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**+ FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Ad Te Levavi) +
Service of Prayer & Preaching
December 3, 2023**

As We Gather: The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “The LORD is our Righteousness” (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11).

Hymn ‘Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming’

LSB 359



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind, To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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Opening Versicles: Advent

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

L Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Make His paths straight.

L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C 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.

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

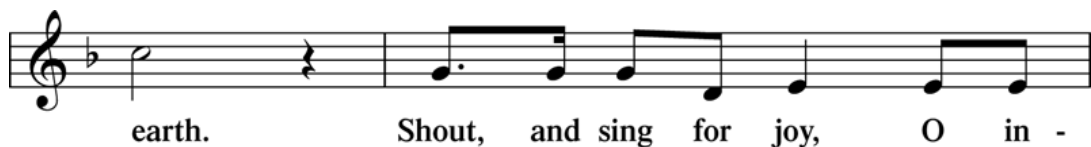
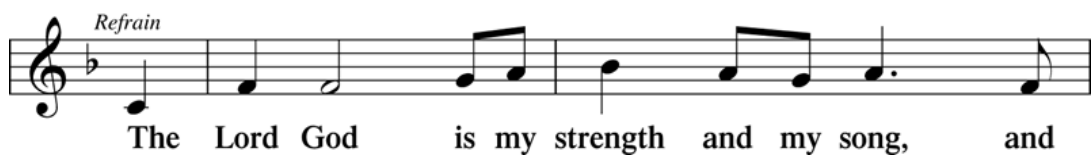
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



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.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Reading

Jeremiah 23:5–8

5“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

7“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ 8but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Introit

Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: vv. 1–3a



To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*

teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
sal- | vation;*

for you I wait all the | day long.

May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me, *

for I | wait for you.

Redeem Israel, | O God, *

out of all his | troubles.

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.

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Reading

Romans 13:8–14

8Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9The 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.” 10Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11Besides 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. 12The 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. 13Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14But 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.**

Reading

Matthew 21:1–9

1When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” 4This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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

Responsory: Advent

LSB 263

- L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sermon

Jeremiah 23:5–8

"Proper Prior Planning Prevents Positively Poor Performance"

Hymn 'Savior of the Nations, Come'

LSB 332



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

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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Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L 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.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

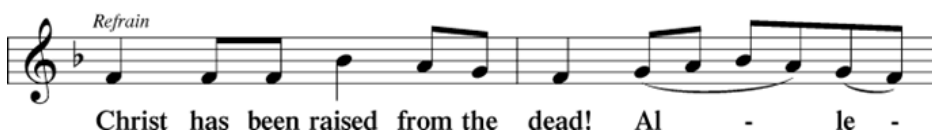
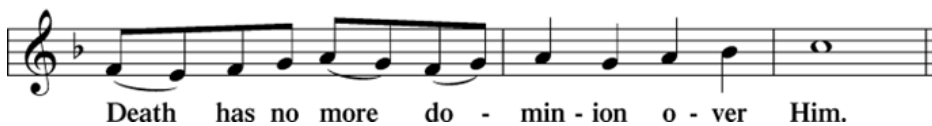
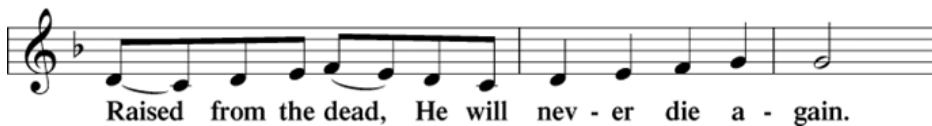
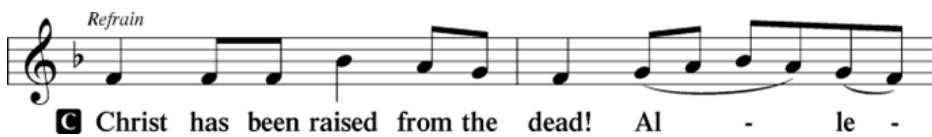
C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266





Blessing

Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn 'Prepare the Royal Highway'

LSB 343



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo-ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Readings for Next Sunday: Malachi 4:1–6, Romans 15:4–13, and Luke 21:25–36.

