First Sunday In Advent

November 29nd, 2026 - Divine Service 1- LSB 151ff



The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us

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 meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are "enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge," and 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 His elect "from the ends of the earth" to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

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Announcements

Opening Hymn | 332 *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

Confession and Absolution

Please stand.

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

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *[Matt. 18:20; 28:19b]*

If we say we have not sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

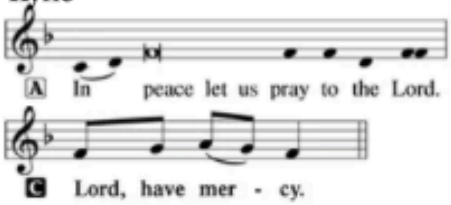
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

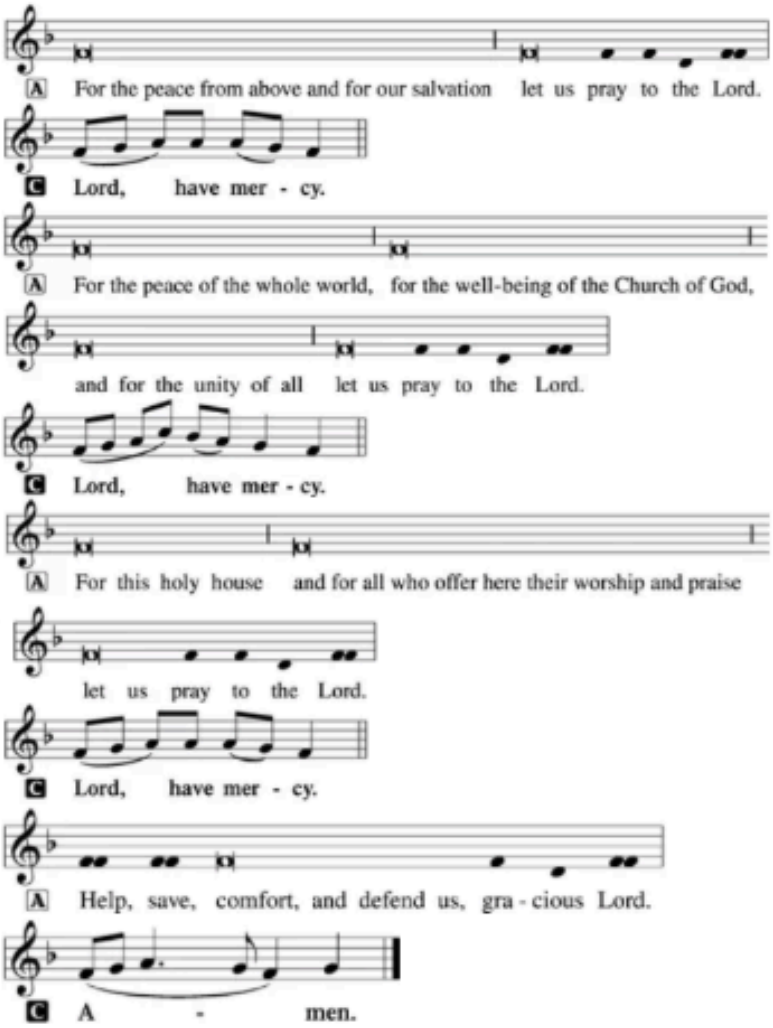
Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

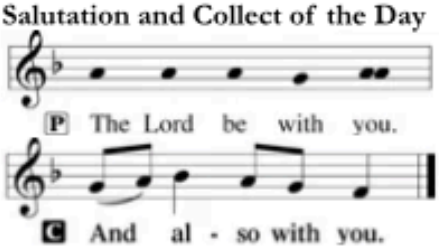
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

Kyrie

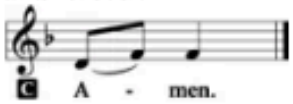




Salutation and Collect of the Day *[2 Timothy 4:22]*



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.



Please be seated.

Today's Readings from God's Word

The First Reading is from Isaiah 64:1-9

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
[2]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
[8]But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

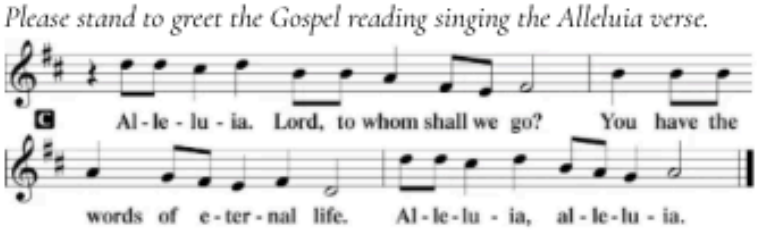
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading is from 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

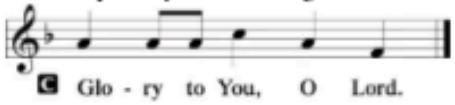
[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse.

