

*Second Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**

December 10, 2023



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The grass withers.  
The flower fades.  
The word of our God  
will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8



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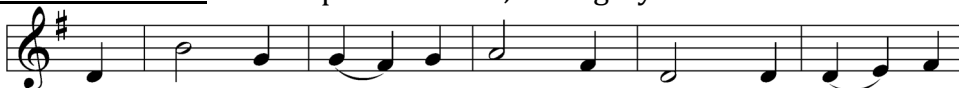
### PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*Wilbur Held*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

LSB 341 v. 1, 3-5



1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the  
3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the  
4 Flung wide the portals of your heart; Make it a  
5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to



King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing  
ruler is confessed! O peaceful hearts and happy  
temple set apart From earthly use for heaven's  
Thee; here, Lord, abide! O enter with Thy grace di-



near; The Savior of the world is here. Life and sal-  
homes To whom this King in triumph comes! The cloud-less  
ploy, Adorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
vine; Thy face of mercy on me shine. Thy Holy



vation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.  
Sovereign enter in And new and nobler life begin.  
Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.



To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.  
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.  
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

### INVOCATION Mt 28:19

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

People: Amen.

## CONFESSIO and ABSOLUTION based on Isaiah 40

Pastor: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

People: **The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever.**

Pastor: Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. Guilty before our God, without excuse, we confess our sinfulness to Him.

People: **We confess before You, O Lord, that we are sinful. We have failed to treasure Your Word and as a result we have lived for ourselves instead of living our lives for You. You intend Your Word to shine forth light, yet, at times, we choose to live in darkness. We acknowledge Your just judgment and confess we deserve to be cast away from Your presence. We trust not in ourselves but in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant us forgiveness for the sake of Him who sacrificed His life that we may have eternal life.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God unto you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

## THE INTROIT Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Psalm 80:3

Pastor/Choir: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. You brought a vine out of Egypt; it took deep root and filled the land. Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

## THE GLORIA PATRI



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## ADVENT KYRIE

The Kyrie Eleison ("Lord have mercy") for Advent is drawn from the familiar Christmas tune "Coventry Carol", first written in 1534 at the time of Luther. The Hymn of Praise is traditionally removed during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.




O Je - sus Christ, have mer - cy Lord. Grant us Thy ho - ly peace. Have  
mer - cy Lord, Im - man - u - el. Be Thou our "God with us".

### HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB 357 v. 1-3



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

*Refrain*  
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

### THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** 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.

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

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 40:1-11

*(Comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord our God.)*

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**Pastor:** This the Word of the Lord.

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

## **EPISTLE**

2 Peter 3:8-14

*(God's time and our time are not the same and we must be ready at all times for our Lord's return.)*

<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** @9am

“Every Valley”

*John Ness Beck  
The Cathedral Choir*

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:1-8

*(Our Lord's coming begins with the voice sent to prepare the world for His appearing.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People:



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*The Nicene Creed (325 AD) was written largely in response to questions about the person and nature of Jesus.  
This Creed is a clear biblical response to the Word of God made flesh. See for yourselves in Scripture.*

**I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
**the Father Almighty**, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
**maker of heaven and earth** *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** *Colossians 1:16*

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *Romans 10:9*  
**The only-begotten Son of God**, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds**, *John 1:2*  
**God of God, Light of Light**, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
**very God of very God**, *Colossians 2:9*  
**begotten, not made**, *John 1:2*  
**being of one substance with the Father**, *John 10:30*  
**by Whom all things were made**; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
**came down from heaven** *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** *Luke 1:34-35*  
**and was made man**; *John 1:14*  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
**He suffered and was buried.** *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*  
**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures** *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
**and ascended into heaven** *Acts 1:9*  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** *Acts 7:55*  
**And He will come again with glory** *Matthew 26:64*  
**to judge both the living and the dead**, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** *2 Peter 1:11*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2, Acts 2:38*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2, John 3:6*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and Son**, *John 15:26*  
**Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Mt 3:16-17; Lk 2:14*  
**Who spoke by the prophets.** *Ezekiel 11:5*  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church**, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins**, *Ephesians 4:5*  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
**and the life** ☩ **of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
**Amen.** *Psalms 106:48*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

LSB 357 v. 4-7



4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
by Thy draw - ing night; Dis - perse the gloom - y  
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.



*Refrain*  
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## SERMON

“What are the Odds?”

Mark 1:1

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor  
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## OFFERTORY

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*The offertories during the season of Advent will lead us to the manger, where God's greatest Gift to the world may be found. In response, we offer to Him our hearts and lives.*

♪ **Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;  
king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.  
Oh— star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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VOLUNTARY

“On Jordan’s Bank”

Paul Manz

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

*10:30am continues with the Benediction*

**\* The Order of Holy Communion \***

@9:00am

THE 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 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

tune: LSB 374



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of all cre - a - tion,



Heav - en holds Your pow'r and might, earth Your in - car - na - tion.



Sing "Ho - san - na!" to the Lord, bless the name of Je - sus!



He Who came in Beth - le - hem, comes a - gain to free\_\_ us.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

**THE PAX DOMINI** *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People:  Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI** *Jn 1:29*

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 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

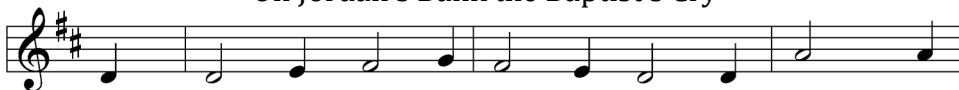
**DISTRIBUTION**

*For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine in the center of each tray.*

*Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.*

**“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

LSB 344



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther




for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

**DISMISSAL**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *Lk 2:29-32*


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 Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

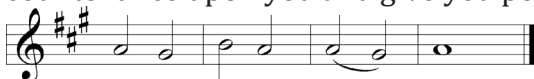
Pastor: We thank You, Lord Jesus, for calling us to repentance and for the gift of forgiveness. We praise You for making us one as the Body of Christ, united in Your Spirit. Sustain us through what has been received, that we continue to live in Your grace and bear fruit in Your name until we, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

## BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with comfort, joy, and peace in the promised Savior who has come. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✠ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



 A-men, a-men, a - men.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### “Hark the Glad Sound”

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

## POSTLUDE

### “Noël Suisse”

Louis Claude Daquin