

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, November 27, 2022 11:00 AM

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WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES

5:00 pm Saturday Worship
8:30 am Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class
11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

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AS WE GATHER

“In God We Trust” is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God’s people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist confidently stated, “In God I trust; I shall not be afraid” (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God’s grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: STEP BY STEP Strasser

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days. REPEAT SONG

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.
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(Please Stand)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE *John 8:12; John 1:5*

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C and illumine Your church.

HYMN: WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE The Candle of Hope

OAAR 172 v. 1

1 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And wait for Christ to
come. With hope, we trust the prom - ise That
He will bring us home. Our hope is in our

Sav - ior Who wins for us God's fa - vor. We
wait with grow - ing light Till God makes all things right!

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INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- 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.

(or)

- A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

ADVENT VERSE: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357 v. 1 & 2

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
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

(Please Be Seated)

✠ WORD ✠

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

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.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:1-11*

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C Glory to You, O Lord.

1जब उहाँहरू यरूशलेमको नजिक जैतून डाँडाको बेथफागेमा आइपुगनुभयो, तब येशूले दुई जना चेलाहरूलाई यसो भनेर पठाउनुभयो, 2“तिमीहरू सामुन्नेको गाउँमा जाओ। त्यहाँ पुग्ने बित्तिकै तिमीहरूले एउटा गधा र त्यसको बछेडो बाँधिएका भेटाउनेछौ। तिनलाई फुकाएर मकहाँ ल्याओ। 3कसैले तिमीहरूलाई केही भन्यो भने, ‘प्रभुलाई यिनको जरूरत छ’ भन्नू र त्यसले तुरुन्तै ती पठाइदिनेछ।”

4□ गमवक्ताद्वारा बोलिएको वचन पूरा होस् भनेर यो भएको हो,

5“सियोनकी छोरीलाई भन, हेर, तिम्रा राजा तिमीकहाँ आउँदैछन्, विनम्र भई गधामाथि सवार भएर, गधाको बच्चा, एउटा बछेडामाथि।”

6तब चेलाहरू गए, र येशूले तिनीहरूलाई □ हाएबमोजिम गरे। 7तिनीहरूले गधा र त्यसको बच्चा ल्याए, र तीमाथि आफ्ना लुगाफाटा ओछ्याए, र उहाँ त्यसमाथि बस्नुभयो। 8भीडमा धेरैले आफ्ना वस्त्र बाटोमा ओछ्याए, र □ रूहरूले रूखका हाँगा काटेर बाटोमा बिछ्याइदिए। 9उहाँको □ गि र पछि लागेका भीड यसो भन्दै कराए,

“दाऊदका पुत्रलाई होसन्ना! धन्य उहाँ, जो परमप्रभुको नाउँमा आउनुहुन्छ! परमधाममा होसन्ना!”

10जब उहाँ यरूशलेममा प्रवेश गर्नुभयो, सारा सहरमा हलचल मच्चीयो। मानिसहरूले सोध्न लागे, “यिनी को हुन्?” 11भीडका मानिसहरूले जवाफ दिए, “यिनी गालीलको नासरतबाट आएका □ गमवक्ता, येशू हुन्।”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,

His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु -

एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।
 अनि उहाँको एकले पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू खीष्टमाथि ।
 उहाँ पवित्र-आत्माका शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
 कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
 पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।
 क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
 मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो । आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
 तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट विउँतनुभयो ।
 स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
 सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नु भएको छ ।
 जहाँदेखि उहाँ
 जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।
 म विश्वास गर्दछु -
 पवित्र आत्मामाथि, पवित्र विश्व एक्लेसियामाथि,
 पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
 पाप मोचनमाथि, शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
 र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि अभिन ।

(Please Be Seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GOD LOVES ME DEARLY

LSB 392 v. 1

1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
Refrain
 There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
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SONG OF THE DAY: THE KING OF GLORY

Jabusch

AGPS 227

REFRAIN: The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
 Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?
 He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. REFRAIN

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
 He goes among His people curing their illness. REFRAIN

Sing then of David's son, our Savior, and Brother;
In all of Galilee was never another. REFRAIN

He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation. REFRAIN

He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen,
And He will share with us His heavenly vision. REFRAIN

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SERMON

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness, that we be of support and encouragement to them, and that together we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

P As a household of faith, we make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day need our prayers, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers be answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