Stewardship: Jeremiah 23:6 – “And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’” Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, we can do good works for the right reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

The Board of Education is selling calendars for \$7. Please see Sherry Baker if you would like one.

Cleaning, serving, and usher lists for next year are available on the entryway table.

Advent Meals sign-up is out on the entryway table. Meals will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm on Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service are \$15. Please have your order form filled out and leave in the offering basket by Dec. 8th.

St. John's invites all to come, drive thru, and enjoy a live nativity Sat. Dec. 9 from 4:30pm - 7:30pm & Sun. Dec. 10th from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. All are invited inside church to enjoy decorations and warm beverages. 2656 CC Ave, Victor.

Building Healthy Families for Dec. 3rd: Someone once said, “Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it is also remembering to take out the trash.” What have you done lately to show your spouse how much you appreciate them? During these busy days of preparation for the coming Christmas celebrations, a handwritten note, an unexpected and gentle physical touch, affirming words, preparing a favorite meal or joyfully helping with household responsibilities are simple ways to let your spouse know just how much they mean to you. ~ **www.LutheranFamilyService.org**.

Life Quote for Dec. 3rd: “In view of God’s display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him. Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, ‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.’” Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

A Life Thought in the Church Year for Dec. 3rd: Surprise pregnancy intimidates, and terminal diagnosis terrifies because they darken the future. But Jesus the Savior looks through walls and sees around corners (Mark 11:2-3). He has promised abundant and everlasting life as the one who both secures the ends and supplies the means. God is faithful and will sustain (1 Corinthians 1:9); can we confirm it with our testimony (1 Corinthians 1:6)?

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Dec. 10th: Hear “A-T Walker” based on Isaiah 40:3 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you’re not really lost. (Isaiah 40:3) ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... “Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/3--12/9 is **Heimsoth**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 12/10--12/16 is **Honold**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Birthdays

Today...Alivia Landuyt

Thursday...Gabe & Gavin Gilman

Baptismal Birthdays

Today...Kevin Schultz & Zachary Sittig

We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.

Confirmation Memory Work for Dec. 6th

5th/6th

Confession: What is the Office of the Keys?

7th/8th

*Test over Lord's Supper should be done and returned
to be graded in class*



Tis the season to give

**Christmas
for
MICA**

Immanuel will be collecting food items for the MICA Food Bank for Christmas during the month of December.

Please bring cereals, soups, skillet meals, etc.
by December 17th.

A list on the round table in the entrance will be available with items that can be collected.

Any questions, contact one of the members of the Board of Evangelism.

*June Routier
Dianna Kelting
Pam Haase*

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS
For the Week of November 26, 2023

Attendance	49
Communion	38
General Fund	\$3423.00
Missions	\$25.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00am	Elders Meeting
	9:00am	1st Sunday in Advent
		Missions: MICA
	10:30am	Bible Study/Christmas Program Practice
		Greeter: Wyatt
		Usher: Lucas Bayer
		Servers: Kathy Stanek/Dianna Kelting
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Elizabeth/Finn
		Elder: Joel McDonough
	3:00pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church: Advent, Christmas, New Year, Epiphany Music
Monday	10:00am	Greek Study
Wednesday	4-5pm	Confirmation 5th/6th
	5-6pm	Confirmation 7th/8th
	5-6:15pm	Meal
	6:30pm	Advent Service
		Usher: Steve Haase
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	2nd Sunday in Advent
	10:30am	Bible Study/Christmas Program Practice
	11:30am	Board of Education Meeting
		Greeter: Wyckoff
		Usher: Dan Huebner
		Servers: Melissa & Ellie Mintle
	Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia/Cole	
		Elder: Joel McDonough

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR AND EPIPHANY
MUSIC AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 3:00PM

The saints at Grinnell are invited to sing with us at Redeemer on Sunday, December 3 at 3pm. Pass this invitation to your organists and let me know by the end of the month if they'd like to perform an instrumental piece, or accompany a hymn that we'll sing together, or one of both.

Thank you,
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