

The First Sunday of

ADVENT

November 30, 2025

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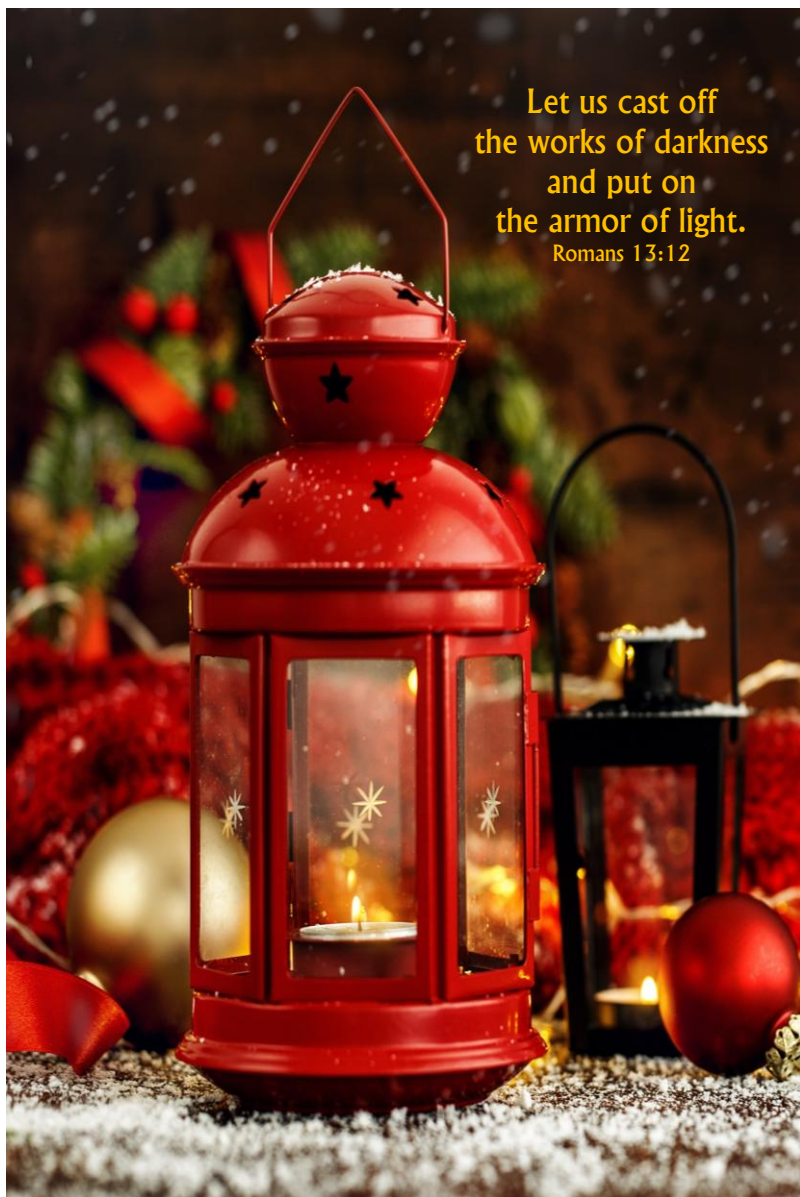
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Let us cast off
the works of darkness
and put on
the armor of light.
Romans 13:12



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PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Karl Osterland

ENTRANCE HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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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
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



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
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.

Refrain



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



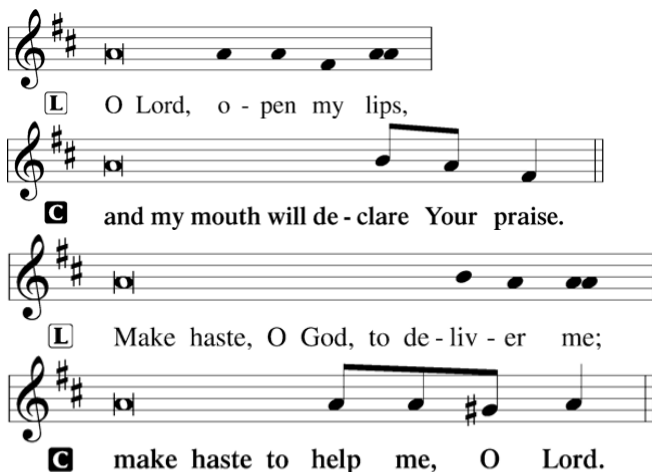
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

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

People: ♪ Amen.

