FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:00 AM, ***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026***



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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 The First Sunday in Advent begins what has historically been known in the church as Adventtide. The word tide originally meant "time" in Old English. It indicated a special season of reflection and of action set apart for a distinct purpose. Through the words of the hymn "Arise, O Christian People," we pray to our coming King: "Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; turn not from me aside, and help me to receive You this blessed Adventtide" (LSB 354:4). Whatever may happen in the days ahead, we can prepare our hearts and lives while keeping our focus on the Advent of our King, expectantly awaiting the tidings of great joy that announce His wondrous birth!

D I V I N E S E R V I C E S E T T I N G 5

This Chorale Service follows the tradition of Luther's German Mass (1526), in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with hymns (metrical paraphrases).

Confession and Absolution

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **The Advent of Our King** ***LSB* 331**

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

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

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

4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

Please stand for final Trinitarian verse. △

△ **6 All glory to the Son,**
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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Be seated.

Baptism of Lucas Everett Gorman *LSB, p. 268*

Stand

Opening Sentences *Psalm 25:1, 3–4, 14; Zechariah 9:9b*

Leader: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
People: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Leader: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.
People: The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant.
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Confession and Absolution

Leader: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Leader: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

Leader: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

People: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

People: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, ***"Peace be with you,"*** *as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*.

Service of the Word

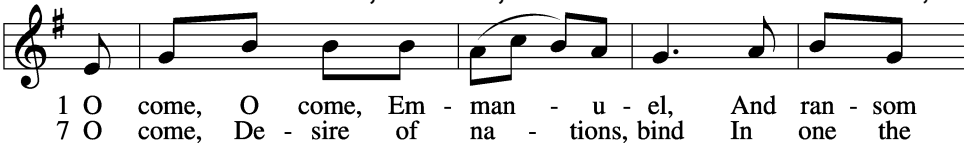
Antiphon

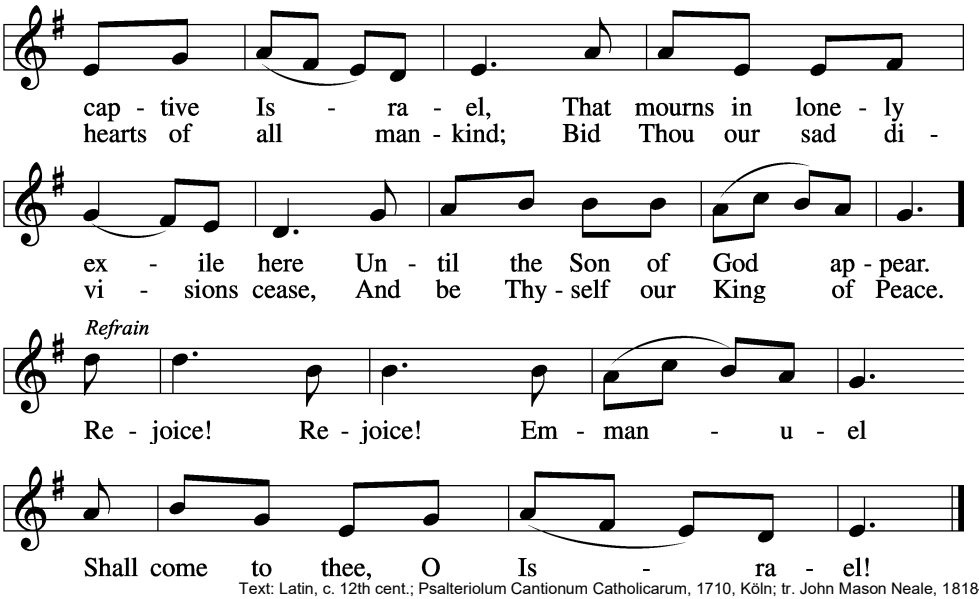
Pastor: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:

People: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.

During the singing of the hymn, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

Hymn **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** ***LSB* 357, sts. 1, 7**





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Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy [tune: ST. ANNE]

Have mercy on Your people, Lord.
Have mercy, Christ, our King;
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;
Accept the prayers we bring.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

Leader: 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.

