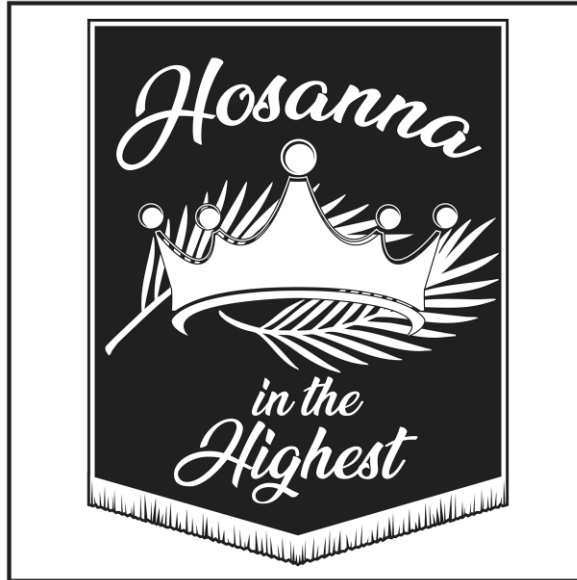


FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"Salvation to Us Has Come"-- Romans 13.11

10:00 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. How odd it is, then, that the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent is the same as the Gospel for Palm Sunday! This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. The cry of Advent is "prepare the way of the Lord." We will echo the words of John the Baptist, heralding Christ's coming. We will join in the chant of the crowd: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Matthew 21:9). We will hear Him speak to us through the voice of His Word. We will feast upon His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. In all our preparations, we acclaim Him as Lord and receive Him and all His benefits.

ORDER OF MATINS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Please stand.

Invocation and Confession and Absolution

Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

People: So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Silence for self-examination.

Leader: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an 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.

People: Amen.

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

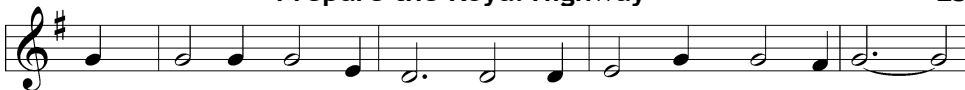
People: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *The Advent wreath is lit with the other candles as the hymn is sung.*

Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

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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:

Refrain

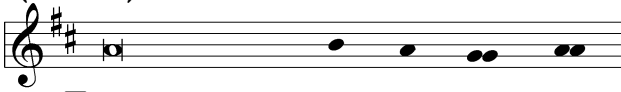


Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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✠ PSALMODY ✠

Antiphon (Advent)



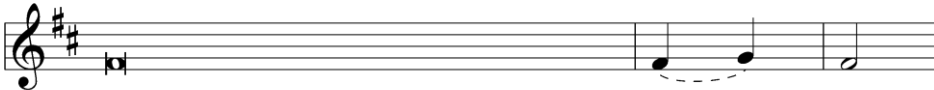
L Behold, the Lord comes to save us.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

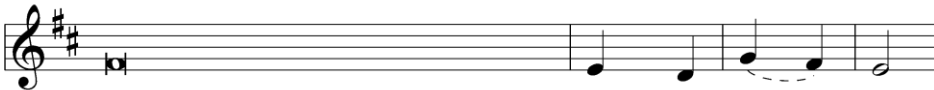
Venite

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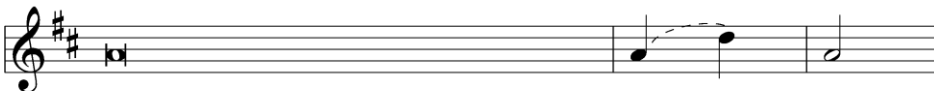
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Advent)



L Behold, the Lord comes to save us.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Please be seated.

✠ READINGS ✠

Old Testament Reading “Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.”

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: 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 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.

Reader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 122; antiphon: v. 6

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

People: “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Leader: Our feet have been standing
People: within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Leader: Jerusalem—built as a city
People: that is bound firmly together,

Leader: to which the tribes go up,
People: the tribes of the Lord,

Leader: as was decreed for Israel,
People: to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Leader: There thrones for judgment were set,
People: the thrones of the house of David.

