



First Sunday in Advent
December 1, 2024



OUR REDEEMER

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Sunday Worship
9:30AM
Christian Education
11AM
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WELCOME to Our Redeemer and our hour of worship

Our Advent theme brings the hope that we will have a “real” Christmas. Rather than becoming caught up in the imagery, the pictures of Advent and Christmas, we focus on the reason Jesus came.

“May God our Father establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.” 1 Thess. 3

For parents with Small Children

There is a children’s bulletin available in the basket together with the service folders as you enter. Please pick one up. If necessary, rest rooms and a video monitor for watching the service are in the fellowship hall. Go to your left as you walk out of the worship area, through the double doors.

+ Service of Word and Sacrament +

Hymn – *Prepare the Royal Highway*

CWS702

**Prepare the royal highway
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory
Foretold in sacred story
Hosanna to the Lord
For he fulfills God's word!**

**God's people, see him coming
Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord
For he fulfills God's word!**

**Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too may bring
All lands will bow before him
Their voices join your singing
Hosanna to the Lord
For he fulfills God's word!**

Please stand.

**His is no earthly kingdom
It comes from heav'n above
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding
Hosanna to the Lord
For he fulfills God's word!**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION

P God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

C **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.** *James 4:6,10*

P Dear friends, the season of Advent is a time of preparation as we await Christ's second coming on the Last Day. We prepare our hearts to meet him as we humbly seek his forgiveness.

C **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his
innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God have mercy on me, a
sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

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

**C But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are
feared.**

Psalm 130:3,4

Hymn – *My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord* CW274, 1

**My soul now magnifies the Lord;
My spirit shall in God rejoice.
My humble state he did regard,
Exalting me by gracious choice.**

P God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was fulfilled in the coming of his Son. Jesus Christ humbled himself by submitting to God's law. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross. God promises to lift up the humble and fill the hungry with good things because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became
poor, so that we through his poverty might become
rich.**

2 Corinthians 8:9

C Even as we await Christ's second coming, he comes to us here and now in the words he gives his messengers to

speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn – *My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*

CW274, 2

**Henceforth shall people call be blest,
For great things he has done for me.
The mighty God is now my guest;
The Holy One has set me free.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT

P We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who will come again. He will gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

C We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.

P We hear his call to watch.

C We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

P Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blest.

+ + + Prayer of the Day + + +

P Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

Our God speaks to us from his Word

First Lesson - Jeremiah 33:14-16

The LORD promised that a descendant of King David would be our righteous Savior.

Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

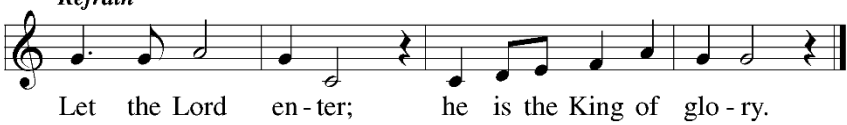
P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

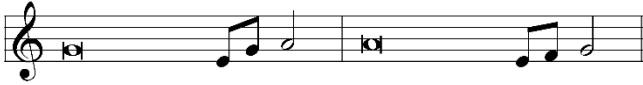
Psalm of the Day - Psalm 24

"Psalm 24 is a prophecy of the kingdom of Christ in all the world. It calls on the 'doors' of the world, that is, kings and princes, to make room for the kingdom of Christ." Luther.

Refrain



Psalm tone



Refrain

The earth is the **LORD'S**, and **everything** in it,
the world, and all who **live** in it;

for he founded it **upon** the seas
and established it upon the **waters**.

Who may ascend the hill **of** the **LORD**?
Who may stand in his **holy** place?

He who has clean hands and a **pure** heart,
he will receive blessing from God his **Savior**.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up,
you **ancient** doors,
that the King of glory **may** come in.

Who is this King of **glory**?
The **LORD** strong and mighty,
the **LORD** mighty in **battle**.

**Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

**Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

**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.**

Refrain

Second Lesson - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Christ came the first time so that by his saving work we might be found blameless and holy when he comes again.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith.

