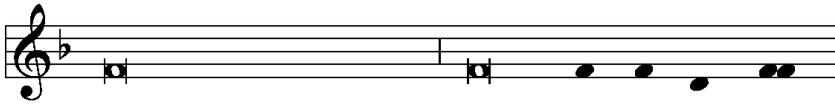
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



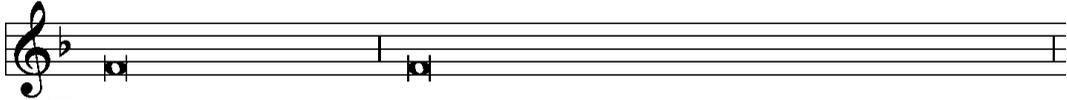
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



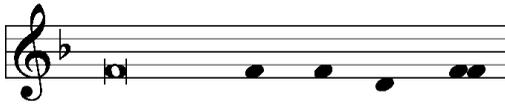
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



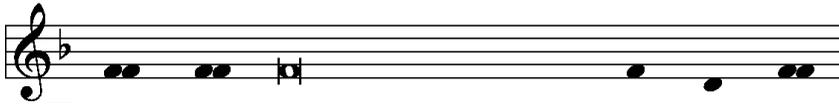
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise is Omitted During Advent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.**

(Be Seated)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

(When the King comes, the mountain of the Lord will be established and there will be peace.)

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

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

**All: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the
Lord we bless you.**

Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

(Called to walk in the light at the coming of our Lord and King)

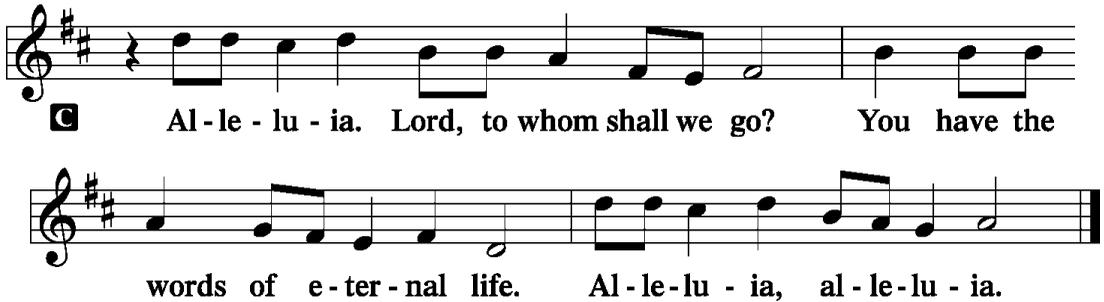
¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

(Jesus enters Jerusalem in humble yet kingly triumph on Palm Sunday.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And 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!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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.**

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #349 "Hark the Glad Sound"

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Prayer of the Church

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

In this season of Advent and as we begin this new Church Year, may we, Your people, continue to be a beacon of Your light and a model of Your love, speaking the truth of Your Word in love and calling the world to repentance and new life in Your name. Lord and King, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, as Your servant kingship was one of humbleness and mercy as You came to Your people—from Your human birth to Your entry into Jerusalem to Your death on the cross—we give thanks that You still humbly yet mightily come to us today. Come to those we lift up to You now, [*especially . . .*], and all who have various needs.

C: Be their hope, patience, consolation, and strength.

P: Come to the wayward and erring, those who have rejected Your Word, those apathetic to Your grace, or those who have yet to hear the saving good news of Advent hope and Christmas joy.

C: Use us as Your instruments through the gifts of Your Spirit, and bring them to the light of truth that they may follow You in faith.

P: Come to the nations of the world that war and conflict may cease and instead have peace. Come to the poor and outcast that hope and joy may be found in You. Come, Lord Jesus, Savior and King, to Your Church.

C: Rekindle in us the joy of Your presence that we may welcome and receive You as You come to us in Word and Sacraments. Bless all who worship here, and let Your kingdom come to all who seek You.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, to Your world.

C: **Bless all missionaries, pastors, teachers, and laypeople who shine the light of the Gospel, that we may be a sign of Your everlasting love for those in darkness.**

P: All these things we pray in the name of our one true King, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(Be Seated)

Offering

Offertory Anthem **“Prepare for His Coming”** J.S. Bach arr. by Walter Rodby

(Please Stand)

Offertory Hymn #781 **“We Give Thee But Thine Own,”** v. 1

TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.) Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.

Proper Preface

P: ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

C: Amen.

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.

Words of our Lord

Peace of the Lord

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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #332 – “Savior of the Nations, Come”
#343 – “Prepare the Royal Highway”
#350 – “Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come”

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle - *Thank the Lord*

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: 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 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

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.

Recessional Hymn #341 – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Bereden väg för Herran”

arr. by Paul Manz

Thank you to Pastor Quentin Poulson for leading our worship today.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mark & Beth Meier. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

Today's Ushers: John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Larry Bowman

Worship Assistants: Steve Anderson, Don Henderson

Altar Guild for November: Gayle Barcio, Kae Elliott, Mae Elliott, Sue Frake, Ted Frake, Stephanie Guelzow.

Lock-ups for November: Don Henderson, Bob Hoisington, Wes Walker.

Nursery is available in the Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

Pew Pads: Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

The Sermons are available through the YouTube link at the church's web site. If you miss a Sunday, want to hear the sermon again, or want someone else to hear it, just go to www.stjohnsws.com and click on the YouTube link at the bottom of the home page.

Crisis Control Item for November: Cooking oil.

St. John's Prayer and Care Notes are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at wb9szl@triad.rr.com and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
*Holy Communion is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Sundays,
at 10:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, and at both services
if there is a fifth Sunday in the month.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.*

A Great Place to Grow in Christ
*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*