The Order of Matins



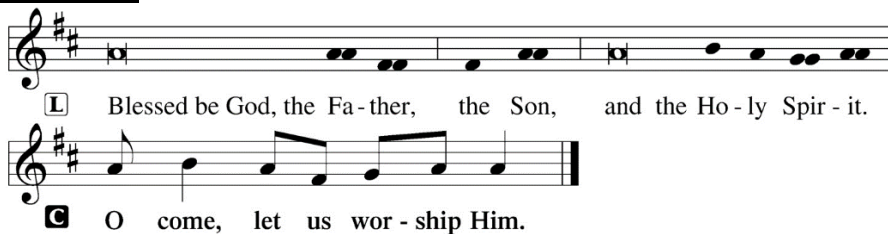
L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.

THE GLORIA PATRI



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

THE ANTIPHON

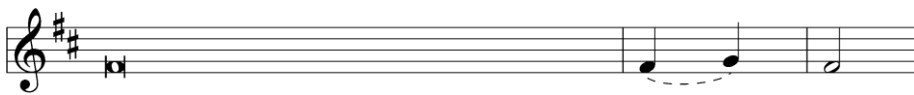


L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

THE VENITE Ps 95:1-7

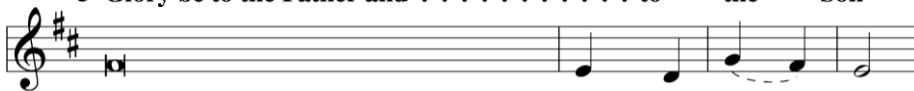
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Venite is the Latin word for "Come". It is the church's traditional call to worship based on Psalm 95. While we can trace the New Testament adaptation of the Venite to St. Benedict early in the 6th Century, God's people have been chanting or singing variations of the Venite long before the birth of Christ. However, rather than the vertical (God to us) Advent-themed "Come, Lord Jesus", this is a horizontal invitation (worshiper to worshiper) to "come, let us sing unto the Lord". The Venite is an encouragement to one another to sing, come into His presence, worship, and bow down.



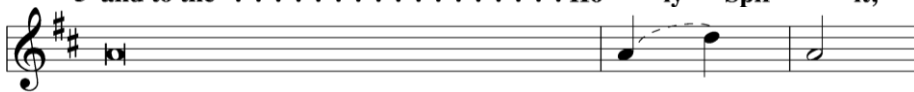
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

THE ANTIPHON



♪ **O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

(Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.)

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Will We Know Him When He Comes?"

*Karl Osterland
The Cathedral Choir*

EPISTLE

Romans 13:8-14

(Put on the armor of light.)

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Pastor:: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY Psalm 122

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
People: **Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
Pastor: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up,
People: **the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**
Pastor: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.
People: **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"**
Pastor: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"
People: **For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**
Pastor: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
People: **I will seek your good.**

RESPONSORY

Verse



L 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righteous Branch.
2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell securely.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

To Refrain

C This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Refrain



GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

(You must be ready because the Son of Man is coming when you least expect Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

People:



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁶"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS *from the Augsburg Confession, Article III*

Pastor: The Word, that is, the Son of God, did assume the human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, so that there are two natures, the divine and the human, inseparably enjoined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true man,

People: **who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of men.**

Pastor: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,

People: **and sanctify them that believe in Him, by sending the Holy Ghost into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and quicken them, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.**

Pastor: The same Christ shall openly come again to judge the quick and the dead.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Advent of Our King"

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1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain

And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
 Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

△ All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

SERMON

“A Flood for You”

Matthew 24:37

*Seminarian Henry Eising, Concordia Seminary
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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.

♪ **So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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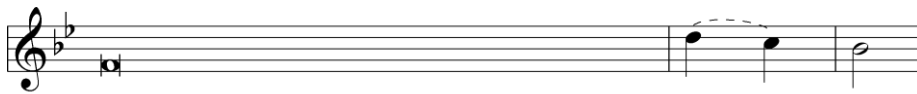
VOLUNTARY

“Hark! The Glad Sound”

David Cherwien

THE TE DEUM

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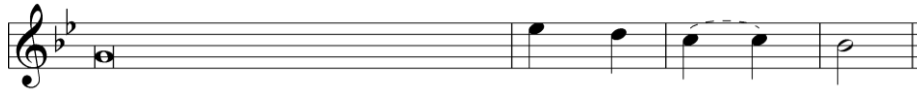
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



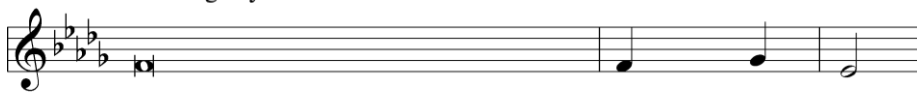
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