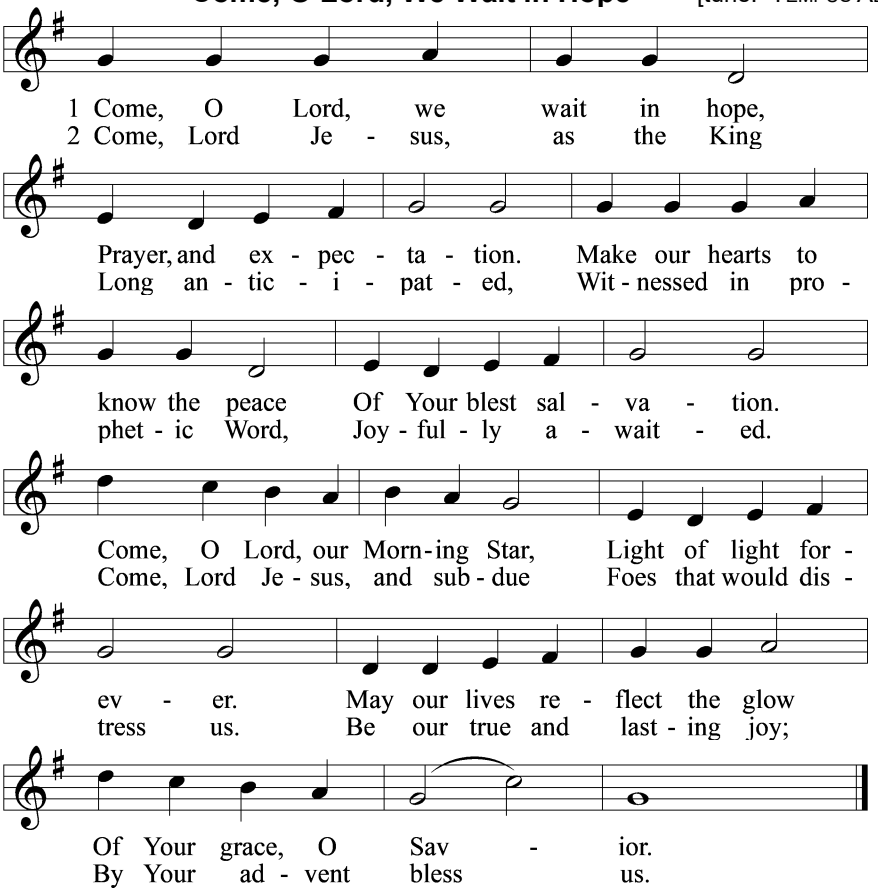
People: Amen.

Please be seated.

Seasonal Sequence

Leader: The season of Advent is a time of rapid forward movement in the life of the church as we hurry to Bethlehem and "haste, haste to bring Him laud" (*LSB* 370:1), to bring praise to the Christ Child. This Advent season, we will be hearing the words of Mark's Gospel, which will move us along as we rejoice in the Advent of our Lord Jesus, the "bright and Morning Star" (*LSB* 872). Together we sing a prayer hymn for the season.

Hymn **Come, O Lord, We Wait in Hope** [tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM]



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Old Testament Reading *God is the potter, and we are the clay.* **Isaiah 64:1–9**

Reader: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
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!
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
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.

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?
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.
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.
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.
Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Paul is thankful for the Christians at Corinth. **1 Corinthians 1:3–9**

Reader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that 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. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day — Savior of the Nations, Come — *LSB* 332

Stanzas 1, 4, 7, 8—**ALL** *Stanzas 2, 5*—**Men & boys** *Stanzas 3, 6*—**Women & girls**

ALL **1** **Savior of the nations, come,**
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Men & boys **2** **Not by human flesh and blood,**
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Women & girls **3** **Here a maid was found with child,**
Yet remained a virgin mild.

In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

ALL **4** **Then stepped forth the Lord of all**
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

Men & boys **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.

Women & girls **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.

ALL **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. △

ALL △ **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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Remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

Gradual and Verse

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:7; 118:26, alt.

