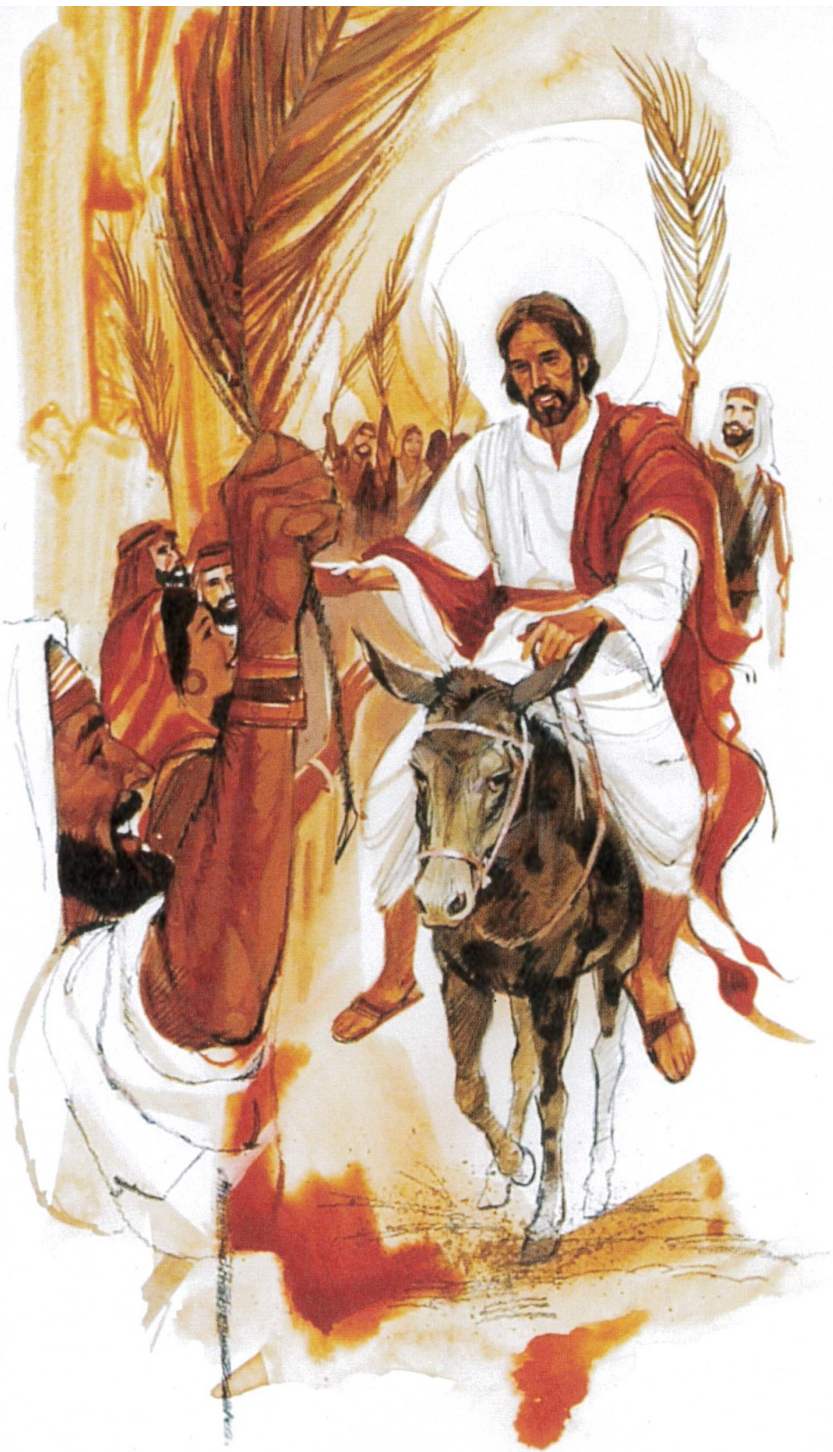


Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Plano, Texas



Behold,
your king
is coming to you

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

We are weak and sick, O Father, and the temptations of the flesh and the world are great and many. O Father, keep us, and let us not fall again into temptation and sin. Give us grace that we may remain steadfast and fight bravely to the end. Without your grace and help we can do nothing, Amen.

(M. Luther, 1483-1546)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"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. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten”

LSB 914



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
With the Fa - ther's “Let there be . . .” Light and life burst
“Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep.”
all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 203

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

Matthew 28-19b, [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Psalm 124:8

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 130:3-4

- 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.

[Luke 18:13]

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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. 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: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

- P** Almighty God in His 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 204

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

“People, Look East,” arr. John Leavitt

*People, look east! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*



Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³Let 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

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

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,

‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

LSB 206

**☐ 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will 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 in 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.**

Hymn of the Day

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332



Choir only: 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

Choir only: 7 *From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.*

△ 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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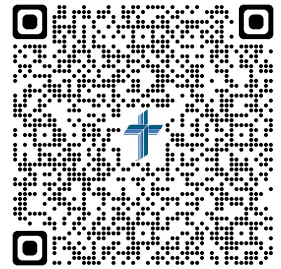
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Prayer of the Church

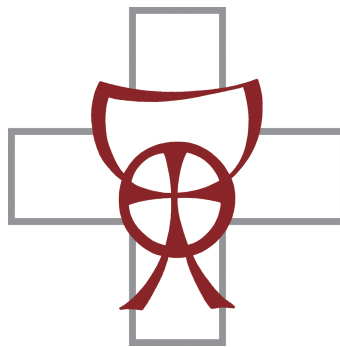
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+++Service of the Sacrament+++



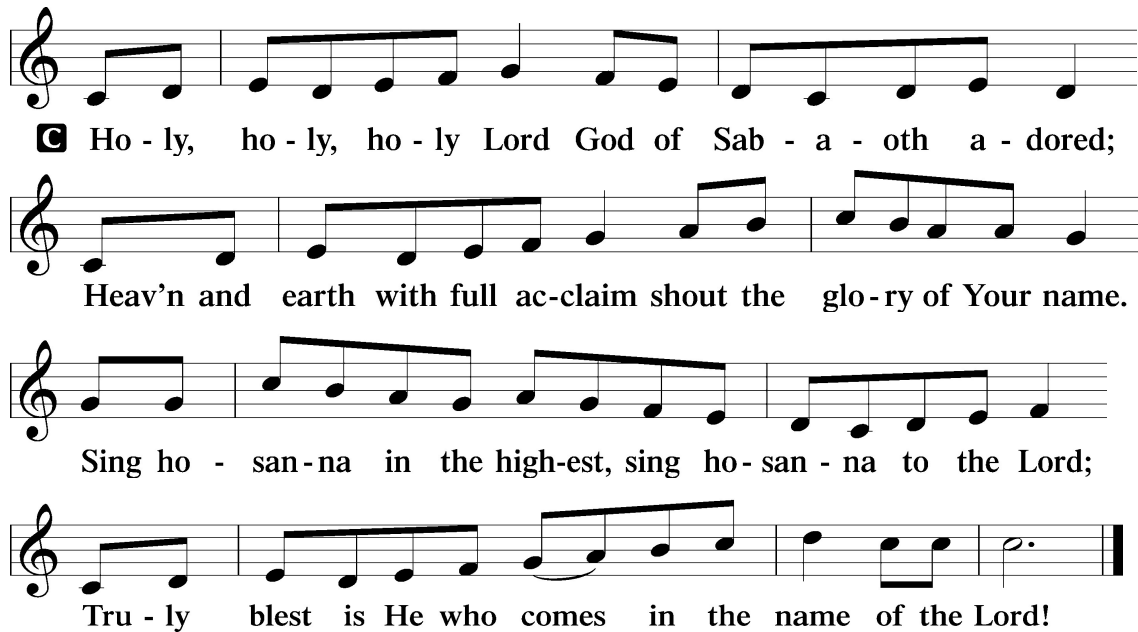
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]; LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24,
Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit



Agnus Dei

John 1:29; LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.

Distribution Hymns

The *Lutheran Service Book* is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348

Stand




Nunc Dimittis

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



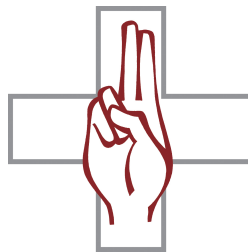
Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness 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, and 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

LSB 343



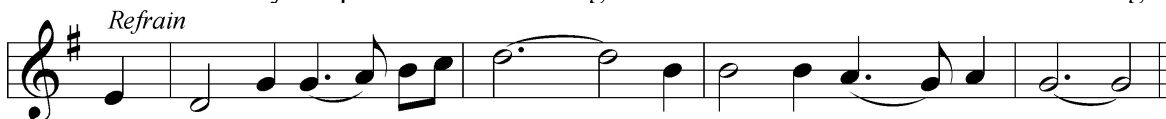
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound-ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

Sr. & Jr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 for a Bible study.

Special Needs Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 with Sandy Ehrett in the Library.

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark in the fellowship hall.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Acts at 9:30 am in Room 115.

Are you looking for a fun way to serve our congregation?

Sign up to be a greeter! We are looking especially for volunteers who regularly attend the 8 a.m. service. Please email Catherine Borck at caborck@gmail.com if you are interested.

Next Sunday is Pledge Sunday and Our Annual Voters' Meeting

Don't forget your pledge cards and please plan to attend our semi-annual voters' meeting. Topics covered will be the English District partnership, budget, financial update and the state of the parish.

Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in "thanksgiving for" or "memory of" someone you designate, for \$12 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Angel Tree

Our Angels this Christmas are children from the EKids After School Program. This is a program for under-served children living in apartments in Carrollton and Rockwall. The program is Christ-centered, under the direction of Pastor Jaime Gonzalez and his wife Fabiana Santos. Please select a child and their wish list. Sign your name next to theirs on the master list. Shop, and then wrap the gifts, keeping multiple gifts for the same person together and label. Return the gifts to church by December 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Carter.

