

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

ELW Holy Communion Setting One

December 8, 2024

10:30 AM



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The presiding minister may comment briefly upon the service of the day, and then leads the assembly in confession.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through † Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

The service continues with gathering song.

About the Introit and Entrance Psalm

For many centuries, only Biblical texts were used in Christian worship. Where we might sing a Gathering Hymn, earlier generations sang an Entrance Psalm (or "Introit," in Latin). In time, this was shortened to just a few verses. Even into the 1970s, Lutheran service books prescribed an Introit at the beginning of the liturgy.

During Advent, we are getting a taste of the olden days.

INTROIT OF THE DAY

Populus Sion (cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30;) Psalm 80

The Introit is sung by a solo voice.

People of Zion behold, *

The Lord is coming to save all nations;

And the Lord shall cause you hear his majestic voice*

For the joy of your heart.

As the ministers enter, soloist voice sings the rest of the psalm:

² O shepherd of Israel, hear us, *
you who lead Joseph like a flock:

enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth †

³ upon Ephraim, Benjamin, Manasseh. *

Rouse up your might and come to save us.

⁴ O God, bring us back; *

let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

⁵ How long, O LORD, God of hosts,*

will you be angry at the prayer of your people?

⁶ You have fed them with tears for their bread,*
an abundance of tears for their drink.

⁷ You have made us the taunt of our neighbors;*
our foes mock us among themselves.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

And also with you.

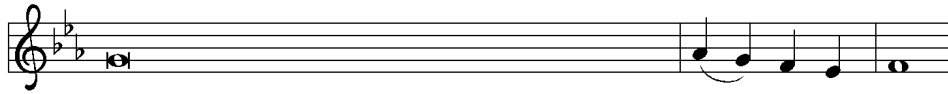
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



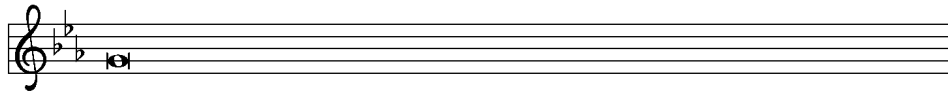
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



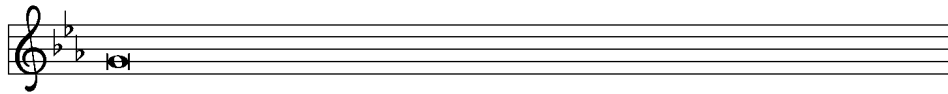
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

WREATH LIGHTING & CHILDREN'S SERMON

As we sing, children and the households who will light the Advent Wreath come forward:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from Baruch.

¹ Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

² Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting,

³ for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven,

⁴ for God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

⁶ For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies,
but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made
low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.

⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE:

The Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)

This is the song of Zechariah, upon the birth of his son, who will become John the Baptist. Sung by a solo voice.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory 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.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from Philippians.

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

based on John 6:6

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

*Prepare the way / of the Lord. * All flesh shall see the salva- / -tion of God.*

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

The holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*
- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*
- 4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

An assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Elizabeth and Phyllis our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Father of mercies,

Hear our prayer.

Bless and guide Joseph our president; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. Father of mercies,

Hear our prayer.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Father of mercies,

Hear our prayer.

Other intercessions may be added.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [*including names*]; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Father of mercies,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ [*including names*]; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Father of mercies,

Hear our prayer.

Help your servants, O blessed Trinity, and turn our hearts always back to you.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Let us offer to God what he has first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Amen

An offering is received for the work of the Church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY SONG

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We rise to sing as the offering is brought forward.

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following prayer.

Let us pray together.