P We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas is sad or challenging in some way. Help us to reach out to them with compassion, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

(Special Petitions)

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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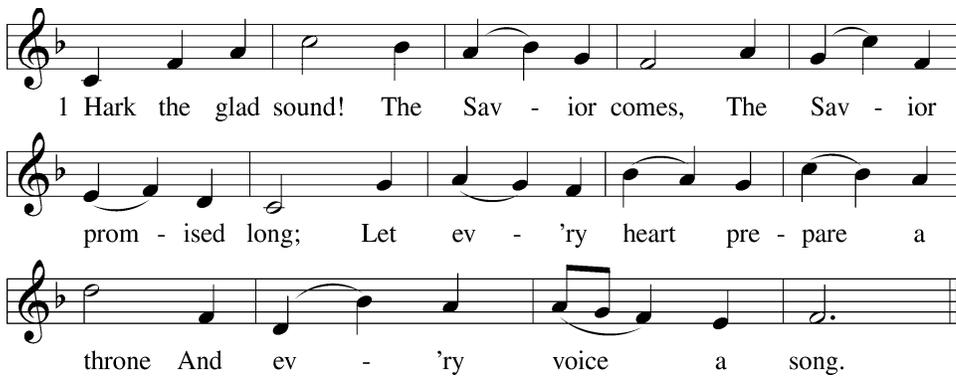
GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Please place offerings in the wooden box located in the church narthex/lobby. Giving is also available online at ascensionstl.com. Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity!

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7*

OFFERTORY: HARK THE GLAD SOUND

LSB 349 v. 1



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.

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(Please Stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. *Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them*
2. *Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament*
3. *Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life*

PREFACE

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बसुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको ँच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै ँस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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

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✠ DISTRIBUTION SONGS ✠

GRACE LIKE RAIN Collins

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see so clearly.

CHORUS: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. CHORUS

Interlude

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun. CHORUS X 2

. . . They're washed away.

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REVELATION SONG Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy, Holy, is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. REPEAT

CHORUS: Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything, And I will adore You!

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be. To You the only wise King. CHORUS

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath, and living water; such a marvelous mystery. CHORUS X2
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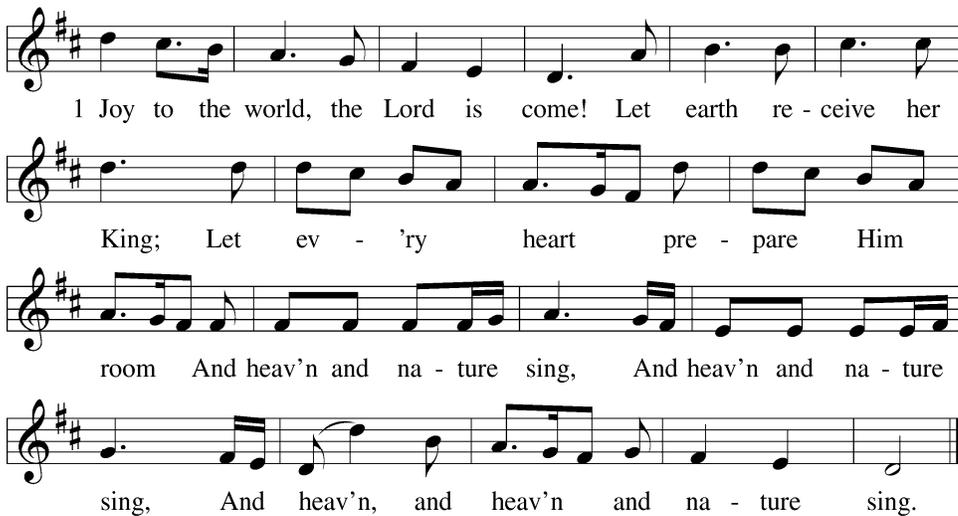
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DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.
- C** Amen.

HYMN VERSE: JOY TO THE WORLD

LSB 387 v 1



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.

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BENEDICAMUS

- P** We are people loved by Christ
- C** Sharing Christ's love.
- 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 SONG: MIGHTY TO SAVE

Fielding/Morgan

Everyone needs compassion. Love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness. The kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

CHORUS: Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me. All my fears and failures. Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow. Everything I believe in, now I surrender. CHORUS

Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. CHORUS, BRIDGE
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POSTLUDE

Instrumental

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