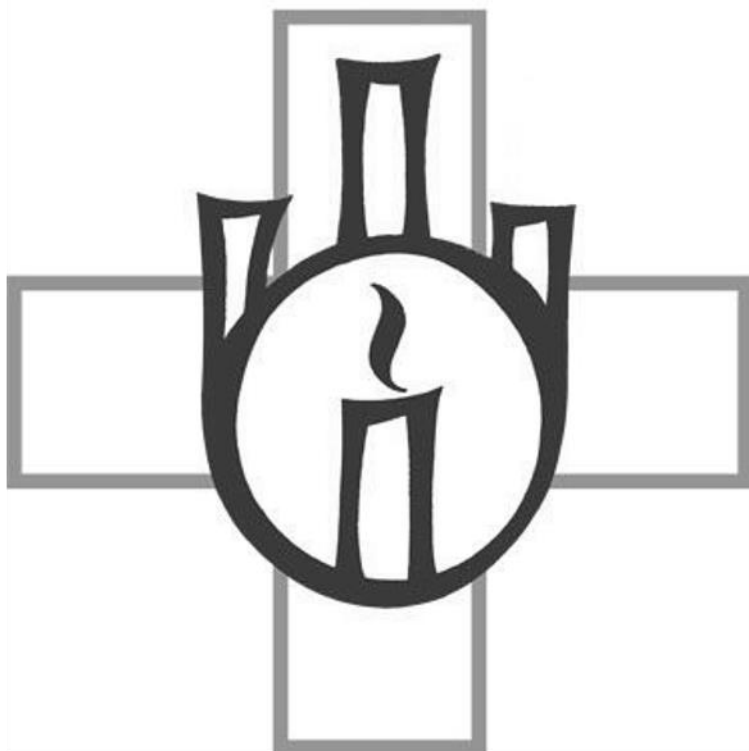


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**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



*Thanks & Hope*

**Order of Worship**

*November 29, 2020 9:45 AM*

# First Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Opening Song

*Rend The Heavens*

Mark

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus*

**VERSE**

1. This day we call up-on the liv-ing Lord and  
seek Your mer-cy and Your grace;  
How we, as a na-tion, have turned our face a-way from You  
and fol-lowed oth-er ways; May we see You as You are,  
man-i-fest-ed, glo-ri-ous power, Lord Je-sus.

**CHORUS**

Rend the Heav-ens and come down in Your maj-es-ty come  
down, in Your mer-cy, Lord, come down up-on us;  
Clothe Your-self in robes of grace; You are wel-come in this  
place where the saints are gath-ered for Your wor-ship, Lord.

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23 **VERSE**



2. Not for our gain, but for the glo - ry of Your  
 Name we gath - er 'round Your throne;  
 And in hum - ble a - do - ra - tion plead for this gen - er - a - tion,  
 Je - sus, let Your name be known;  
 May they see You as You are, (TO CHORUS)  
 man - i - fest - ed glo - ri - ous power, Lord Je - sus.

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

- 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.*

- 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.**

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 80:1–7*

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**<sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might  
and come to save us!**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**<sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**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.**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1–9*

- <sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>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!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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?

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

LSB 158

- C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Song

*Be Magnified*

DeShazo

Verse 1, Chorus Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus

VERSE

1. I have made You too small in my eyes O Lord,  
2. I have leaned on the wisdom of men, O Lord,

— for-give me; And I have be-lieved in a lie  
— for-give me; And I have re-pond-ed to them

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that You were un - a - ble to help me. But now,  
in - stead of Your light and Your mer - cy. But now,

O Lord, I see my wrong, heal my heart and show

Your-self strong; And in my eyes and with my song, O

Lord, be mag - ni - fied, O Lord, be mag - ni - fied. Be

**CHORUS**

mag - ni - fied, O Lord, You are high - ly ex - alt - ed;

And there is noth - ing You can't do, O Lord, my eyes

— are on You. Be mag - ni - fied, O

Lord, be mag - ni - fied.

## Sermon

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Looking Back with Thanks, Looking Forward with Hope

## Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

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

*Response after each petition*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together,
- C** **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

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

**C** Amen.

Song

*Before The Throne*

Bancroft, Cook

*Verse 1, Verse 2, Instrumental, Verse 3*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
3. Be - hold Him there, the sin - less Lamb! My per - fect,  
strong and per - fect plea: a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him  
spot - less right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I  
Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there, who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of Glor - y and of Grace. One with Him -  
grav - en on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His  
heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can  
free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my  
bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

29 November 2020

### Readings

Isaiah 64:1–9

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Mark 11:1–10 or Mark 13:24–37

### ***The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us***

Although we pray that God “*would rend the heavens and come down*” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “*a long time, and shall we be saved?*” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “*enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,*” and so He will “*sustain you to the end*” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “*heaven and earth will pass away,*” His words “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “*send out the angels*” to gather us and all of His elect “*from the ends of the earth*” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).



**Readings**

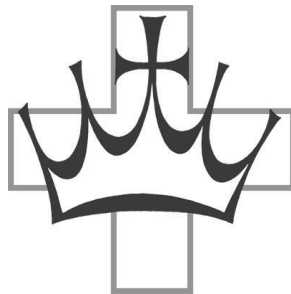
Isaiah 40:1–11

2 Peter 3:8–14

Mark 1:1–8

***You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord***

*"The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God"* (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes *"proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins"* (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, *"the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together"* (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd *"will gather the lambs in his arms"* (Is. 40:11). He speaks *"tenderly to Jerusalem,"* and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1–2). What is more, He promises *"new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells"* (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He *"is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9).



# Advent, Christmas & New Year's Eve Worship

*Please join us in worship in this new Church Year*



## Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



## Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at  
2:00 pm & 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm

## Christmas Day Worship

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am



## New Year's Eve Worship

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm