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First Sunday in Advent



*Come, Lord  
Jesus! —  
As King*



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## *Welcome to Holy Trinity*

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

If you are a visitor with us today and want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Please be sure to provide us with your contact information in our friendship register that is passed around before or after the service.

Restrooms are located on the north end of the fellowship hall through the doors to the Learning Center. Additional restrooms with changing tables are located to the left of the entrance to the fellowship hall, through the doors to the Learning Center, then to the left.

Parents who need to leave the service to have quiet time with their child are welcome to use any of our classrooms in the Learning Center.

### *A Note to All Our Guests Regarding the Lord's Supper:*

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

### RITE TWO

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**Hymn** • *“The Advent of Our King”*

[CW93 1]

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| <p>1. The advent of our King<br/>Our prayers must now employ,<br/>And we must hymns of welcome sing<br/>In strains of holy joy.</p>   | <p>4. As judge, on clouds of light,<br/>He soon will come again<br/>And his true members all unite<br/>With him in heav’n to reign.</p> |
| <p>2. The everlasting Son<br/>Incarnate deigns to be,<br/>Himself a servant’s form puts on<br/>To set his servants free.</p>          | <p>5. Before the dawning Day<br/>Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,<br/>The sinful self be put away,<br/>The new self now put on.</p>        |
| <p>3. O Zion’s Daughter, rise<br/>To meet your lowly King,<br/>Nor let a faithless heart despise<br/>The peace he comes to bring.</p> | <p>6. All glory to the Son,<br/>Who comes to set us free,<br/>With Father, Spirit, ever one<br/>Through all eternity.</p>               |

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### Invocation

**P**ASTOR *In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

**P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C** Who made heaven and earth.

**P** *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;*

**C** And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**A LL** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

**P** *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

**G** Amen.

## **Psalm • 24**

**P** *The earth is the Lord's and everything that fills it,*

**G** the world and all who live in it,

**P** *because he founded it on the seas,*

**G** and he established it on the rivers.

**P** *Who may go up to the mountain of the Lord?*

**G** Who may stand in his holy place?

**P** *He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*

**G** whose soul is not set on what is false, who does not swear deceitfully.

**P** *He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God who saves him.*

**G** Such are the people of Jacob who look for the Lord, who seek your face.

**P** *Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors,*

**G** and the King of Glory will come in.

**P** *Who is this King of glory?*

**G** The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

**P** *Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift up, you ancient doors,*

**C** **and the King of Glory will come in.**

**P** *Who is he, this King of Glory?*

**C** **The Lord of Armies – he is the King of glory.**

**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** • *“All Glory Be to God on High”*

*[Tune: CW93 16]*

**1. All glory be to God on high!**

**Your name, O Lord, we glorify;**

**We praise you for your peace and grace,**

**Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.**

**Our ev’ry sin you take away.**

**Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;**

**From God’s right hand, your mercy share.**

**2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,**

**For your great glory, heav’nly King,**

**For all, O Father, you have done**

**Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

**4. You, Christ, are holy – Lord alone;**

**The Father’s glory you made known.**

**We by your Spirit sing again:**

**“All glory be to God!” Amen.**

## Salutation

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And with your spirit.**

## Prayer of The Day

**P** *Let us pray:*

*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.*



-Be seated-

## First Reading • *Isaiah 2:1-5*

| In the future, when our King arrives again, he will transform this world. |

This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>This will take place in the latter days:

The mountain of the Lord's house will be established  
as the chief of the mountains.

It will be raised above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it like a river.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples will come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob.

Then he will instruct us about his ways,  
and we will walk in his paths."

For from Zion the law will go out,  
and the Lord's word will go out from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He will judge between the nations,  
and he will mediate for many peoples.  
Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into blades for trimming vines.  
Nation will not lift up sword against nation,  
nor will they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come,  
and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## Second Reading • *Philippians 4:4-7*

| Our present life is transformed from nervousness to  
excitement and joy because of the arrival of the King. |

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace

of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-Stand-

## Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:10

☐ *Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, Alleluia.*

## Gospel • Matthew 21:1-11

☐ *The holy Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.*

## ☐ Glory be to You, O Lord!

<p>The King of all creation arrives in total humility, willing to do everything to save us from the consequences of our sin.</p>
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As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Ⓟ *Here ends the Gospel.*