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

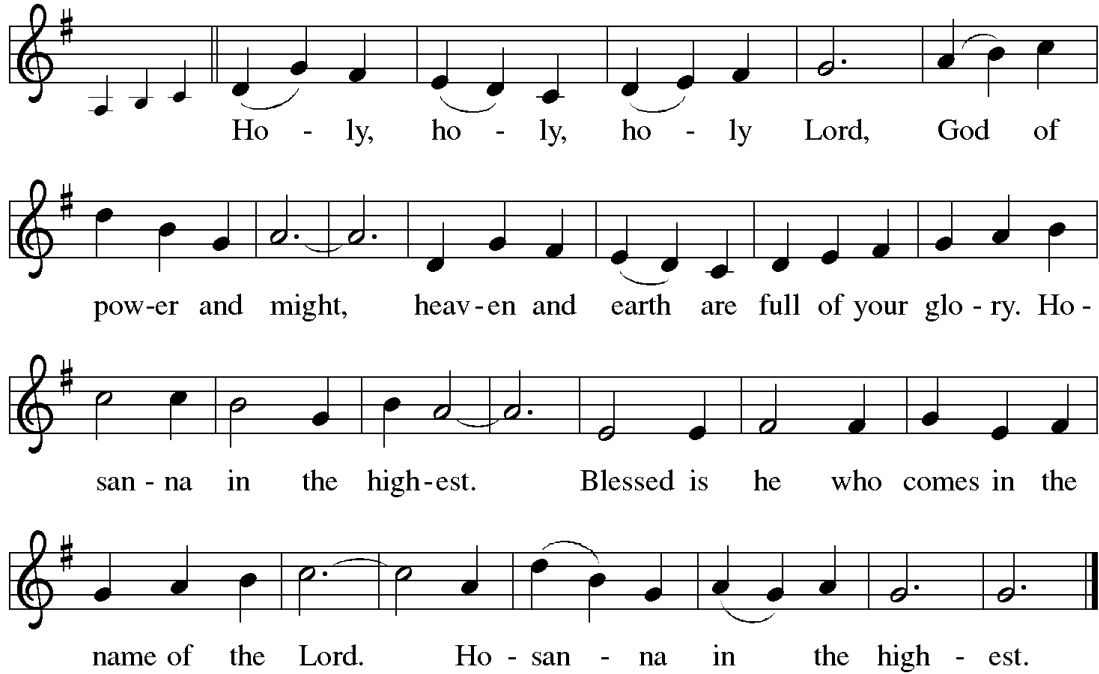
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:6 & Psalm 118:26



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

On behalf of the assembly, the presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanks.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly in the words of Zechariah 9:9:

Rejoice, O daughter Zion.

Your King is coming to you.

The assembly may be seated.

CANTICLE: LAMB OF GOD

based on John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to his table. To learn about being baptized, speak to a pastor.

You may eat the Body and drink the Blood from the cup, or you may dip the Body into the Blood before consuming them together. Alternatively, you may cross your arms in front of your chest to ask for a blessing instead of either or both elements. Those who refrain may do so trusting that Christ is fully present according to his promise.

COMMUNION SONG

A hymn may be sung or the organ may play quietly as the assembly comes forward to share in the Meal.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The presiding minister blesses those who have shared in the meal.

The true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his most precious Blood strengthen you and preserve you unto everlasting life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
 the King of glory comes in state;
 the Lord of lords and King of kings,
 the Savior of the world who brings
 his great salvation to the earth.
 So raise a shout of holy mirth
 and praise our God and Lord,
 Creator, Spirit, Word.

- 2 He is the rock of our belief,
 the heart of mercy's gentle self.
 His kingly crown is holiness;
 his scepter is his loveliness;
 he brings our sorrows to an end.
 Now gladly praise our king and friend,
 and worship him with song
 for saving us from wrong.

- 3 Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
 that live by their true king's commands.
 And blessed be the hearts he rules,
 the humble places where he dwells.
 He is the rightful Son of bliss
 who fills our lives and makes us his,
 creator of the world,
 our only strength for good.

- 4 Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
 our hearts are open wide in trust.
 Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
 upon our sorrows shine your face,
 and let your Holy Spirit guide
 our journey in your grace so wide.
 We praise your holy name,
 from age to age the same!

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DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Wait for the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Liturgical Elements

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