

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2023**



**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dec 06, 13, & 20 – Midweek Advent Service (7 PM)**  
**Advent Midweek Dinners each Wed (6 PM)**  
**Dec 09 – Children’s Christmas Rehearsal (9 AM)**  
**Happy Birthday Jesus Party (11 AM)**  
**Dec 10 – Children’s Christmas Service (9:30 AM)**

**INVOCATION**

**P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.**  
**C: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**                      *Psalm 33:20–22*

**P: Our soul waits for the LORD;**  
**C: He is our help and our shield.**

**P: For our heart is glad in Him,**  
**C: because we trust in His holy name.**

**P: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,**  
**C: even as we hope in You.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P: Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.**  
**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

### **SONG OF PRAISE            “Sing His Love”**

Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love  
And that love so deep, so moving Draws us close to Christ above  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us Firmly fixed in Christ alone

**Chorus:**

And the world will sing His love Yes, the world will sing His love  
And we'll all join hands Every woman, every man  
And sing His love (and sing His love)  
And sing His love  
And sing His love (and sing His love)  
And sing His love

Tho' the world may change its fashion Yet our God is ever the same  
His compassion and His cov'nant Through all ages will remain  
God's own children, God's own children Must forever praise His name  
(Chorus)

God's compassion is my story It's my boasting all the day  
Mercy free and never failing Moves my will, directs my way  
God so loved us, God so loved us That His only Son He gave (Chorus)

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.  
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us as we wait for Your arrival. Protect us by Your hand that 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.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent is from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 64.  
(Isaiah 64:1–9)

- [1] Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
[3] When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
[4] From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
[5] You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
[6] We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
[7] There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
- [8] But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
[9] Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE of St Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 1.

(1 *Corinthians* 1:3–9)

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5] that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— [6] even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7] so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8] who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm* 24:7

P: Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!

C: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark* 11:1–10

(Our King enters His royal city as His people wait for Him.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[1] Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2] and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3] If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” [4] And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5] And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” [6] And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7] And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8] And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9] And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [10] Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN No. 331      “The Advent of Our King”**

**The advent of our King   Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing   In strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son   Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant’s form puts on   To set His servants free.**

**O Zion’s daughter, rise   To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise   The peace He comes to bring.**

**As judge, on clouds of light,   He soon will come a gain  
And His true members all unite   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      “You Are Not Lacking in Any Gift”   1 Corinthians 1:7**

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH

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*Please stand*

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 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.

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.

## OFFERING

### PLEDGES TO BE RECEIVED ON THE ALTAR

P: Pledges will be received on the altar as a reminder of our faithful support toward  
Christ's ministry. Please sign the envelop so that we can return your pledge to you next  
year. Thank you!

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: As we wait in hope for the coming of our Lord, let us together, as His Advent people, bring  
our prayers before Him.

- P: Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your goodness and mercy that follow us all the days of our lives. You are our God; we are Your people. You have purchased and won us from sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son upon the cross and by His rising from the grave so that we are lacking any gift as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. As He now sits at Your right hand, exalted over all things, we wait expectantly for the Day of His revealing. We wait in hope for the Lord!
- C: He is our help and our shield.
- P: Mighty King and loving Savior, we thank You for the authority You have over all things in heaven and on earth. As we watch our world fracture in disarray and the people in it sink low in despair, we know You alone offer hope, peace, and certainty that all things are in Your hands. Help us and all people to trust in You, Lord Jesus, even as we wait for the redemption You will provide on the Day You come again to judge the living and the dead. Bless the land in which we live and all those who serve for the benefit of us all. Be present in our homes, our schools, and our workplaces that Your provision be known to all. We wait in hope for the Lord!
- C: He is our help and our shield.
- P: Healer of the broken and sustainer of the weary, grant the comfort of Your Holy Spirit to all who are suffering in heart, body, mind, and spirit. Remind those who are downtrodden that they are never alone, and use us as Your people to reach out in care and compassion to those in our family, our community, and within this congregation who need Your healing mercies, *especially the Martin family as they mourn the sudden loss of Matt's mother this past week.* Embrace them with Your compassionate words of love in the hour of their need. We wait in hope for the Lord!
- C: He is our help and our shield.
- P: Loving God, You created all the people of the world and you know each of us by name. We thank you for **Sloan Colvin, Laurie Tatge, and Dennis Brockmeyer** who celebrate their birthdays this week. Bless them with your love and friendship that they may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace until the Day of our Lord's appearing. We wait in hope for the Lord!
- C: He is our help and our shield.
- P: Father of us all, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we ask You to pour out the abundance of your blessing upon **Bob and Charla Morton** as they celebrate their wedding anniversary this week. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death...

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home. With them, We wait in hope for the Lord!

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: Lord Jesus, we are Your waiting, expectant, hope-filled people. We anticipate the Day of Your revealing when Your saving work will be fully complete and when You renew and restore all things in heaven and on earth. Until that glorious Day, help us to rely upon Your grace alone, which declares us guiltless in Your sight through faith in Your promises. Stir up our hearts to make known to all the wonders You have done, so that more souls may be brought to saving faith and many would join with us in saying, "We wait in hope for the Lord!"

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: Confident in our coming King and Savior, we entrust our prayers into Your merciful hands, for You, O Father, live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### 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.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Psalm 33:21*

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for the mercy You show us in Jesus Christ, Your Son and our King. You have rescued us from the guilt of our sins and revealed Your mercy to us in the cross and resurrection of our Savior. As we await His final coming, we gather before You to remember His sacrifice for us. Prepare our hearts to receive the redemption He provides through His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His holy name and in the timeless words He has taught us:



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** 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.”

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.”

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD** (PAX DOMINI)

**P:** Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**C:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C:** And also with you.

**“LAMB OF GOD”** (AGNUS DEI)      *(p.198 in hymnal)*

O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**“You Are My All in All”**

W&M by Dennis Jernigan

Refrain:      **Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**  
                 **Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

**You are my strength when I am weak**  
**You are the treasure that I seek,**  
**You are my all in all. (Refrain)**

**Seeking you as a precious jewel**  
**Lord to give up I'd be a fool**  
**You are my all in all. (Refrain)**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,**  
**Rising again I bless Your name.**  
**You are my all in all. (Refrain)**

**When I fall down You pick me up**  
**When I am dry You fill my cup**  
**You are my all in all. (Refrain)**

**# 350 LSB - “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”**

**Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!**  
**Come, O Savior of the world; Open are to Thee all portals.**  
**Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.**

**Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.**  
**Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Thought I am but poor and lowly.**  
**Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou are my guest divine!**

**My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;**  
**Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,**  
**And in faith I will embrace Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.**

**Hail! Hosanna! David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!**  
**Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown Bring us blessing and salvation**  
**That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our king!**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

**C:** Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of waiting that, on the Day of His arrival, we may rejoice forever as those You have redeemed;

**P:** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## BLESSING OF THE LORD *Psalm 33:22; Numbers 6:24–26*

**P:** Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

**C:** even as we hope in You.

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord smile upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" [LSB 338; LW 22; CW 6]

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## SENDING

**L:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God!