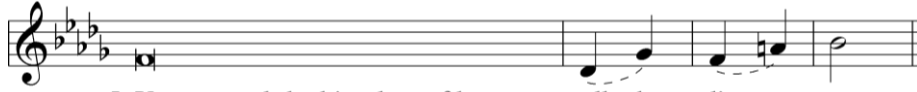
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



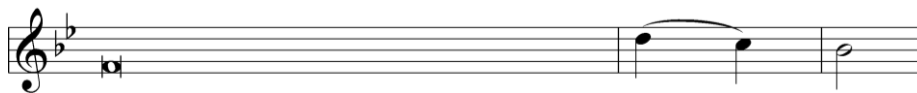
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



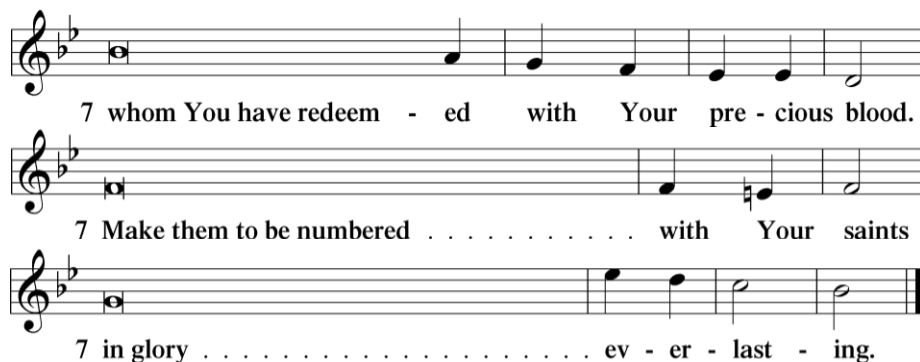
- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be — our — judge.

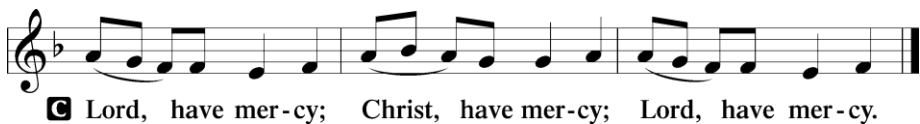


- 7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: We confess, Lord, that when we ponder Your might and power, that our chief aim is to glorify You and enjoy You forever. We confess that the purpose of our life, purposes seemingly woven together, are *Your* glory and *our* joy. But when we come to the end of our work together, it strikes us that we know less about “ends” than we imagine. We sing our hymn verses about heaven, we reiterate our concluding “thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.” We add our confident loud “Amen” to our best petitions, but we realize that in the end... we cannot see the end; not from where we’re standing.

People: **And when we do not see the end, we struggle with the meaning of it all.**

VERSE

tune: LSB 365

**♪ Please hear me, Lord Jesus, my heart as I pray
In a world filled with noise where my heart goes astray.
With peace and in silence I believe you are here
As you lean in to listen, You are ever so near.**

Pastor: And so, like our many fathers and mothers before us, we trust, grabbing or grasping onto hope, restless, wandering, but finally—we pray—ceding our ends and endings to You, in our simple, final prayer:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

VERSE

tune: LSB 365

♪ O come, Thou our Dayspring, O come from on high
And cheer us forever as a Light drawing nigh.
Disperse all the dark clouds, may the shadows take flight
That you find us rejoicing, at the end of this night.

Pastor: Come among us, come to Your church in our bewilderment, come to our country in our annoyance, come to our world in its insomnia, and grant us peace. Peace with justice, peace with joy, peace at the last, peace on earth
People: and glory to You in highest heaven.

VERSE

tune: LSB 365

♪ Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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.

BENEDICTION Num 6:24-26

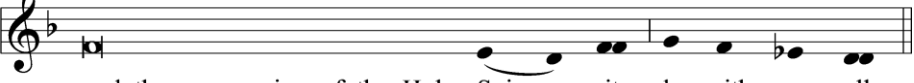
Pastor: The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. *2 Peter 3:9*

People: But he who stands firm to the end will be saved. *Matthew 24:13*

Pastor:



P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

People:



C 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

The first staff of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains six measures of music. The notes are: B-flat (half note), A-flat (quarter note), G (quarter note), F (quarter note), E (quarter note), and D (quarter note). The first measure has a fermata over the B-flat. The second measure has a slur over the A-flat and G. The third measure has a slur over the F and E. The fourth measure has a slur over the D and a quarter rest. The fifth measure has a quarter rest. The sixth measure has a quarter rest.

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grace	To en	- rich		the	hum	-	ble
ring	With	Thy		be	- lov	-	ed
							name.

POSTLUDE

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

J. S. Bach