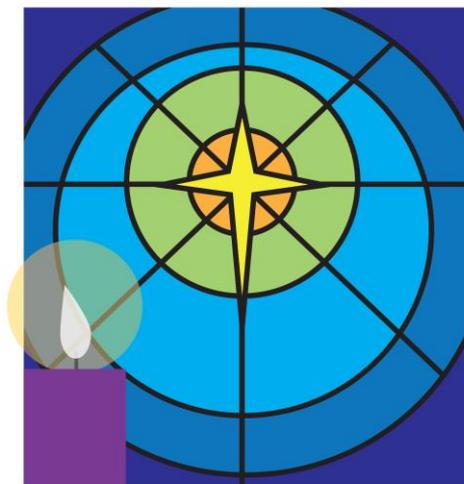


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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Although we pray that God “would rend the heavens and come down” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “a long time, and shall we be saved?” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,” and so He will “sustain you to the end” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “heaven and earth will pass away,” His words “will not pass away” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “send out the angels” to gather us and all of His elect “from the ends of the earth” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**: LSB 332 (verses 1-4)

Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

- 3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.

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### **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLE**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**People: the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

**People: and illumine Your Church.**

Pastor: We light the Advent candle And wait for Christ to come.

With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home.

Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God's favor.

We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**People: the light no darkness can overcome.**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pastor: We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

**People: At times, we are lured by the world's deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.**

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**People: Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, obedience, service, and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes.**

Pastor: Our Lord invites us to come and see what He has done—He has given us solid promises that guard our faith in days of sorrow, suffering, confusion, conflict, and pain. He has sent His Son to be the Word of life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and through the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

**INTROIT:** Psalm 80:1-7

Pastor: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**People: You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Pastor: Awaken your might; come and save us.

**People: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Pastor: How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder

**People: against the prayers of your people?**

Pastor: You have fed them with the bread of tears;

**People: you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.**

Pastor: You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,

**People: and our enemies mock us.**

Pastor: Restore us, God Almighty;

**People: make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

**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.**

Pastor: Awaken your might; come and save us.

**People: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

## **KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People (sing): Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People (sing): Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** LSB 357 (verses 1-3)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
  
- 2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!
  
- 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: O Lord, the daily pressures and demands of this world are great; grant that we would daily repent of our sin and look to Christ, the Lamb of God, for forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

## **RESPONSE**

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

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

**People (sing): Glory to You, O Lord.**

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People (sing): Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON HYMN:** LSB 331 The Advent of Our King

- 1 The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.
3. O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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## **THE SERMON** **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 on 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.**

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**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.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore praising you and singing:

**People (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**People (sing): Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**: LSB 637

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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**: LSB 333 Once He Came in Blessing

- 1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.
- 2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.
- 3 Soon will come that hour When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.

- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LSB 630**

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

- 1 Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling  
Of the glorious body sing,  
And the blood, all price excelling,  
Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,  
Once on earth among us dwelling,  
Shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2 Giv'n for us, and condescending  
To be born for us below,  
He with us in converse blending  
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,  
Till He closed with wondrous ending  
His most patient life of woe.
- 3 That last night at supper lying  
Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,  
Jesus, with the Law complying,  
Keeps the feast its rites demand;  
Then, more precious food supplying,  
Gives Himself with His own hand.
- 4 Word made flesh, the bread He taketh,  
By His word His flesh to be;  
Wine His sacred blood He maketh,  
Though the senses fail to see;  
Faith alone the true heart waketh  
To behold the mystery.

- 5 Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,  
While eternal ages run;  
Ever too His love confessing  
Who from both with both is One.

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## **DISMISSAL and PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN: LSB 332 (verses 5-8)**

Savior of the Nations, Come

- 5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.
- 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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## **SEND OFF**

Pastor: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**