

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 4, 2022

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*(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)*

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

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**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 72:18, 12-14, 19*

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**People: From oppression and violence He redeems their life, and precious is their blood in His sight.**

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“Christ is near,” we hear it say.  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!”  
Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.  
  
See, the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.

Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiv'n;  
So, when next He comes in glory  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy  
And with words of love draw near.

Hail! Hosanna, Root of Jesse,  
Signal of redeeming love.  
Hear the hymn Your church now raises  
To Your glorious throne above:  
Honor, glory, might, dominion  
To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit  
While eternal ages run!

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From all sin;  
From Your righteous wrath;  
From a sudden and unprepared death;  
From the snares of the devil;  
From covetousness and hatred and all evil;  
From every evil lust of body and mind;  
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good works;*

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asked our prayers;*

*That it may please You to give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;  
and*

*That it may please You to encourage Your church in every generation by the  
witness of the faithful who have gone before us and now live with You  
beyond the grave:*

**People:** **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

*Pastor: Preserve Your holy church, Lord Jesus Christ, and keep it in peace throughout  
the world that by quiet and peaceable lives we glorify God the Father  
Almighty in the glad certainty of Your grace and the constant expectation of  
Your final coming.*

**People:** **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People:** **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten  
Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to love our enemies, serve our  
neighbors, and worship You in sincere repentance and pure faith; through**

**the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 11:1–10*

There shall come forth a Shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

And His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what His eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what His ears hear,  
but with righteousness He shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of His loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all My holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 72:18, 7

*Lector: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things.*

**People: In His days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 15:4–13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles,  
and sing to Your name.”

And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people.”

And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol Him.”

And again Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will come,  
even He Who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in Him will the Gentiles hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**RESPONSORY:** *Psalm 72:18, 17b*

*Lector: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things.*

**People: May people be blessed in Him, all nations call Him blessed.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter:*

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

**GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 3:1–12*

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

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

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

**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!**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (LSB, #344)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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**SERMON:** "Repent, Believe, and Prepare for the Coming One" (*Matthew 3:1-12*)

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**



## 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.

## PREFACE

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor:* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS: page 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

**PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord**

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI: page 180**

**G** 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, grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

### **DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Build My Life"**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
who You are and fill me  
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

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who You are and fill me,  
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I will build my life upon Your love;  
It is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone,  
And I will not be shaken.  
(repeat)

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "This I Believe"**

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

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I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
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When Jesus comes again  
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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB, #637)**

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Your Table I Approach” (LSB, #628)**

Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: In, with, and under bread and wine, Lord Jesus, You have come to us today in Your body and blood, and at the end of time You will come to us in the fullness of Your glory. As by Your holy word You readied us to receive You by faith in Your meal of forgiveness, so also by Your word ready us to receive You by sight in the triumph of Your kingdom; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **VERSICLES FOR ADVENT:**

*Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor: The whole creation pleads:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**BENEDICTION:** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” (LSB, #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.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Vicar John Cotner

Musicians: Adam Perez, Lauren Brezina and Gwen Bundy

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Warren Matson

11:00 Lay Reader: Sue Burton

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch



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And the world is wrapped in fear,  
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Hail! Hosanna, Root of Jesse,  
Signal of redeeming love.  
Hear the hymn Your church now raises  
To Your glorious throne above:  
Honor, glory, might, dominion  
To the Father and the Son  
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## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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**SERMON:** "Repent, Believe, and Prepare for the Coming One" (*Matthew 3:1-12*)

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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## PREFACE

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## PROPER PREFACE

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## SANCTUS: page 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

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**PAX DOMINI** ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI: page 180**

**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, grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

### **DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Build My Life"**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
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Holy, there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
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I will build my life upon Your love;  
It is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone,  
And I will not be shaken.  
(repeat)

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: “This I Believe”**

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

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I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB, #637)**

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Your Table I Approach” (LSB, #628)**

Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: In, with, and under bread and wine, Lord Jesus, You have come to us today in Your body and blood, and at the end of time You will come to us in the fullness of Your glory. As by Your holy word You readied us to receive You by faith in Your meal of forgiveness, so also by Your word ready us to receive You by sight in the triumph of Your kingdom; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **VERSICLES FOR ADVENT:**

*Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor: The whole creation pleads:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**BENEDICTION:** (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” (LSB, #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.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Vicar John Cotner

Musicians: Adam Perez, Lauren Brezina and Gwen Bundy

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Warren Matson

11:00 Lay Reader: Sue Burton

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch



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**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

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**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 72:18, 12-14, 19*

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*Pastor: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.*

**People: From oppression and violence He redeems their life, and precious is their blood in His sight.**

*Pastor: Blessed be His glorious name forever;*

**People: may the whole earth be filled with His glory!**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” (LSB #345, melody: ~~Rex Gloriae~~)

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!  
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!”  
Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.  
  
