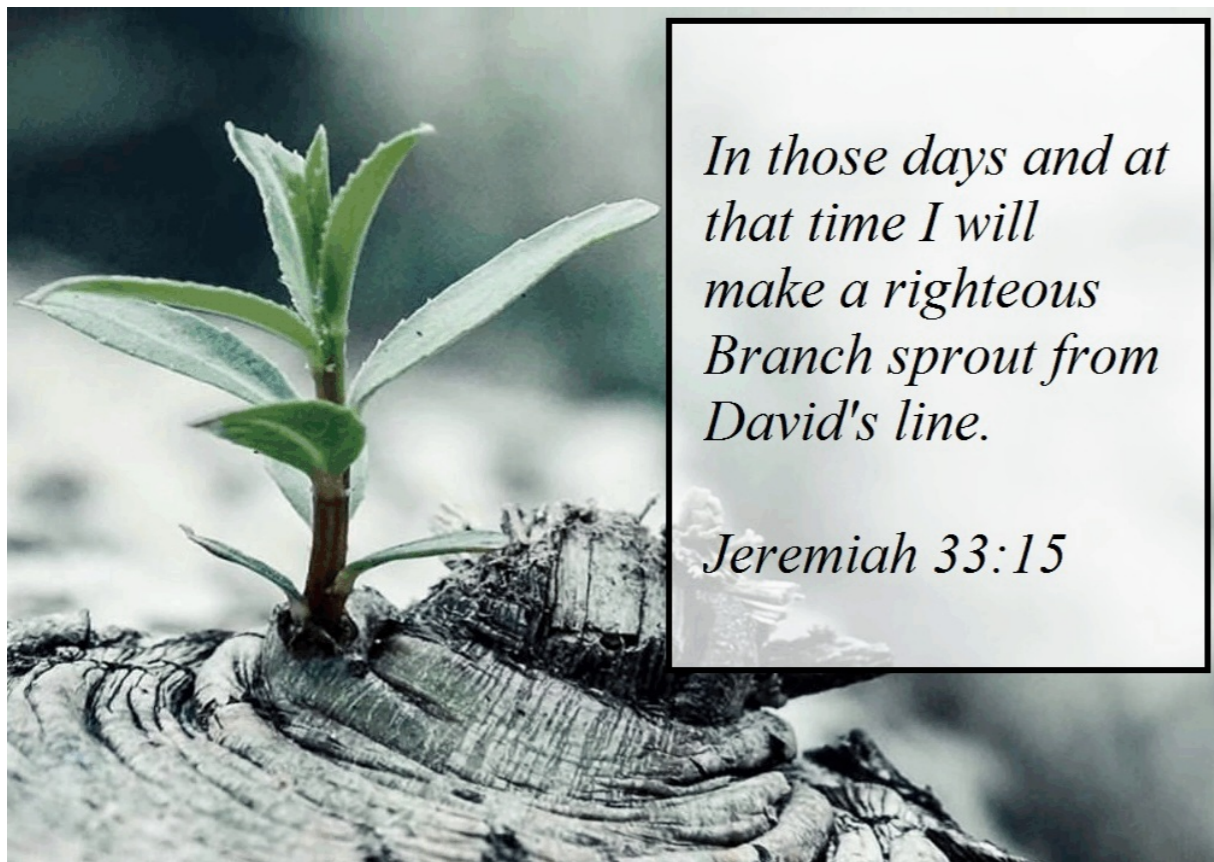


THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27-28, 2021

**"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."**



**Music of Preparation,  
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting**

**Our Ministry:** We are a people of God who are: **"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."**

**Welcome!** Lord, you are our righteousness (Jeremiah 33:16). We wait with bated breath for your awesome promises to spring forth.

**Devotions & Publications Available** are found in the main entryway. *(Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.)*

..... **WORSHIP NOTES** .....

**Note About Attendance Cards...**Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. **Please list the name of each person in worship.** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

**To Our Visitors...**Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

**For All Who Worship...**If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

**For Parents with Small Children...**We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

## DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 in the Hymnal)

**Notes for Worship:** As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

### **Before worship prayer**

Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

### **We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!**

**Opening Hymn:** "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" *LSB, hymn #342*

What hope! An Eden prophesied    Where tame live with the wild;  
The lamb and lion side by side,    Led by a little child!

A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,    A branch from David's line,  
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:    The fruit of God's design.

As banner of God's love unfurled,    Christ came to suffer loss,  
That by His death a dying world    Would rally to the cross.

Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,    Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—    Come, open heaven's door.

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

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.** *1 John 1:8-9*

P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins.

(Moment of silent reflection)

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. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

**C: Amen.**

### **KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy**

*Mark 10:47*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Gloria in Excelsis ~Gloria to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C: (Sung) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C: (Sung) 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**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LSB, hymn #338

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### THE READING OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 33:14-16 *(The LORD, Our Righteousness)*

"The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.'"In those days and at that

time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.'

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*(The Coming of The LORD)*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Stand

**Alleluia and Verse - Common**

John 6:68

**C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 21:25-36

*(God's Kingdom Is Near)*

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near."I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day

will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "The Advent of Our King"**

*LSB, hymn #331*

The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

**Sermon: "ADVENT - Time To Slow Down!"**

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Stand

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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 everlasting. Amen**

*(Please be Seated)*

**Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards**

**OFFERTORY - Create In Me**

*LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193*

**C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

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

Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who do not know You, those who have rejected You, and those who are straying from You. Unite them to Your glorious throne and dwell in their hearts. *"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

**C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are lonely and in need of Your presence. Come to the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, the homebound, the mentally ill, those who are in transition, and anyone else who experiences the pain of loneliness. Remind them of Your incarnation and lead them to Your Church, where we bear one another's burdens. *"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

**C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are oppressed and at the mercy of others. Rescue those who are suffering, abused, neglected, and hated. Comfort them with Your tender presence and love. *"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

**C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are sick, injured, and recovering. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Epecially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). O God, Strengthen them with Your healing hand and with Your unwavering presence. *“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort them with the hope of resurrection life that is ours in Christ Jesus. *“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, come to Your broken Church with the gifts of reconciliation and restoration. Unite Your people once again so that we enjoy fellowship rather than fractured division. *“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

*(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)*

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

**C: Hear Our Prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught 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 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: (Sung) Amen**

### **Closing Hymn: “Prepare the Royal Highway”**

*LSB, hymn #343*

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev’ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:

#### *Refrain*

*Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God’s Word!*

God’s people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God’s promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev’ry nation Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain*

His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav’n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

### **See You In Worship Next Week!**

#### ***After worship prayer***

*Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.*

*There is a Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that is wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you want a prayer for someone else, a concern or situation you may have, or yourself.*

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

**Altar Flowers** Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of our mom & grandma, Donna Baron, on her November 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, by Jim & Carol Baron, and John, Christie & Layna Rahn; also with prayers of thanksgiving for Bryson Wade's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 27<sup>th</sup>, by parents Abbey & Brody Wade and grandparents Mark & Cheri Rogers. God continues providing the way in miraculous measures and milestones in his journey!



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