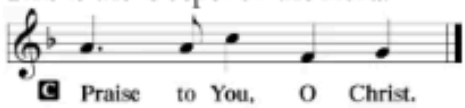


The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 11th chapter.



[1]Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4]And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5]And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7]And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8]And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9]And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
[10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward for a message by Pastor Fitch.

Sermon Hymn | 350 *"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"*

Sermon

Advent means "**C**_____."
Advent **p**_____ us to celebrate Jesus' **in**_____ & **b**_____.
Jesus' entry into Jerusalem shows **p**_____ that He is Israel's promised **M**_____ & **K**_____.
Isaiah prayed *(64:1)* for God to *"rend the heavens and* ***c***_____ ***d***_____."
Many in Israel believed he would come in **p**_____, as God had at Mount Sinai. *(Ex. 19)*
They expected the **M**_____ to do 3-things:
#1-Overthrow Israel's Gentile **e**_____;
#2-Reestablish the kingdom of **D**_____;
#3-Usher in the "**D**_____ of the **L**_____."
We too need Messiah to **d**_____ His people—and to show Gentiles & our world that He alone is her **C**_____ & **K**_____.
We need a Messiah-King who comes to **f**_____ us our **s**_____!
Jesus is Isaiah's prayers, answered—**p**_____, yet **g**_____.
Israel's king comes to them **r**_____ & having **s**_____.
Jesus comes to Jerusalem **h**_____, lowly & **aff**_____, riding on a **d**_____.
His suffering & death is how He will answer their prayer, *"Hosanna,"*–"**P**_____ **s**_____ **u**_____ *[now]!*"
In Mark's Gospel, only a **R**_____ **c**_____ acknowledges Jesus as the Son of **G**_____.
God **c**_____ to His people, turns from His righteous **a**_____ & remembers their **s**_____ no more.
That is the power of His **c**_____!
In His 1st-Advent, Jesus came as a humble **s**_____, to save Israel from her **s**_____ & to reveal **f**_____, **l**_____ & **s**_____ to and for **a**_____ people.

Our Confession of Faith

Together we confess the ***Apostles Creed.*** *(Inside Back Hymnal Cover)*
Please be seated.

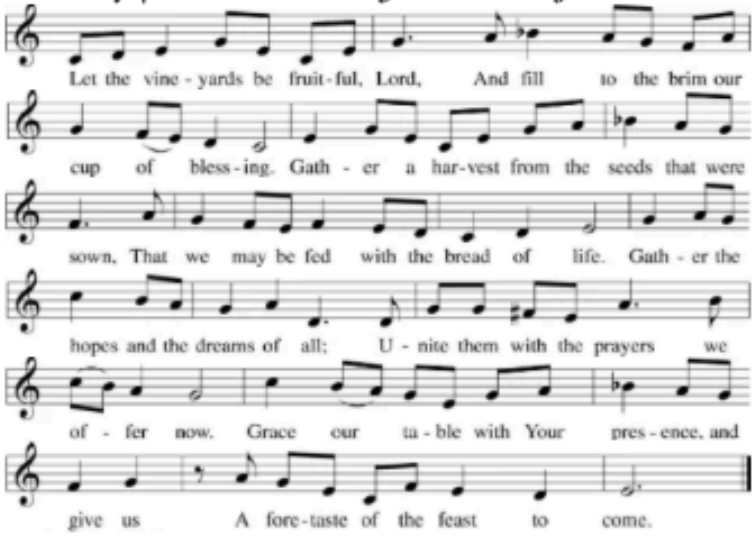
Prayers of the Church *[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

After each petition, the pastor will say, "...Let us pray to the Lord;" the congregation responds ***"Lord have mercy."***
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3)

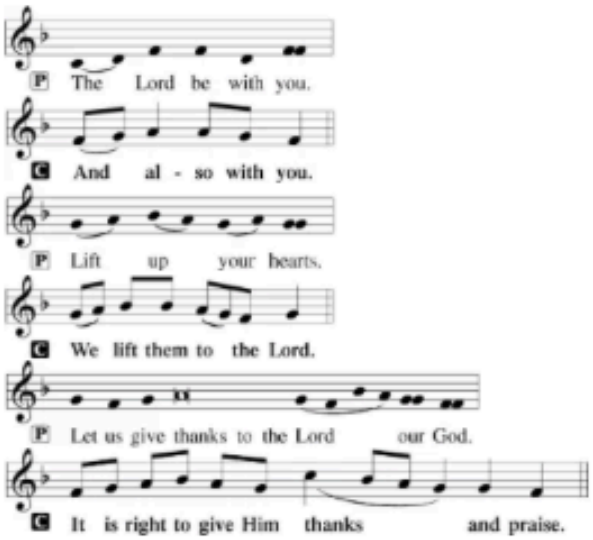
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Offertory | 955 ***"Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"***