See, the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.

Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiv'n;  
So, when next He comes in glory  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy  
And with words of love draw near.

Hail! Hosanna, Root of Jesse,  
Signal of redeeming love.  
Hear the hymn Your church now raises  
To Your glorious throne above:  
Honor, glory, might, dominion  
To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit  
While eternal ages run!

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: Dear ones, in itself the blessed name of God is altogether glorious. We can add nothing to its majesty nor can we detract anything from its holiness, yet we often defame it by our sinfulness. Come, let us kneel in repentance, seeking pardon in the confidence that for Jesus' sake our heavenly Father is gracious and asking the Holy Spirit to help us lead lives that more vibrantly honor God's name and point the world to His coming Son.*

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**People:** Amen.

**A LITANY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT:**

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**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

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*Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.*

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*Pastor: O God the Father in heaven;  
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O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity:*

**People: Incline Your heart toward us and our hearts toward You.**

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From all evil;  
From all sin;  
From Your righteous wrath;  
From a sudden and unprepared death;  
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From every evil lust of body and mind;  
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From everlasting death:*

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By Your atonement;  
By Your nativity;  
By Your baptism and holy fasting;  
By Your cross and Passion;  
By Your death and burial;  
By Your holy resurrection;  
By Your wondrous ascension;*

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*That it may please You to protect all persecuted Christians;*

*That it may please You to increase the faith of all believers in Christ;*

*That it may please You to lift up our minds beyond earthly cares to heavenly  
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*That it may please You to reward with heavenly blessings the doers of all  
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and*

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Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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**SERMON:** "Repent, Believe, and Prepare for the Coming One" (*Matthew 3:1-12*)

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**



## 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.

## PREFACE

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

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**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI: page 180**

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Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
who You are and fill me  
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

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There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
who You are and fill me,  
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love;  
It is a firm foundation.  
I will put my trust in You alone,  
And I will not be shaken.  
(repeat)

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There is none beside You.  
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with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "This I Believe"**

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
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That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB, #637)**

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Your Table I Approach” (LSB, #628)**

Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: In, with, and under bread and wine, Lord Jesus, You have come to us today in Your body and blood, and at the end of time You will come to us in the fullness of Your glory. As by Your holy word You readied us to receive You by faith in Your meal of forgiveness, so also by Your word ready us to receive You by sight in the triumph of Your kingdom; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **VERSICLES FOR ADVENT:**

*Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor: The whole creation pleads:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**BENEDICTION:** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” (LSB, #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.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

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All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

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Proclaimer: Vicar John Cotner

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**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 72:18, 12-14, 19*

*Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things.*

**People: He delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.**

*Pastor: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.*

**People: From oppression and violence He redeems their life, and precious is their blood in His sight.**

*Pastor: Blessed be His glorious name forever;*

**People: may the whole earth be filled with His glory!**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” (LSB #345, melody: ~~Rex Gloriae~~)

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!  
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!”  
Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.  
  
See, the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.

Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiv'n;  
So, when next He comes in glory  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy  
And with words of love draw near.

Hail! Hosanna, Root of Jesse,  
Signal of redeeming love.  
Hear the hymn Your church now raises  
To Your glorious throne above:  
Honor, glory, might, dominion  
To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit  
While eternal ages run!

