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Worship –9:30 am

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30, 2025

**OPENING VIDEO** “Better Is One Day” by Matt Redman

## INVOCATION

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6*

P: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.  
C: **So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

P: Holy and gracious God,  
C: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sins I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some are known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**  
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.**

P: He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.  
C: **Amen.**

## SHARING GOD’S PEACE

**INTROIT** *Psalms 118:25–28;*

P: Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
C: **O Lord, we pray, give us success!**  
P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
C: **We bless you from the house of the Lord!**  
P: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
C: **Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**  
P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
C: **You are my God; I will extol you.**  
ALL: **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.**



## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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* (“Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.”)

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
It 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, and 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 forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He 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.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE *Romans 13:8–10, 11–14* (“Put on the armor of light.”)

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the 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.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides 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. The 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. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE *Psalms 24:7*

P: Alleluia.

C: **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**    *Matthew 21:1–11* (Rejoice, Jerusalem, for Your Lord comes to You.)

**Pastor:**            The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**People:**           **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

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

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And 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!” And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

**Pastor:**            This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**           **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**    LSB #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**     Matthew 21:6-11    "Faces in the Crowd"

Rev. Tony Troup

**CREED**     *Apostles' Creed (Please stand)*

**People:**     **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.**

## **OFFERING**

**HYMN**    LSB #806    "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.**

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Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, Give thanks.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: Almighty Lord God, who has by Your grace permitted us to enter into a new Church Year, we pray You to grant to Your church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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

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.**

**HYMN** LSB #349 "Hark the Glad Sound" (Please stand)

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

**He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.**

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

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

## **THE SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**C:** Thanks be to God!

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