People: **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**
Women/girls: *Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.*
Men/boys: *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.*
People: **Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph. **Mark 11:1–10**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.
Pastor: When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has

need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ. *Please be seated.*

Sermon **Mark 11:1–10**

Stand.

Prayer of the Church *[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer and grant our supplications.

The prayers conclude:

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

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

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

† **Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are not a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, we ask that you speak personally with our pastor before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by folding your arms across your heart as you gather around the altar with those who commune.**

† In His Supper, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink. We poor sinners are most certainly not worthy of such a great gift. Thanks be to God that He gives us what we do not deserve! Through Christ's body and blood, we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

† Those who eat and drink are joined not only to Christ but also to all those who commune at the altar. Together we confess our unity in the faith taught in this congregation, a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That faith is according to the teaching of Holy Scripture as faithfully explained in the Lutheran Book of Concord.

† *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.*

Service of the Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son, the long hoped-for Messiah, to bring us salvation. Pour out on us the gift of Your Spirit, that we receive Your blessings with thankfulness. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
People: Amen.

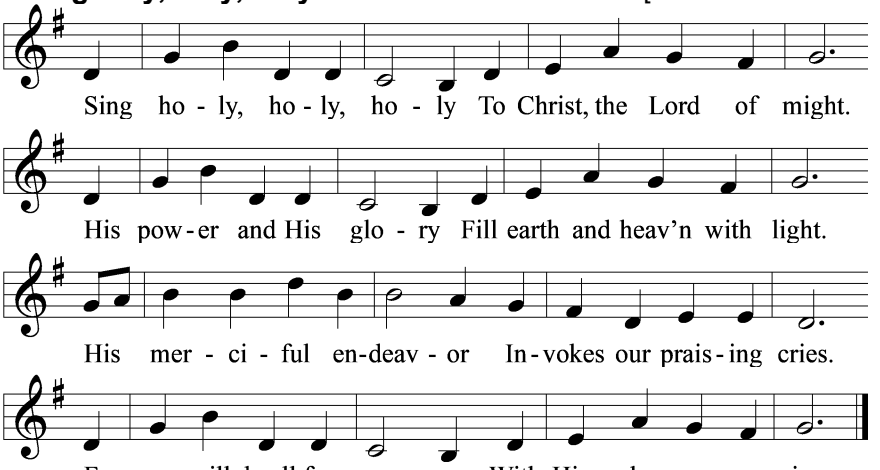
The Words of Our Lord

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."
Pastor: 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."

Sanctus ~ Sing Holy, Holy, Holy

[tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG]



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Pax Domini *John 20:19*

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

Agnus Dei ~ O Lamb of God [tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG]

1 O Lamb of God, Christ Jesus, Our sins You take away.
O Lamb of God, Christ Jesus, Grant us Your peace this day.
O Lamb of God, Christ Jesus, In You our sins take flight,
And thus Your yoke is easy, For us Your burden light.

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Distribution

Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.

Distribution Hymn **"Even So, Come"** by C. Tomlin, J. Ingram, & J. Cates

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame;
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus 1 **Like a bride waiting for her groom,**
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true;
Jesus is coming soon. *Repeat Chorus I*

Bridge 1 **So we wait, we wait for You.**
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.

Chorus 2 **Like a bride waiting for her groom,**
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.

Bridge 2 **God, we wait, we wait for You.**
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
God we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
God, we wait, we wait for You.
Yes, we wait; You're coming soon.

God we wait; You're coming soon, oh!

Chorus 2

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Stand

Post-Communion Hymn ~ O Father, Let Your Servants [tune: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG]

O Father, let Your servants depart to rest in peace.
Christ's body and His blood, Lord, give us from sin release.
A light for Gentile nations and Israel's glory, He.
With Father and the Spirit, one God eternally.

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Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we may continue to proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us hope-filled as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. *[Psalm 103:1]*

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

Closing Song **"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"** by B. Brown & P. Baloche

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,**
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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Our mission is to teach, love, and connect…teach all ages about Jesus, love one another as God loves us, and connect with others in a hurting world.

Readings for next Sunday, 12/6
Isaiah 40:1–11
Psalm 85
2 Peter 3:8–14
Mark 1:1–8