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: Dear ones, in itself the blessed name of God is altogether glorious. We can add nothing to its majesty nor can we detract anything from its holiness, yet we often defame it by our sinfulness. Come, let us kneel in repentance, seeking pardon in the confidence that for Jesus' sake our heavenly Father is gracious and asking the Holy Spirit to help us lead lives that more vibrantly honor God's name and point the world to His coming Son.*

**People: We confess to You, most merciful God, that we have brought discredit to You by using Your name carelessly and thoughtlessly. We have often failed to pray and have offered to You lukewarm praise. We have treated as a commonplace the Name that is above all names and have invoked it for causes that are neither holy nor loving. Forgive us, we beg You. Turn us away from all wickedness and direct us toward Jesus, Who came to earth to die and rise as our Savior from sin and death and will return again to raise His saints to life that has no end.**

*Pastor: Fear not, my friends. You are baptized into Christ. The same Jesus Who came and will come again is present now in His word and sacraments. His blood has cleansed you and His Spirit dwells within you. Your places in Paradise are secure. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel, and by the authority the risen Lord bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People:** Amen.

**A LITANY FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT:**

*Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.*

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Pastor: Christ, have mercy on us.*

**People: Christ, have mercy on us.**

*Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.*

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Pastor: O Christ, hear us.*

**People: O Christ, graciously hear us.**

*Pastor: O God the Father in heaven;  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;  
O God the Holy Spirit;  
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity:*

**People: Incline Your heart toward us and our hearts toward You.**

*Pastor: Be favorable and spare us, good Lord.  
From all evil;  
From all sin;  
From Your righteous wrath;  
From a sudden and unprepared death;  
From the snares of the devil;  
From covetousness and hatred and all evil;  
From every evil lust of body and mind;  
From pestilence, famine, and war; and  
From everlasting death:*

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;  
By Your atonement;  
By Your nativity;  
By Your baptism and holy fasting;  
By Your cross and Passion;  
By Your death and burial;  
By Your holy resurrection;  
By Your wondrous ascension;*

*By the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; and  
In the Day of Judgment:*

**People:** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Pastor: We sinners beseech You to hear us.*

*That it may please You to perfect Your church in unity, faith, and discipline;  
That it may please You to touch the hearts of all who minister with reverence  
toward You and love for all You have placed under their care;*

*That it may please You to govern and preserve Your holy church;*

*That it may please You to humble the enemies of Your holy church;*

*That it may please You to protect all persecuted Christians;*

*That it may please You to increase the faith of all believers in Christ;*

*That it may please You to lift up our minds beyond earthly cares to heavenly  
desires;*

*That it may please You to reward with heavenly blessings the doers of all  
good works;*

*That it may please You to bless, according to their needs, all those who have  
asked our prayers;*

*That it may please You to give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;  
and*

*That it may please You to encourage Your church in every generation by the  
witness of the faithful who have gone before us and now live with You  
beyond the grave:*

**People:** **We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.**

*Pastor: Preserve Your holy church, Lord Jesus Christ, and keep it in peace throughout  
the world that by quiet and peaceable lives we glorify God the Father  
Almighty in the glad certainty of Your grace and the constant expectation of  
Your final coming.*

**People:** **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People:** **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten  
Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to love our enemies, serve our  
neighbors, and worship You in sincere repentance and pure faith; through**

**the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 11:1–10*

There shall come forth a Shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

And His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what His eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what His ears hear,  
but with righteousness He shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,  
and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of His loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all My holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 72:18, 7

*Lector: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things.*

**People: In His days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 15:4–13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles,  
and sing to Your name.”

And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people.”

And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol Him.”

And again Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will come,  
even He Who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in Him will the Gentiles hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**RESPONSORY:** *Psalm 72:18, 17b*

*Lector: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, Who alone does wondrous things.*

**People: May people be blessed in Him, all nations call Him blessed.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter:*

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

**GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 3:1–12*

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

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

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

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Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

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Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
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Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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**SERMON:** "Repent, Believe, and Prepare for the Coming One" (*Matthew 3:1-12*)

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

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**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI: page 180**

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Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.  
Jesus the only one who could ever save.  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.  
We live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You,  
There is none beside You.  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
who You are and fill me  
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.

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And I will not be shaken.  
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The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
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Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” (LSB, #637)**

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Your Table I Approach” (LSB, #628)**

Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: In, with, and under bread and wine, Lord Jesus, You have come to us today in Your body and blood, and at the end of time You will come to us in the fullness of Your glory. As by Your holy word You readied us to receive You by faith in Your meal of forgiveness, so also by Your word ready us to receive You by sight in the triumph of Your kingdom; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **VERSICLES FOR ADVENT:**

*Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Pastor: The whole creation pleads:*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**BENEDICTION:** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” (LSB, #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.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

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