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1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**GREETING OF PEACE** *As you greet others, please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands. Other options while saying "Peace be with you. / And also with you" is to place your hand on your heart, a head nod or to bow.*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## OPENING HYMN

### “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.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749, tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.  
 Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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

## KYRIE (Cong. sings “c” parts)

△ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

△ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:

△ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

## ADVENT SENTENCES

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: By the Holy Spirit we cry out with the whole Church,

People: **“Prepare the way of the Lord.”**

Pastor: All who wait for Jesus to return pray,

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### ADVENT SONG “Light One Candle”

1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

The image shows a musical score for the song "Light One Candle". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes the lyrics: "1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness." The second system includes the lyrics: "He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.

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Music: Yiddish folk tune, arr. Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Titus 1:1-4

*Advent is a season of the church year when we think of time; God's ancient promises of salvation; Christ fulfilling those promises at the proper time; our future hope of eternal life. Paul's salutation in his letter to Titus touches on all three of these epochs of time. As we look at the history of salvation – past, present and future - we see our Christian hope and the meaning that gives to our existence.*

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness, in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began—in due time he revealed his word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Saviour,

To Titus, my loyal child in the faith we share:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

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

## ALLELUIA



## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator 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 again 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.

*Sit*

**MESSAGE** "Just in Time"

*Stand*

**HYMN**

**“All The Earth is Hopeful”**

1 All earth is hope-ful, the Sav-ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo-ple of Is-rael, you heard the proph-et tell:  
 3 Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be pre-pared;  
 4 We first saw Je-sus a ba-bby in a crib.

Fur-rows lie o-pen for God's cre-a-tive task: this, the  
 "A vir-gin moth-er will bear Em-man-u-el"; she con-  
 new high-ways o-pened, new pro-to-cols de-clared. Al-most  
 This same Lord Je-sus to-day has come to live in our

la-labor of peo-ple who strug-gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth-er, whose birth re-  
 here! God is near-ing, in beau-ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres-ent, in neigh-bors we see our

God's truth and jus-tice set ev-'ry-bod-y free.  
 stores hope and cour-age to chil-dren of this earth.  
 clear ev-'ry gate-way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je-sus is with us, and ev-er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946  
 Music: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; arr. Skinner Chávez-Melo, b. 1944-1992  
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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

**OFFERING** *You may contribute online by texting the amount to 517-879-0989 and following the prompts. Alternately, gifts may be placed in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



## OFFERTORY PRAYER AND SONG

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Stand*



**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## THE PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right ...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** 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.

**P** 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.



## HYMN

## "My God Your Table Now is Spread"

*harmonized for part-singing*

1) My God, \_\_\_ Your ta - ble now is spread. Your  
 2) Oh, let \_\_\_ Your ta - ble hon - ored be, And  
 3) Drawn by \_\_\_ Your quick - 'ning grace, O Lord. In  
 4) Nor let \_\_\_ Your spread - ing Gos - pel rest, Till

cup with love does o - ver - flow; \_\_\_ May  
 fur - nish'd well with joy - ful guests; \_\_\_ And  
 count - less num - bers let \_\_\_ them come \_\_\_ And  
 through the world Your truth \_\_\_ has run, \_\_\_ Till

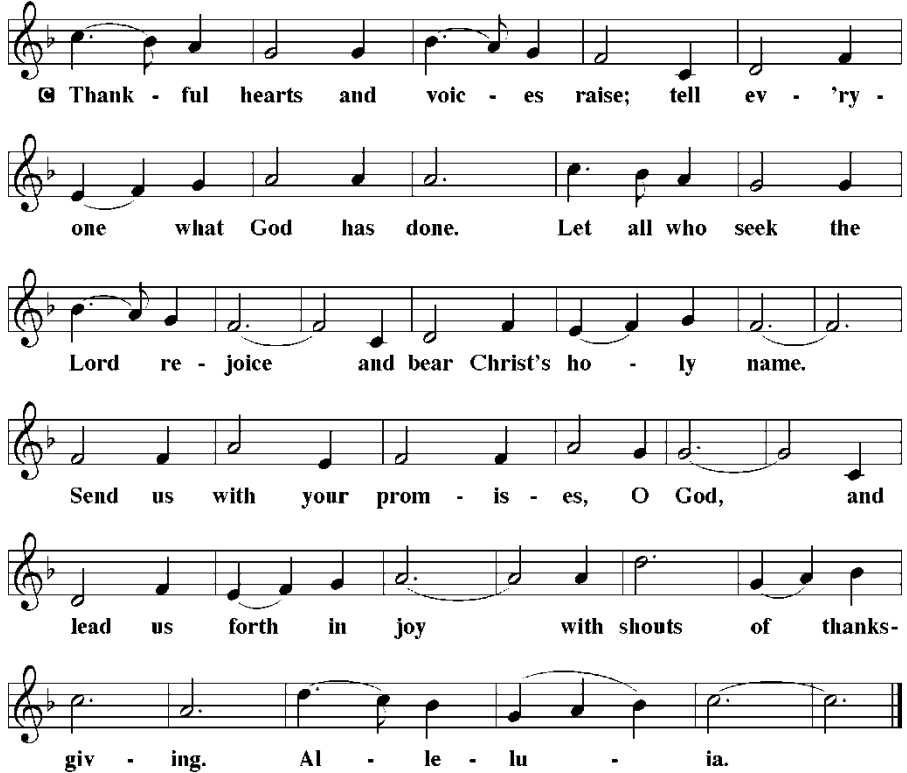
all Your chil - dren here \_\_\_ be led, And  
 may each soul sal - va - tion see, That  
 gath - er from their Fa - ther's board The  
 with this Bread shall all \_\_\_ be blessed Who

let them Your sweet mer - cies know.  
 here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
 Bread that lives be - yond \_\_\_ the tomb.  
 see the light or feel \_\_\_ the sun.

Stand

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



**C** Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**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** Amen.

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“God, Whose Almighty Word”**

1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and  
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On your re -  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, Glo - ri - ous

dark - ness heard And took their flight;  
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight,  
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth your flight;  
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might!

Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day  
 Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:  
 Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,  
 Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!  
 And in earth's dark - est place  
 Through the earth, far and wide,

## POSTLUDE

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### Our Confession about Communion

#### Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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***Thank you for worshiping with us!***