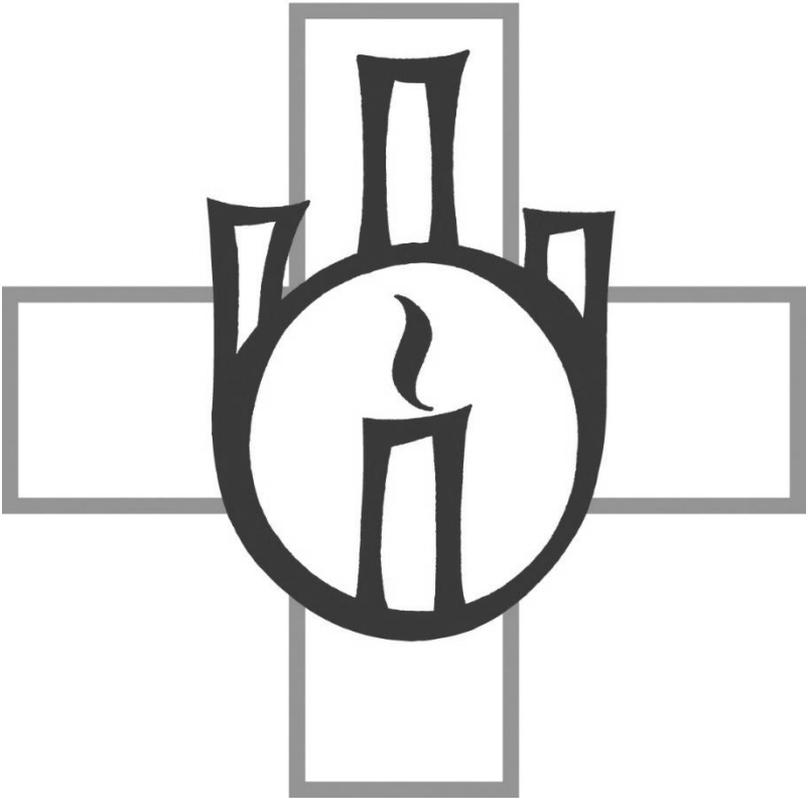


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Order of Worship

November 30, 2025 10:45 AM

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Introit

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

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

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

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!

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

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.

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

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

First Sunday in Advent

Divine Service

Welcome

Opening Song

Come And Behold Him

Chisum, Searcy

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2

Come and be - hold Him, come, see His glo - ry, come with an
Come and be - hold Him, come, see His mer - cy, come find His
hon - est heart to see all He is; We will dis - cov - er
ten - der - ness reaching to you; Just as a mir - ror
all of His beau - ty, His light will burn a
shows a re - flec - tion. His Word and Spir - it
way all the darkness we've known Come and be - hold
come, now reflecting His love.
Him, come and be - hold Him, come with an hon - est heart to see all He
is; Come and be - hold Him, wait now be - fore
Him, come with an hon - est heart to see all He is. _____

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.

C **We have not lived our lives according to your will.**

P We have failed to live up to your expectations.

C **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

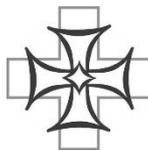
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our sins to you:

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.**



Song

Hosanna

Baloche, Brown

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus x2

VERSE

1. Praise is ris - ing, eyes are turn - ing to You;
 2. Hear the sound of hearts re - turn - ing to You;

5 We turn to You; Hope is stir - ring,
 We turn to You; In Your King - dom

11 hearts are yearn - ing for You;
 bro - ken lives are made new,

14 We long for You; 'Cause when we see
 You make us new; 'Cause when we see

17 You, we find strength to face the day;
 You, we find strength to face the day;

20 In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a - way,
 In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a - way,

23 washed a - way. CHORUS §
 washed a - way. Ho - san -

26 na, ho - san - na, You are the God Who saves us,

30 wor - thy of all our prais - es; Ho - san -

34 na, ho - san - na, come have Your way a - mong us;

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38 *Fine*
 We wel-come You here, Lord Je - sus.

43
 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;

47
 In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a-way;

51
 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;

55
 In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a-way,

58 *D.S. al Fine*
 washed a - way. Ho -

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6

A Together, we speak Psalm 122 responsively:

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

"May they be secure who love you!

¹I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**²Our feet have been standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

³Jerusalem—built as a city
 that is bound firmly together,

⁴to which the tribes go up,

**the tribes of the LORD,
 as was decreed for Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
 the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they be secure who love you!

⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”

⁸For my brothers and companions’ sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

**C 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.**

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they be secure who love you!

Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

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

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

³⁶[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Sit

Song of the Day

Rend The Heavens

Mark

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2

VERSE

1. This day we call up-on_ the_ liv - ing_ Lord and
 seek Your mer - cy and Your grace;
 How we, as a na - tion, have turned our face a - way_ from You_

7
and fol-lowed oth-er ways; May we see You as You are,

11
man-i-fest-ed, glo-ri-ous power, Lord Je-sus.

CHORUS

13
Rend the Heav-ens and come down in Your maj-es-ty come

15
down, in Your mer-cy, Lord, come down up-on us;

17
Clothe Your-self in robes of grace; You are wel-come in this

19
place where the saints are gath-ered for Your wor-ship, Lord.

VERSE

23
2. Not for our gain, but for the glo-ry of Your

25
Name we gath-er 'round Your throne;

27
And in hum-ble a-do-ra-tion plead for this gen-er-a-tion,

29
Je-sus, let Your name be known;

31
May they see You as You are,

(TO CHORUS)

33
man-i-fest-ed glo-ri-ous power, Lord Je-sus.

Sermon



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Response after each petition

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

C **Amen.**

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

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.**

Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Song

I Will Dwell

Neale & Neale

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Bridge x3, Chorus x2

1. You are my Shep - herd, I have all that I need;
 You lead me be - side the peace - ful wat - ers to
 rest in mea - dows green; 2. You re - new my
 strength, guide me in the right way;
 me, bring - ing com - fort and joy;
 You're bring - ing all glo - ry and all hon - or
 You wel - come me as a guest in - to Your house, a -
 to Your match - less Name; Ev - en though I
 noint - ing me with oil; Ev - en though I
 walk the dark - est val - ley, I will not be
 walk the dark - est val - ley, I will not be.
 CHORUS
 a - fraid. 'Cause Your good - ness and Your mer - cy fol - low me all
 a - fraid.
 my days, and I will dwell in Your house, and I will dwell
 in Your house, and I will dwell in Your house for -

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17 ev - er. 2 ev - er. My

3. You walk be - side

21 cup is run - ning o - ver; My cup is run - ning o - ver; My

23 cup is run - ning o - ver be - cause of You; My

25 cup is run - ning o - ver; My cup is run - ning o - ver; My

27 cup is run - ning o - ver be - cause of You. My

29 cup is run - ning o - ver; My cup is run - ning o - ver; My

31 cup is run - ning o - ver be - cause of You. Your good -

33 ness and Your mer - cy fol - low me all my days, and I will dwell

35 in Your house, and I will dwell in Your house, and I will dwell

37 in Your house for - ev - er. 'Cause Your good -

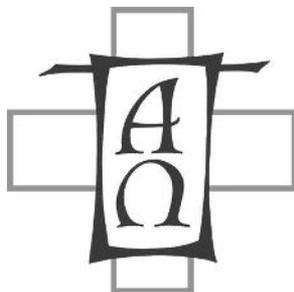
40 ness and Your mer - cy fol - low me all my days, and I will dwell

43

in Your house, and I will dwell in Your house, and I will dwell

14

in Your house for - ev - er.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

30 November 2025

Readings

Isaiah 2:1–5

Romans 13:(8–10) 11–14

Matthew 21:1–11 or Matthew 24:36–44

The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now

The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem *“humble, and mounted on a donkey,”* riding on *“a beast of burden”* (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, *“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”* (Matt. 21:9). For we are called *“to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,”* His Holy Church, *“that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths”* (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we *“walk in the light of the LORD”* (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which *“does no wrong to a neighbor”* (Rom. 13:10). We *“cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,”* for *“salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed”* (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, *“for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming”* (Matt. 24:42).



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7 December 2025

Readings

Isaiah 11:1–10

Romans 15:4–13

Matthew 3:1–12

By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord

“John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent!’” (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *“a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots”* (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *“a signal for the peoples”* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *“With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips”* (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *“root of Jesse”* comes to us, *“even he who arises to rule the Gentiles”* (Rom. 15:12), that *“we might have hope”* and be filled *“with all joy and peace in believing”* (Rom. 15:4, 13).



Advent, Christmas & New Year's Eve Worship

Please join us in worship in this new Church Year



Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm

Open Arms Christian Preschool Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 pm



Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship

Thursday, December 25th at 9:00 am



New Year's Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 31st at 7:00 pm

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