HOLY COMMUNION First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024

10:30 am

Bach

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Jesus' contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending Printed on the next page.*









HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for the candidate present the candidate:

I present Indy Rae Davis for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

 Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister continues:

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.
 Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- People of God, do you promise to support Indy Rae and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- **G** We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the candidate for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.

- **P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

- I renounce them.
- Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response:*

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into

freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P Indy Rae, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time: and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time: and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.



P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays for her:

Sustain Indy Rae with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

G Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P Indy Rae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

G Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

- **A** Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession, or, if baptism has taken place in the gathering rite, with the greeting.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

■ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G 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.

G Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

 we confess that we are captive 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.

 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Stand

GREETING

- 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Use this blessing when lighting the *first* candle.

 Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

G Amen.

HYMN: *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* (Stanza 1) *Printed on the next page.*



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The LORD is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live

in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 25:1-10 (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)
 <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my <sup>|</sup> trust in you;
   let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
   let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.
<sup>3</sup>Show me your | ways, O LORD,
   and teach | me your paths.
<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your <sup>|</sup> truth and teach me,
   for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day
     long.
<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas-<sup>1</sup> sion and love,
   for they are from | everlasting.
<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and <sup>1</sup> my transgressions;
   remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good-
     ness, O LORD.
<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright | is the LORD;
   therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.
<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in <sup>1</sup> doing right
   and teaches his way to the lowly.
<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness
   to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.
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SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

A reading from First Thessalonians.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.





Stand up and | raise your heads your redemption is | drawing near

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God

is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Printed on the next page. Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



First Sunday in Advent



Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. **OFFERTORY**



GREAT THANKSGIVING



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly continues with the SANCTUS:





The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 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.

> 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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond

R Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion:



LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



ANTHEM: E'en So, Lord Jesus

Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, and shed his blood That we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord almighty God Who was and is, and is to come. Sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below! For Christ is coming, is coming soon! For Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light, no lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

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Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **C** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn Printed on the next page.

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

Chesterton (Carols B4/After)

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A Hymn of Praise is not appropriate during Advent because of the season's preparatory nature.

The liturgical color blue, symbolic of hope, is used for the Advent season.

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Worship Assistants

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Shane Elison, Joe Cooney, and Mike Beattie

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor

Lectors: Lessons: Alanna Jessee Prayers: Jeannie Funk

Communion Assistant: Gary Wessner Altar Guild: Linda Romano & Carol Gerhart Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Alison Fishell and Shane Elison

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooney and family in loving memory of father and grandfather Frederick E. Schubert.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Joe and Donna Cooney.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. Robert Hallman in loving memory of wife Wendy Yohn Hallman.

<u>The Wreaths</u> that adorn the Chapel Doors are given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney.

<u>The Wreaths that adorn the outside doors</u> on our campus are given to the glory of God by the Holcombe Family.

<u>A Candle Sponsor is needed</u> for December 29, 2024. Sponsorships for candles are \$6. Contact Charlotte Wentworth at <u>caw226@aol.com</u> for more info.

<u>Holy Baptism</u> was administered today to Indy Rae Davis. May God bless Indy and her family as she begins her journey of faith.

It's Augustus Lutheran Music Department Week at Captain's Market!



Tuesday, December 1 Oth through Saturday, Dec.14th

Please stop by or order online this week! Captain's Market is located next to the Trappe Tavern at 430 W. Main St. Trappe

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<u>OUTREACH COMMITTEE – ADVENT REMEMBRANCE DOVES</u>: A Pair of Doves spiritually represent love, friendship, and peace. When two doves couple together, they enter into partnership for a lifetime. A pair of doves can signify a union of two or more people or entities with a positive outlook for the future. At Christmas, people tend to remember those that have gone before them. If you are thinking of someone special this Christmas Season, we will be offering you two free remembrance doves in memory of that person. One to keep for your Christmas Tree reminding you of their presence throughout the season, and one for the Augustus Christmas Tree to remind you that they are with Jesus, the one we are celebrating at Christmas.

<u>CHRISTMAS CONCERT</u>: Join us for our annual Christmas Concert, **Sunday**, **December 15th at 4 pm.** Laurie Mueller will direct a choir of 30 singers, an orchestra of 10, and Augustus' bell choir to present John Leavitt's "Festival of Lessons and Carols." There are many familiar Christmas carols and opportunities to sing along. Join us for a light reception in Fellowship Hall following the concert. There are no tickets and no charge to attend, but a free will offering will benefit Augustus' music program.

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