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
People: “May they be secure who love you!

Leader: Peace be within your walls
People: and security within your towers!”

Leader: For my brothers and companions’ sake
People: I will say, “Peace be within you!”

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
People: I will seek your good.

Epistle Reading

“Put on the armor of light.”

Romans 13:8-14

Reader: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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.

Reader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

Holy Gospel

Rejoice, Jerusalem, for Your Lord comes to You.

Matthew 21:1-11

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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,
 and 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.**

Common Responsoy

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- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

Stanzas 1, 3, 5, 8: **ALL**

Stanzas 2, 6 **Women & girls**

Stanzas 4, 7 **Men & boys**



- 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.**

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

Please stand for the final Trinitarian verse.

**△ 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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Sermon

“Salvation to Us Has Come”

Romans 13:11

Please stand.

✠ CANTICLE ✠

Benedictus

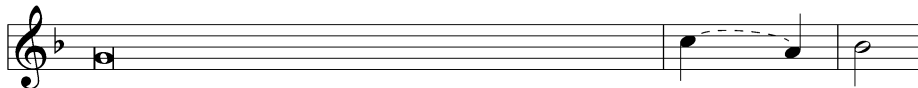


**1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most — High;
 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

First Sunday in Advent



1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
2 who have been since the world be - gan;
3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
4 might serve Him with - out fear,
5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore Him
5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
2 and from the hand of all who hate us;
3 to grant us that we,
4 all the days of our life.
5 in the for - give - ness of their sins,
6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Offering *Please be seated. During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

† Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.

✠ PRAYER ✠

Please stand.

Kyrie



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

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.

Collect of the Day / Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray on behalf of the world, those with special need, and for all the faithful.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: That we may depart from the ways of the wicked and manifest in word and deed our faith in His Word and our delight in His will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may resist the temptation to despair in time of trouble and manifest a joyful heart and hope in all circumstances of this mortal life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may enjoy the gift of good government, wise and faithful leaders, and peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That those who suffer in any want or need—the sick, grieving, and those troubled in mind or soul—may be granted healing and comfort, [*especially . . .*], and that all may be preserved in faith and holiness to the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we may be united in doctrine and life and that in the unity of this Table all who here receive the Sacrament may be granted discernment of Christ's body and blood and faith to receive this communion to their benefit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

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

People: **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pastor: 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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Distribution *If you are communing, please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

Distribution Song **“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”** by B. Brown & P. Baloché

Praise is rising,
Eyes are turning to You, we turn to You.
Hope is stirring,
Hearts are yearning for You, we long for You.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.

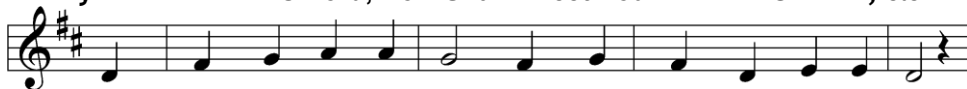
Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make all things new.
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here Lord Jesus.

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Distribution Hymn **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** **LSB 334, sts. 1–2, 5–6**



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
5 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Can - not His love e - rase;
6 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror to His foes,



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
Your guilt the Lord will par - don And cov - er by His grace.
A light of con - so - la - tions And bless - ed hope to those



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
He comes, for you pro - cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n,
Who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
And from Your name shall nev - er With-hold the hon - or due.
His chil - dren thus se - cur - ing E - ter - nal life in heav'n.
Send forth Your beams so cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

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Please stand.

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

Closing Song “Light of the World” (Sing Hallelujah)

by A. Bergthold, E. Cash, F. Cash, M. Cash, S. Cash

**Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
Shine across the earth, send the shadows to flight.**

**Light of the World, from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love.
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.
God, You entered in and became one of us.**

**Chorus: Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.**

**Light of the world, crown in a manger,
Born for the cross, to suffer, to save.
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.
We are the richer by the price that He paid.**

Chorus

**Light of the World soon will be coming.
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.
And there He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.**

Chorus

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Readings for next Sunday, 12/7:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12
