First Sunday in Advent November 27, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service



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Jesus



Jerusalem

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'Hearing, Sharing and Living the Gospel.'



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AS WE GATHER

Today's Gospel is also appointed for Palm Sunday. The One whose birth we are preparing to celebrate is He who came to die for us on a cross outside Jerusalem. As God had promised, Christ gave us His own righteousness, by taking our place. His total love is now ours to give to one another and all we meet.



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Divine Service – Setting Four 10:30 a.m. November 27, 2022

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

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

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b: [18:20]

LSB 203

Opening Hymn

LSB 334 sts. 1, 3-6

"O Lord. How Shall I Meet You"

Lord, how shall I meet You, How 1 O wel-come You a-right? 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free. 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me. Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light! stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me. sal - va - tion Pro - cured my Your thirst for my lib - er - ty.



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Stand + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 203 P Our help is in the name of the Lord, C who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.) Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *Luke 18:13*

G God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

PGod be merciful to you and strengthen
your faith.LSB 292

C Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

- **C** Yes. *LSB 293*
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

P Almighty God in His LSB 203 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 承 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 204
Introit Ps. 118:25-28; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.
P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
C Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

P You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
P C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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



(During Advent, the HYMN OF PRAISE is omitted)

The First Candle: The Prophecy Candle (Watch) [blue]

 P As we light the first candle on our Advent wreath, we recall with thanksgiving the vivid and courageous words and actions of the prophets. Called by God and overtaken by the Word, they spoke forth God's truth and pointed others to <u>watch</u> for the coming of the Messiah. Their words still call us to faith and to action.
 C Lord Christ, come among us, and by Your Spirit, grant us courage to <u>watch</u>, to speak and to act as those who have been called and chosen to carry Your Word to our world. Raise up among us wise and faithful messengers of Your grace and peace. In Your strong name. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the DayLSB 205PThe Lord be with you.2 Timothy 4:22

C 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 2 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: 2 In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

5 Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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

GradualZech 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.ACRejoice greatly, O daughter ofZion.Shout aloud, O daughter ofJerusalem.Behold, your king is comingto you; righteous and having salvation.Blessed is he who comes in the name ofthe Lord.From the house of the Lordwe bless you.

Epistle Reading Romans 13:8-14 8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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





- 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.
- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.
- 6 For You are the Father's SonWho in flesh the vict'ry won.By Your mighty pow'r make wholeAll our ills of flesh and soul.
- ▲ 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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Stand



Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1-11
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others

cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



(*repeat/spoken*) 1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest— We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there: The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

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Sermon Pastor Tom Rhodes "Jesus and Jerusalem"

StandApostle's CreedLSB 207P C I believe in God, the FatherAlmighty, 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.

Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)



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Prayer of the ChurchLSB 207

P Knowing that we are now nearer to the day of salvation than before, let us come with even greater urgency and plead on behalf of all of God's people and everyone according to their needs.

Brief silence

 P O Lord, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the good news of our Savior and to receive Your coming to us in Word and Sacrament. Preserve Your Church against her enemies, and lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal Lord, You raised up the prophets to prepare the way of the Lord and given pastors to Your Church who preach Your Gospel faithfully. Continue to bless us with those who bring to us Your Word and Sacraments, and give us ears to hear and hearts to believe the good news of our Savior and to then give our bold witness to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, You have appointed times and seasons and mark the rhythm of our lives through our worship on the Lord's Day and the Church Year. Guide us through this calendar to know You with joy and to mark the days as they move toward

Jesus' appointed return in all Your glory as Lord and Judge of all. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Mighty Lord, You hold all the might of man. Bless those who bear the duty of governance in our land, to be guided by Your Law according to Your will and purpose. Grant us the gift of peace, an end to violence and deliver us from terror and threat. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Lord, You have clothed us with Christ's righteousness in our Baptism. Grant to us Your Spirit, that we may have both the will and the desire to seek that which is good, right, and holy and to resist temptation to evil. Help us to bear in our daily lives the good fruit of Your Spirit and so glorify You in all we do and say. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

▶ Loving Lord, You have given to us Your Son to bear the burdens of our sin and to grant us healing and hope. Hear us on behalf of those in need, those afflicted with physical or mental ills, those whose hearts are touched by grief, and those in their last days on earth especially those on our prayer list and cards. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, You have shown to us more mercy than we deserve by Your coming to us, and in Your great love You have

redeemed us from all our sins and have made us to know You as the location of our salvation. Make glad the hearts of Your people, that we may live in peace and quietness all our days. All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and 承 give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*



Sit Closing Hymn

LSB 353 sts. 1-3 (to the tune of LSB 924)



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