🔊 **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

### **Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed**

Ⓐ **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

*-Be seated-*

### **Sermon Hymn • “Savior of the Nations Come”**

*[CW93 2]*

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| <p><b>1. Savior of the nations, come;<br/>Virgin’s Son, make here your home.<br/>Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,<br/>That the Lord chose such a birth.</b></p> | <p><b>3. Wondrous Birth! O wondrous Child<br/>Of the virgin undefiled,<br/>Though by all the world disowned,<br/>Yet to be in heav’n enthroned!</b></p> |
| <p><b>2. Not by human flesh and blood,<br/>By the Spirit of our God<br/>Was the Word of God made flesh,<br/>Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.</b></p>         | <p><b>4. From the Father’s throne he came<br/>And ascended to the same,<br/>Captive leading death and hell—<br/>High the song of triumph swell!</b></p> |



**5. Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally.**

**Sermon • Matthew 21:1-11**

**Look, Your King Comes to You!**

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### **Offertory Psalm**



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it  
with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your presence and take not Your  
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir-it. A - men.

*-Be seated-*

### **Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church**

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### **Preface**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And with your spirit.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**G** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*

**G** **It is good and right so to do.**

## **Preface for the Season**

**P** *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:*

**Sanctus • “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

[Tune: CW93 7]

### **1. O holy, holy, holy**

**Lord God of pow’r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.**

### **2. Hosanna in the highest!**

**How truly blest is he  
Who in God’s name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

**A** **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.**

## Words of Institution

☞ *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## Pax Domini

☞ *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

☒ **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

[Tune: CW93 50]

**1. Dearest Jesus, loving Savior,  
Christ, who takes all sin away,  
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,  
hear us as we humbly pray:  
in our dire and desp'rate need,  
for your mercy, Lord, we plead.**

**2. Dearest Jesus, loving Savior,  
Christ, who takes all sin away,  
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,  
hear us as we humbly pray:  
let your mercy still increase;  
grant us pardon, grant us peace.**

-Be seated-

## Distribution

*Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our Communion practice on page 2 in this service folder.*

**Hymn • “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”**

[CW93 3]

1. Lift up your heads, you mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation he will bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.
2. The King is born in poverty,  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe he brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.
3. How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is he  
Who comes to set his people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.
4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav’n’s employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov’reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!
5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
My heart to you; here, Lord, abide!  
Oh, enter with your saving grace;  
Show me your kind and friendly face.  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to your name.

**Hymn • “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”**

[CW93 26]

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| <p>1. Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,<br/>         Came with peace from realms on high;<br/>         Jesus came to win redemption,<br/>         Lowly came on earth to die,<br/>         Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>         Came in deep humility.</p>     | <p>3. Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,<br/>         Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;<br/>         Jesus comes with words of gladness,<br/>         Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.<br/>         Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>         Hope to all the world is giv'n.</p> |
| <p>2. Jesus comes again in mercy<br/>         When our hearts are worn with care;<br/>         Jesus comes again in answer<br/>         To an earnest, heartfelt prayer,<br/>         Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>         Comes to save us from despair.</p> | <p>4. Jesus comes on clouds triumphant<br/>         When the heav'ns shall pass away.<br/>         Jesus comes again in glory;<br/>         Let us, then, our homage pay,<br/>         Alleluia! ever singing<br/>         Till the dawn of endless day.</p>          |

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**Nunc Dimittis**

[Tune: CW93 19]

1. O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:  
 For I have seen your promised Incarnate, saving Word –  
 A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
 The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!
2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;  
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

**Communion Verse**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C** And his mercy endures forever.

## Collect of Thanksgiving

☐ *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true 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 on you with favor and give you peace ☩.*

☐ **Amen.**

-Be seated-

## Closing Hymn • “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

[CW21 524]

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| <p><b>1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!</b><br/>Your Lord and King adore!<br/>Rejoice, give thanks and sing,<br/>and triumph evermore:<br/>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!<br/>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p>       | <p><b>3. His kingdom cannot fail,</b><br/>he rules o’er earth and heav’n;<br/>the keys of death and hell<br/>are to our Jesus giv’n:<br/>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!<br/>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p> |
| <p><b>2. The Lord, our Savior, reigns,</b><br/>the God of truth and love;<br/>when he had purged our stains,<br/>he took his seat above:<br/>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!<br/>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p> | <p><b>4. Rejoice in glorious hope!</b><br/>Our Lord and judge shall come<br/>and take his servants up<br/>to their eternal home:<br/>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!<br/>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p>     |

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