



# *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

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## *Advent 1*

*November 29, 2020*

## Welcome – Pastor Len Hoffmann

## Worship Leader – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

### **\*Confession of Sins**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**Pastor:** *Blessed be God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
whose forgiveness is sure  
and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** *Together let us honestly and humbly confess  
that we have not lived as God desires.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**People:** ***Loving and forgiving God,  
we confess that we are held captive by sin.  
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed  
the stranger;  
we have not loved our neighbor;  
we have not been Christ to one another.  
Restore us, O God.  
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.  
Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.***

**Pastor:** *People of God, hear this glad news:  
by God's endless grace  
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—  
free from all that holds you back  
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.*

**Pastor:** *May you be strengthened in God's love,  
☩ comforted by Christ's peace,  
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**People:** **Amen.**

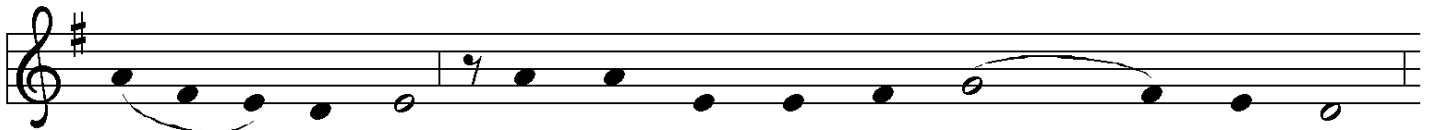
**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath ~ ELW Hymn #257, st.1**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI, EMMANUEL



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
- 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
- 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

**Litany**

**Pastor:** *At every beginning there is a yearning  
for the one who is coming.  
O Emmanuel,  
Wake us up to your coming.*

**Lector:** *We gather together to expect the unexpected  
and imagine the unimaginable.  
O Emmanuel,  
Wake us up to your coming.*

**Pastor:** *We wait for the day  
when God will recycle tanks into tractors  
and transform minefields into soccer fields.  
O Emmanuel,  
Wake us up to your coming.*

**Lector:** *We stay awake by telling stories  
that offer a glimmer of a future  
and agitate dormant hope within us.  
O Emmanuel,  
Wake us up to your coming.*

**Pastor:** *Jesus, we welcome your presence now  
with the lighting of this candle,  
whose flame brings warmth to winter  
and fills this place with the glow of hope.  
**Amen.***

**Lighting of First Candle** ~ ELW Hymn #257, st.3  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI, EMMANUEL

**\*Prayer of the Day** *(pray together)*

**Pastor:** *Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection  
awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless  
until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People:** **Amen**

# WORD<sup>†</sup>

## First Reading

### A reading from Isaiah 64:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would 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,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup>Yet, 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>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

**Lector:** *Word of God, word of life.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**
- <sup>3</sup>Restore | us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- <sup>4</sup>**O Lord| God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R**
- <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**
- <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- <sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R**
- <sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- | way from you;  
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
- <sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O Lord| God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R**

## **Second Reading**

### **A reading from 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 has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened 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>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lector:**    *Word of God, word of life.*

**People:**    *Thanks be to God.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Pastor:**    *Alleluia.* In Christ God was reconciling the world | to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. *Alleluia.* (2 Cor. 5:19)

# The Gospel Reading

## The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering,  
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>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>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 forth 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 tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; 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 slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

