

+ First Sunday in Advent +

November 27, Year of our Lord 2022 | DS1

+ Confession and Absolution +



The first Advent candle is lit to mark the first of four weeks of Advent and the growing fullness of the light of Christ who is coming to enlighten our darkness with truth and God's gracious presence. Christmas is not here yet; we wait with patience and prepare with repentant hearts and lives rich in the word, just as the Old Testament people waited for the Christ.

Hymn of Invocation: 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite 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.

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

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

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.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.



P Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

C **Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*

you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*

righteous and having sal- | vation.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. [2]

A For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

The *Gloria in Excelsis* (Glory be to God on High) is omitted in Advent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- 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.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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

C Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

Psalm 24:7

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

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below the second staff, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. A double bar line is at the end of the second staff.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Glo - ry to You, O Lord." are written. A double bar line is at the end of the staff.

[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**



Hymn of the Day: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

(Choir and viola accompany the hymn at 11:00 a.m. Cong sings stanzas 1-2, 7-8 only)



C 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
C 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.

Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.

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.

C△8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

C 7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.

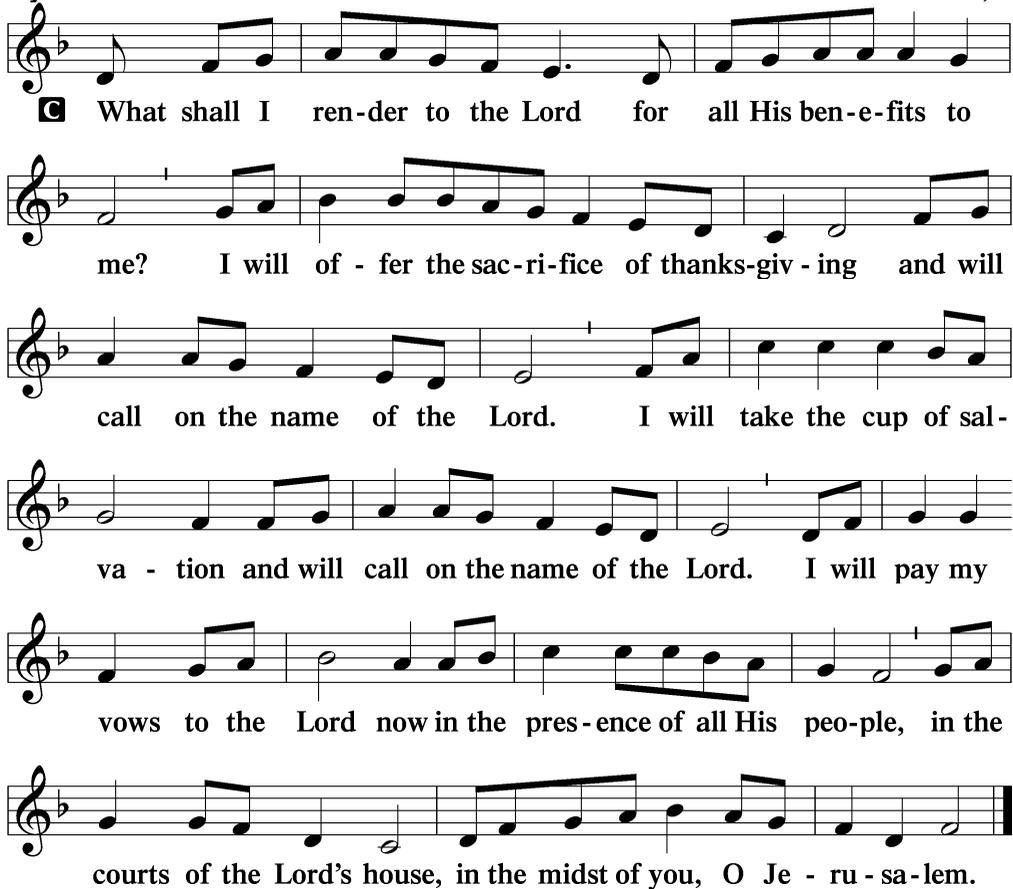
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+ Sermon +

Coming!

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

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 (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayers to God on Behalf of...

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Hurricane/storm recovery in **Florida**, **Georgia**, and the **Carolinas**. For **safe holiday travels**.

Church: For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care



center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville.

Vocation: Prepping to move to Mississippi: **Tyler** (Airforce) & **Megan Smith. Jacob** (Tami DeHaven's grandson) graduated bootcamp and AIT (now stationed in S. Korea). **Carter Felt** (Navy: now stationed in Charleston). **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). For **Emily and Julian Martinez** (expecting). **Alex & Shelby Hicks** (expecting). **Angela Gift** (expecting). **Tatum Smolter** (expecting).

Mourning: Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17. Family of **Julia Ernst** who passed away 6/25. Family of **Tamra DeHaven** who passed 1/23.

Health: **Joel and Barbara Morsch's daughter Jennifer** (hospitalized). **Janet Moore's mother** (surgery recovery). For **June McDonnell** (health). For Bill & Diane Miller's daughter **Anna** (expecting in January; treating premature labor and praying baby Isaiah can wait). For **Amy Mohr** (hip replacement recovery). **Lori Smith** (partial shoulder surgery recovery). For **Randy Groen** recovering from partial shoulder replacement. For **Barbara Moyers** (auto accident; broken wrist and bruise healing); For **Scott Jonas** (friend of Shelli & Travis Haynes, a pastor in St. Louis, who suffered a stroke, and for his wife Ann). For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who fell and is recovering. **Bob McDermott** (thanksgiving for new heart valve and better health!). **Mark** (Judy Kalkitis's son-in-law) cornea scratch treatment. **Lois Schering** (recovery from procedure on vocal chords). For **all suffering from mental health issues**. For **Michael** (health). For **Lindsey** (cancer). **Barry** (Wendy Slifka's brother in St. Louis, eye cancer) **Al Reuer** physical therapy for hip. **David Chorney** (thanksgiving for back surgery results!). **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Mike Sullivan** recovering from surgery and for **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Julie** (Tom Wittkopp's sister in Pheonix) recovering from heart surgery. **Jeanie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. **Mary Ellen Brown** (hip surgery recovery). **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) recovering from a stroke. Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). **Robert Williams** (Amy & Dick Mohr's son-in-law) ankle recovery. **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer treatments. Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Barbara Moyers** back pain relief and recovery of strength. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Tim Smith** (heart health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Mike Gould's friend **Jolene Cline** (stage 4 cancer). **Larry Wacker** (lung condition). Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee**

Schuck (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

Birthdays: Steve K 11/29, Valerie V 11/29, Suzanne N 12/2, Lisa G 12/3, Tina S 12/4, Jim V 12/5, Rebecca K 12/6, Barbara M 12/8, Jennifer H 12/9

Anniversaries: Larry & Theresa L 11/27, Tim & Michele N 12/15, Mike & Deb W 12/17, Thomas & Kathleen L 12/20, Larry & Janet M 12/20, William & Kimberly S 12/30

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

G **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.

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ **Service of the Sacrament** +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this

congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P (sung) The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P (sung) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



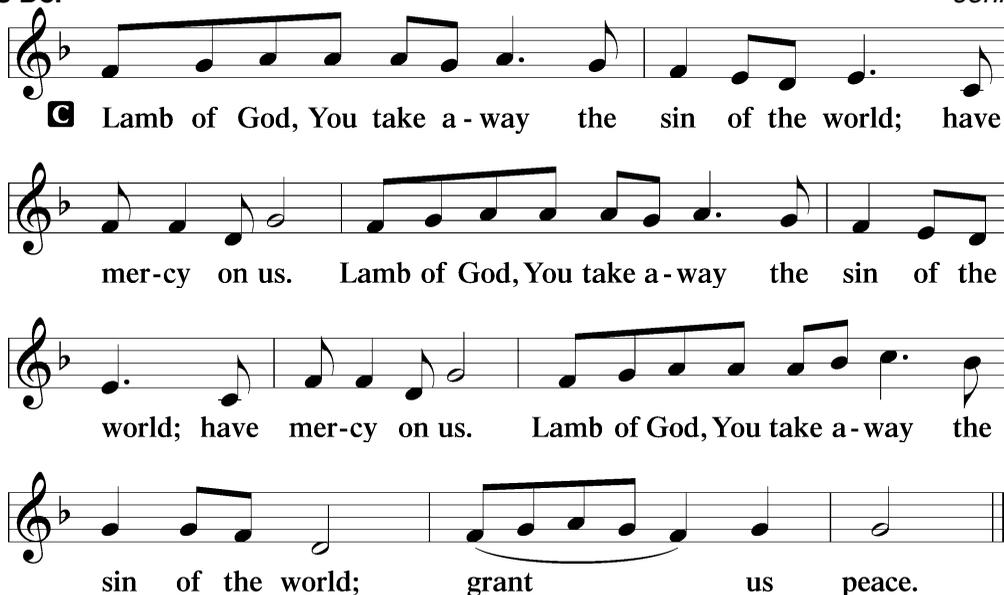
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



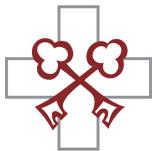
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

Agnus Dei

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.



Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring (see hymnal)

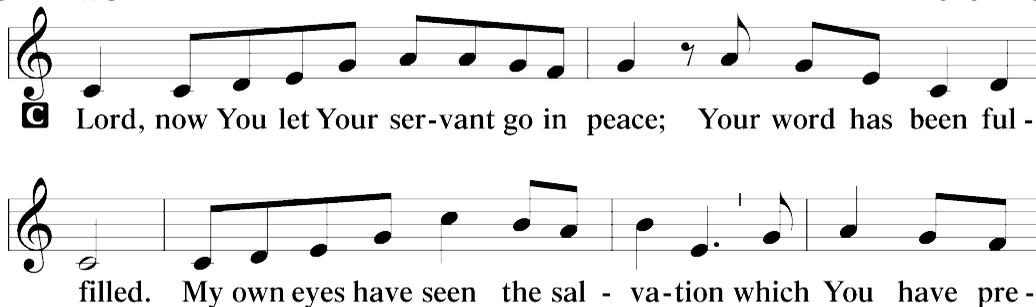
Distribution Hymn: 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Distribution Hymn: 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

Distribution Hymn: 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



□ Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

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- A** Let us pray.
 ... one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

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 A - men.

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Choir Director: Laura Bisconte

Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

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DVD and Online Videos of Praise's weekly Divine Service are available for shut-ins/homebound members. Please let the church office (Pastor Roberts or Vicky Gorman know) if you'd like a DVD or visit our website to watch online.

Ready to Build?

See the latest slides and/or video presentation about our updated drawings and timeline for the upcoming build on our website: **praiselutheran.com/build**

Reminders

Food for Veterans box in the Narthex: bring non-perishable food items, gloves, socks...

Announcements

Midweek Advent Services begins this coming Wed, Nov 30 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Bring desserts only for this meal. Soup and sandwiches provided this week. For the following week, please sign-up to bring soup, sandwiches, and desserts.

Sign-up for Children's Christmas Pageant in the Social Hall TODAY

Xavier adoption celebration: Please join the Roberts family for cake and punch after late service TODAY in the Social Hall to celebrate BOTH Xavier's adoption and his 7th birthday, which became official on Nov. 23!

Christmas Gifts for Foster Children: Reminder to please purchase and wrap the selected gift from the envelope(s) you picked up. Include the child's first name and number on the gift. **Return to Praise by Sun, Dec. 4** and we'll deliver on Dec. 5.

Youth Catechesis meets TODAY after church *in the Sanctuary after the reception*

Commitment Sunday report: we gathered new and renewed commitments for the upcoming build and expansion of Praise Lutheran Church for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The 3-year commitments have risen from \$967K to roughly \$1.1M. Thanks be to God! We are still welcoming and praying for more new 3-year commitments or renewed commitments. Meanwhile, Architecture and Engineering continues, and the Build Team and Interior Design Team are working in conjunction with the architect's needs in order to help move all things together towards pricing and prepping for permits. More to share soon including an interior design display. Pray and give thanks for the ongoing work and thank you for responding to the requests!

Young Adults (college-age to 25ish) come for dinner and Bible Study on **Dec 4** at Levi and Suzanne Nunnink's home, 1416 Lonas Drive, Maryville at 5:00 p.m. (ends at 8:00 p.m.).

This Week

Choir Practice this Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study Thurs at 10:00 a.m. at Praise (pericope study led by Barbara Morsch)

Ladies Who Lunch Thurs. Dec. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at Blackhorse Brewery

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: *Culver's*

Next Sunday and beyond

Scripture Readings for 12/4/22, 2nd Sunday in Advent: Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-13, Mt 3:1-12

Youth Christmas Party with Alex & Shelby in the Social Hall: after church on **Sun, Dec. 11**

Voters Meeting will be **Sun, Dec. 11** in between services to approve the 2023 upcoming proposed budget. Copies available in the Narthex and emailed to those subscribed to our email newsletter.