May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as we prepared for the Gospel reading.

Verse of the Day – from Zechariah 9

P Alleluia. See, your king come to you, righteous and victorious,

C lowly and riding on a donkey. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel - Luke 19:28-40

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing he would soon be put to death. This is why Christ came.

After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he came near to Bethphage and

Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They said, "The Lord needs it."

Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



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Sermon - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

Remembering why Christ came!

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from
God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in
unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Hymn – *Behold, a Branch is Growing*

CW47

**1 Behold, a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sang, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.**

**2 Isaiah had foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.**

**3 The shepherds heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory,
Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found him,
As angel heralds said.**

**4 This flow'r, so small and tender,
With fragrance fills the air;
His brightness ends the darkness**

**That kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man,
He came to save his people
From earth's dark night of sin.**

**5 O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woes,
O Savior, King of glory,
Who conquered all our foes,
Bring us at last, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.**

Prayer of the Church

P Lord of all, your Son declared that if his disciples ceased praising him, the very stones would cry out. Receive our thanks that you continue to preserve your Word among us.

C Even in a world that opposes your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare your praise.

P O Lord, we often use the cares of this life as excuses for wastefulness, drunkenness and distraction from you and your promises. Guard us from temptations that would harm our faith and cause us to fear your coming.

C Preserve us by your grace, that we may wait with joy to stand before the Son of Man in glory.

P Almighty God, grant us repentant hearts and increase our love for one another,

C that we may show forth our faith in good works.

P O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

C Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they would govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim your love and faithfulness.

P We give thanks to you, O God, that as you establish our hearts blameless in holiness before you, so you also provide for all our needs in this body and life.

C Hear our earnest prayers for those who are in need of your mercy, and comfort all who mourn.

Silent prayers.

P Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in your name to save us from sin and death.

C As he visits us this day with his body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome his coming and rejoice in his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

P God our Father, you have loved and chosen us according to your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word.

- C Grant to us the Spirit of your grace, that what you have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in his glory on the Last Day; for you live and reign, one God, now and forever, and have invited us to pray ...

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your
will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen!**

The Sacrament

- P The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

- P Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.
Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to
bring light to those living in darkness and in the
shadow of death.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the
kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ.
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be
praise, thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy – *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God - *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



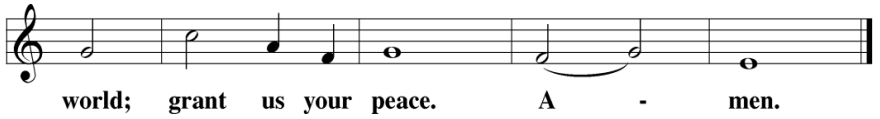
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a means by which Christ strengthens our faith as we receive His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. Receiving the Sacrament is a public confession of faith. Therefore, Our Redeemer congregation observes the Biblical principle of "close Communion." We invite only those persons who are members of this congregation or another Wisconsin Synod congregation to commune. Other guests are asked to speak with our pastor if they desire to join our confessional fellowship. Thank you!

After the Distribution, please stand.

We thank our God with Joyful Responses

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Lord sends us with his Blessing

The Closing Prayer

P Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a

new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction

P Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



Please be seated.

Closing Hymn – *Hark the Glad Sound!*

CW12

**1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.**

**2 He comes the captives to release,
In Satan's prison held.
The gates of brass before him burst;
The iron fetters yield.**

**3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.**

**4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.**



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Looking ahead ...

Tuesday, December 3rd – council, 7pm

**Sunday, December 8th – Worship 9:30am
Education time, 11am**

**Sunday, December 15th - Worship 9:30am
Education time, 11am
Christmas decorating, 2:30pm**

**Thursday, December 19th – cookie exchange at home of
Karolyn Hanna**

**Sunday, December 22nd – worship with Communion
9:30am
Education time, 11am**

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Worship 7pm

**Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day Worship
9:30am**

**Sunday, December 29th - Worship 9:30am
Education time, 11am**