**Lector:**    *The Gospel of the Lord,*

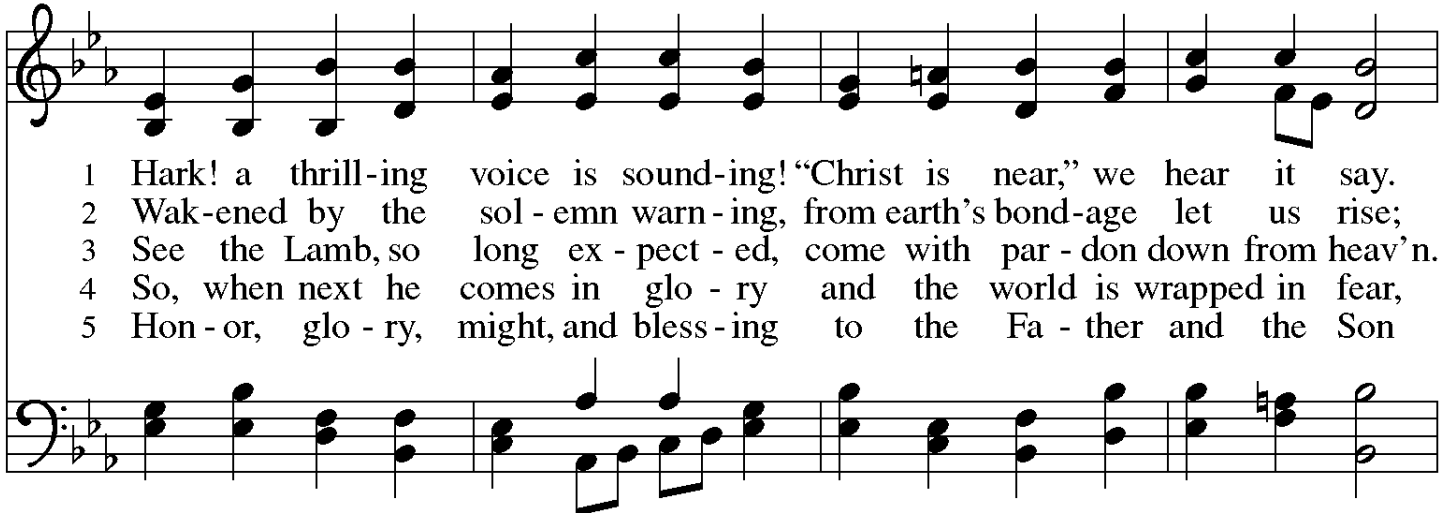
**People:**   *Praise to you, O Lord.*

## The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann

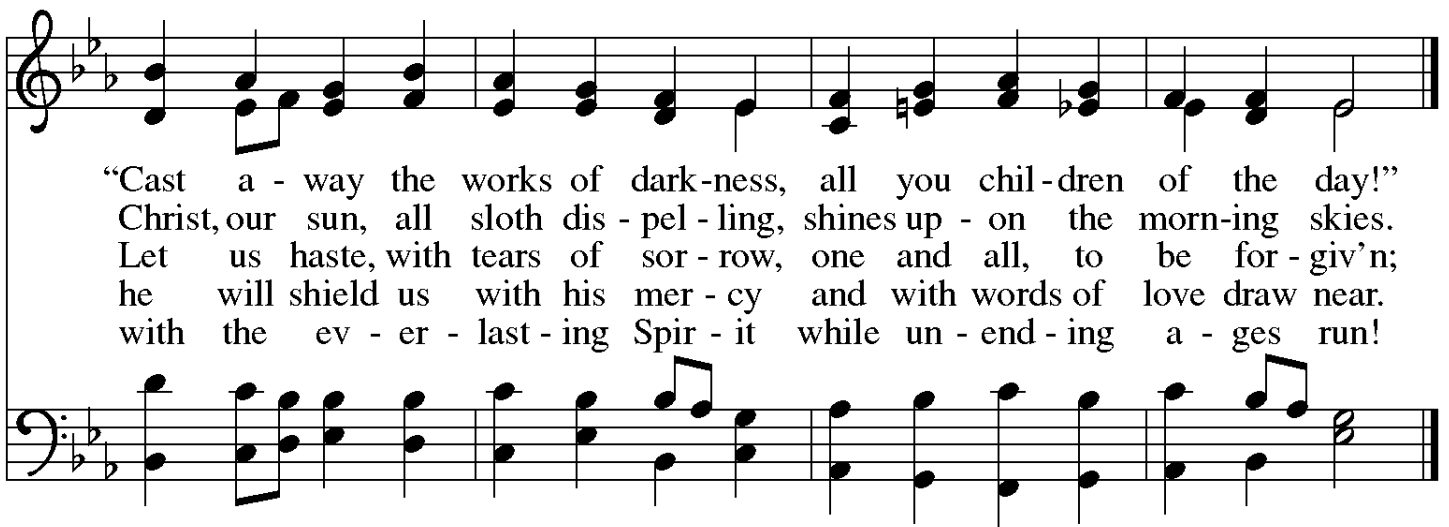
**\*Hymn of the Day ~ \*Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #246**

*"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"*

MERTON



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.  
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa - ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!



## The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### \*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition of the prayers:

**Lector:** Hear us, O God,  
**Pastor:** Your mercy is great.

**Lector:** Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when  
you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.  
**Pastor:** Amen.

## **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**Pastor:** *The Lord be with you.*

**People:** ***And also with you.***

**Pastor:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**People:** ***We lift them to the Lord.***

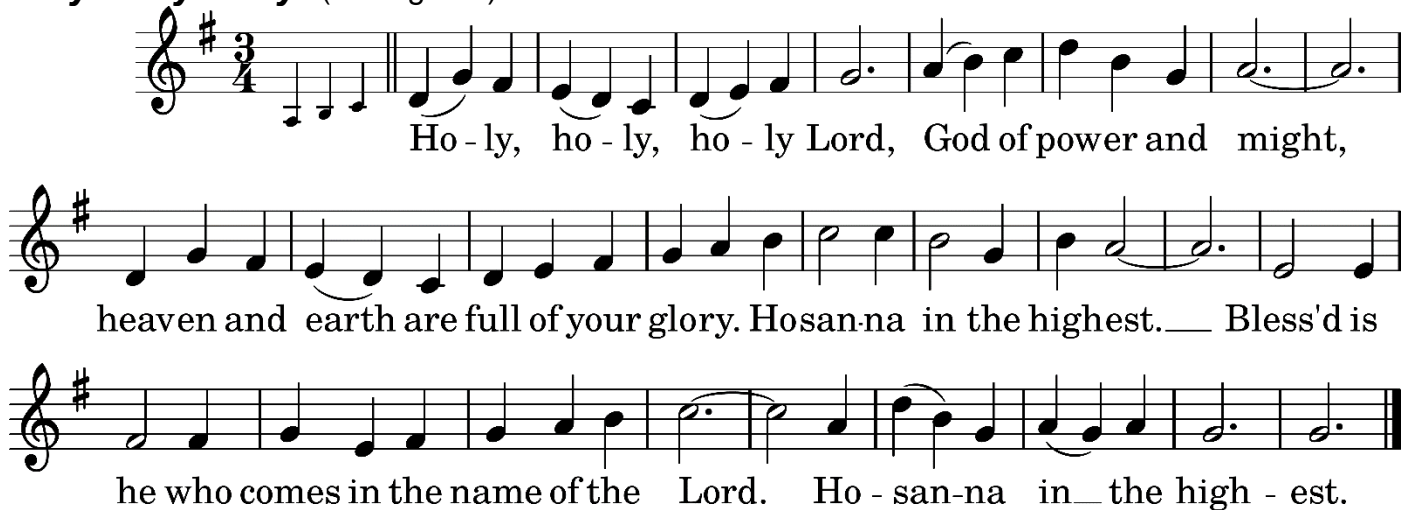
**Pastor:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People:** ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## **\*Preface**

