

Song Service
The First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 2025

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: ♪"HARD! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING"

LSB 345

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day!"
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv'n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.

- △5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit
While eternal ages run!

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Stand

- ☞ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
☛ Amen.
- ☞ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- ☞ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
☛ who made heaven and earth.

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

HYMN: ♪“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME”

LSB 332 V. 1-4

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

PSALM

PSALM 122

- P** I was glad when they said to me,
C **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**
P Our feet have been standing
C **within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

P Jerusalem—built as a city
C **that is bound firmly together,**
P to which the tribes go up,
C **the tribes of the LORD,**
P as was decreed for Israel,
C **to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**
P There thrones for judgment were set,
C **the thrones of the house of David.**
P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C **“May they be secure who love you!**
P Peace be within your walls
C **and security within your towers!”**
P For my brothers and companions’ sake
C **I will say, “Peace be within you!”**
P For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
C **I will seek your good.**

HYMN: ♪“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME”

LSB 332 V. 5-8

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.

△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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INTROIT

PSALM 118:25–28

P Behold, your king is coming to you;
C **righteous and having salvation.**
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.

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.

Sit

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: ♪"GOTT IST DIE LIEBE"

1. **Gott ist die Liebe, lässt mich erlösen,
Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich.
Dum sag ich noch einmal, Gott ist die Liebe!
Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich.**
2. **Ich lag in Banden, der Schnöden Sünde,
Ich lag in Banden, Und konnt nich los.
Dum sag ich noch einmal, Gott ist die Liebe!
Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich.**
3. **Er sandte Jesus, Den treuen Heiland,
Er sandte Jesus, Und macht mich los.
Dum sag ich noch einmal, Gott ist die Liebe!
Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich.**
4. **Dich will ich preisen, Du ewge Liebe,
Dich will ich loben, Solang ich bin.
Dum sag ich noch einmal, Gott ist die Liebe!
Gott ist die Liebe, Er liebt auch mich.**

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: ♪ "ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING"

LSB 333

- 1 **Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us.**
- 2 **Now He gently leads us;
With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven,
Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish
Souls that they may flourish.**
- 3 **Soon will come that hour
When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor
And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing
Joy beyond comparing.**
- 4 **Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You.**

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HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36–44

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

G *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

[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.

G *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Sit

CREEDAL HYMN: *♪"WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD"*


LSB 953

- 1 We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.**
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.**
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!**

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OFFERTORY

 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

OFFERING HYMN: ♪“WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”

LSB 781 V. 1-2

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

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HYMN: ♪“HARK THE GLAD SOUND”

LSB 349

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne
And ev’ry voice a song.**
- 2 He comes the pris’ners to release,
In Satan’s bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To_enrich the humble poor.**
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.**

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Sit

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

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P Collect

C ♪ Amen

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C *Amen, amen, amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: ♪" MÜDE BIN ICH, GEH' ZUR RUH'"

LSB 887

1. Müde bin ich, geh' zur Ruh',
Schließe beide Äuglein zu.
Vater laß die Augen dein
Über meinem Bette sein.
2. Hab ich Unrecht heut getan !
Sieh' es lieber Gott, nicht an !
Deine Gnad' und Jesu Blut
Macht ja allen Schaden gut.
3. Alle, die mir sind verwandt,
Gott laß ruhn in deiner Hand.
Alle Menschen groß und klein,
Sollen dir befohlen sein.
4. Kranken Herzen sende Ruh,
Nasse Augen schließe zu,
Laß den Mond am Himmel steh'n
Und die stille Welt beseh'n.

SILENT PRAYER

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