A Life Thought in the Church Year

Beware the sword of abortion, euthanasia, and embryocidal technologies. Those who live by the sword will die by it sooner or later. The words and ways of the Lord our God, however, beat swords into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4)—a far more beautiful existence. May our words and deeds invite our neighbors to cast off the works of darkness, like sexual immorality, and take hold of the salvation that has drawn near (Romans 13:11-12)!

CHRIST FOR YOU this Week on KFUE

Start a new series on Advent Hymnody on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in Exodus 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and begin studying the Lord's Prayer on Concord Matters (12/3 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or KFUE Radio app.

HEINRICH (HENRY) NAU

Pioneer Lutheran Missionary & Educator

BORN: SEPTEMBER 21, 1881 Beltershausen, Hesse, Germany

DIED: MAY 17, 1956 Greensboro, N.C.

H EINRICH NAU WAS RAISED ON A FARM, but his father provided him with an education that led him to the University of Marburg in Germany. But after the student was seriously injured in a duel, in spite of his father's explicit prohibition of such activity, his father disowned him. Heinrich came to America in 1902, more interested in gambling than in religion. Down on his luck and even contemplating suicide, he happened upon The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's *Pilgerhaus* in New York City, established to help newly arrived immigrants.

The counseling he received there from Pastors Stephanus Keyl and Otto Restin changed his life, and within a few years, he was studying at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Upon graduation, Nau, eager for adventure as well as opportunities to preach the Gospel, went to India as a missionary. On his way there, he visited Germany briefly, reconciled with his parents and became engaged!

Nau spent about eight years in India, learned the languages (including Sanskrit) and told people about Jesus. While the efforts of Nau and his colleagues were bearing fruit, Nau fell ill and had to leave, fully intending however to return to South India to continue mission work.

As before, he traveled by way of Germany. But World War I broke out and the German government forced Nau to serve in the army. After a short time on the front lines, he was stationed as a chaplain in a large hospital. When the war ended, he completed a doctorate in Sanskrit and served briefly as a pastor in Berlin. As a German national, he was not allowed to go back to India, but he could go to the United States. He did just that with his wife and seven children.

Nau became a teacher at Luther College in New Orleans and then, in 1925, president of Immanuel Lutheran College in Greensboro, N.C. He held this position until 1949. Besides hosting a high school/junior college program, the school also had a seminary program where African-American men trained as Lutheran pastors.

Nau's interest in foreign missions persisted. When Jonathan Udofe Ekong came from Nigeria to request missionaries from the Lutheran Church, Nau went to investigate the possibilities. He became so enthusiastic about the prospects that he initiated the work himself in 1936–1938. During the 1940s, Nau took up the cause of evangelizing Muslims. Not only did he edit a periodical devoted to this work, but also in 1949–1950 he explored the possibilities in Iran and India, and in 1951 accepted a call to evangelize Muslims in India. He remained there until 1954, though he hoped to return again. Death, however, intervened. Reaching the unreached with the Gospel had been his constant desire.

For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit lcms.org/175.

DISCOVER MORE

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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is made up of the four Sundays that come right before Christmas. In other words, the deeper into Advent you go, the closer you get to Christmas Day. For Christians, the First Sunday in Advent is kind of like the “New Year’s Day” of the Church Year calendar.



Why do we celebrate Advent?

The word Advent means “coming.” During Advent, we prepare for the coming of the One who was born that first Christmas in a stable. We prepare for the One who saved us from sin, death and the power of the devil: our Lord Jesus Christ! What a wonderful and exciting time of preparation!



Parents:

At home, in order to help your children better prepare for the birth of Jesus, try using an Advent devotional booklet provided by the church for family devotions.



Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:
Organist:
Altar Guild:
Elders:
Greeter:
Ushers:
Sound:

Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Victoria Frinsko
Nancy Cawood, Beverly Moudy
Tim Ozlowski, Doug Hite
Phaedra Shaltanis, Dave Peters
Charles Hacker, Sam Carter
Brian Wolf, Randy Rippey

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Nov. 27, 2022

8:00 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
(K-5th Gr, Room 113)
Jr & Sr IMPACT Class (Room 122)
Special Needs Class (Library)
Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)
Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)
10:45 am Late Worship Service
12:30 pm Jr. Confirmation

Wednesday, November 30

1:30 pm Advent Worship
5:45 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Advent Worship
7:30 pm Adult Choir

Friday, December 2

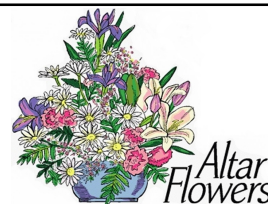
9:00 am Comfort Makers – Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 3

7:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast

Next Sunday's Readings December 4, 2022

Old Testament: Is. 11:1–10
Epistle: Rom. 15:4–13
Gospel: Matt. 3:1–12



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Al & Norma Martin in celebration of their anniversary; and by the Carters in celebration of Arlene Munden's birthday.



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About the Cover: Behold (Christ Incarnate was able to be seen with human eyes and will be seen again, God in the flesh!), **your king** (Jesus is King of kings, who reigns over all, and at the same time is *our* king!) is **coming** (Jesus came on that first Christmas, He came into His Holy City to die and rise, and He will come again!) **to you** (He has done it all for you for your forgiveness and eternal life!).