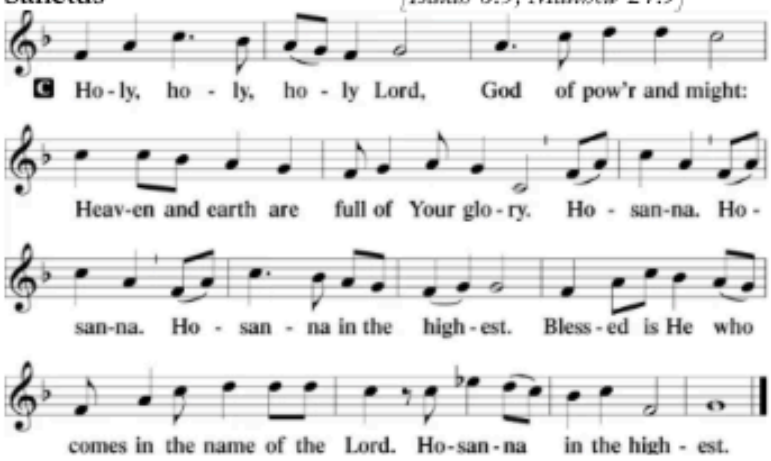
Preface



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 saying :

Sanctus *[Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9]*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

[Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 22:23-25]

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

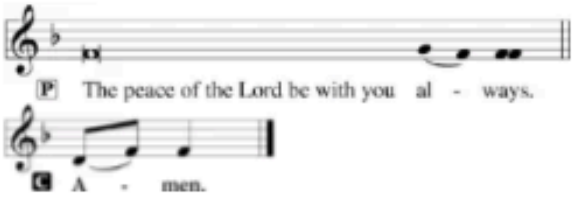
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: ***"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."***
As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgement. so remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

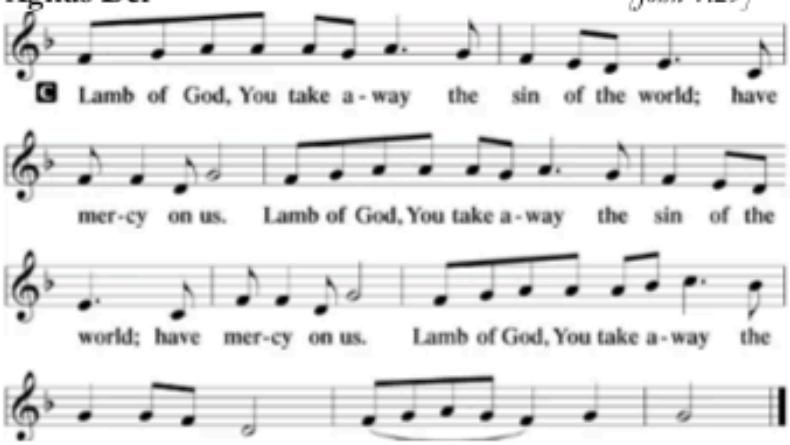
The Lord's Prayer *[Matthew 6:9-13]*

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.

Pax Domini



Agnus Dei *[John 1:29]*



Distribution of Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. [Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29]

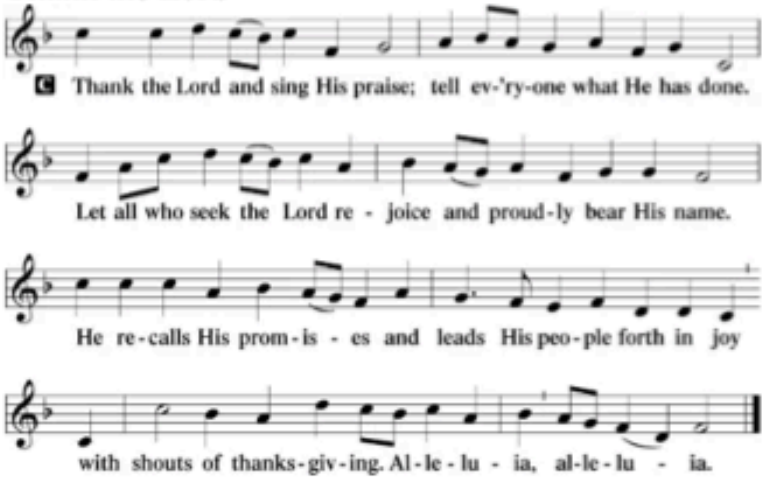
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith confessed at this altar, any who have not been instructed, in doubt, or holding a different confession from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. [1 Cor. 11:17-34]

Distribution Hymns

| 333 ***"Once He Came in Blessing"***
| 425 ***"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"***

When all have communed, please stand.

Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

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.
Amen

Closing Hymn | 343 ***"Prepare the Royal Highway"***

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