**Pastor:** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

### **Holy! Holy! Holy!** (setting one)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosan-na in the highest. — Bless'd is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**Pastor:** *We give you thanks, Father,  
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
whom you sent in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.  
He is your Word, inseparable from you,  
through whom you created all things,*

*and in whom you take delight.  
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
He there took on our nature and our lot  
and was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.  
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands in suffering  
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.  
He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,  
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
In the same way 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.  
Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,  
we take this bread and cup,  
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.  
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and cup;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;  
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.*

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

### **\*The 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.***

## Invitation to Communion

**Pastor:** *There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.*

## Distribution Special Music

**Pastor:** *May the body & blood of our Lord and savior,  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace. Amen.*

## \*Prayer after Communion

**Pastor:** *God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

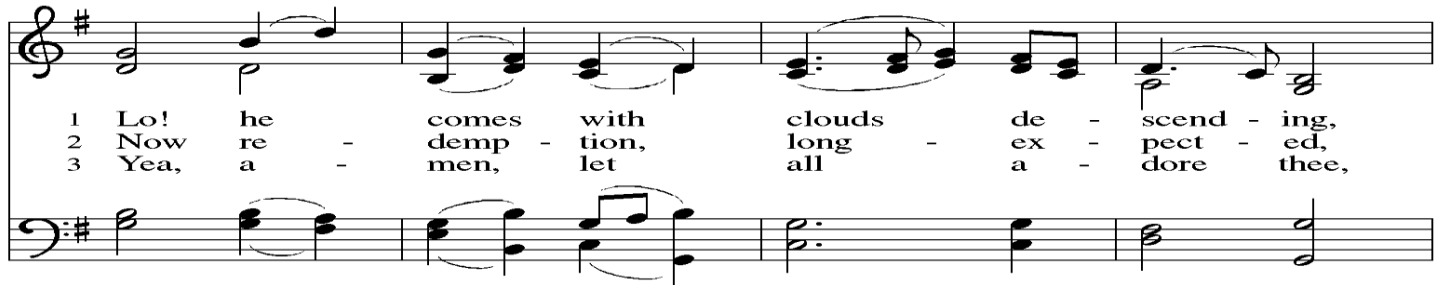
**People:** ***Amen***

## \*Blessing

**Pastor:** *The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,  
✠ now and forever.  
**Amen.***

**\*Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #435**  
*"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"*

HELMSLEY



1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Now re - comes demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,  
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



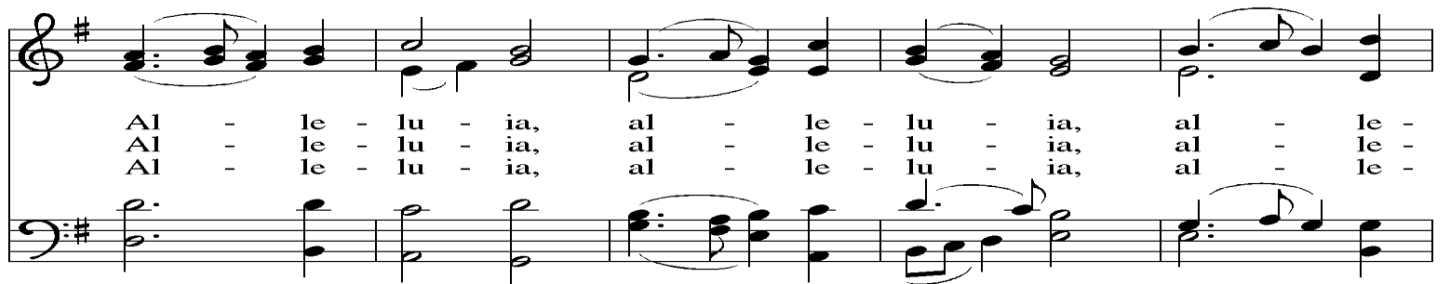
once comes for our sal - va - tion slain;  
 comes in on sol - emn e - splen - dor near;  
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



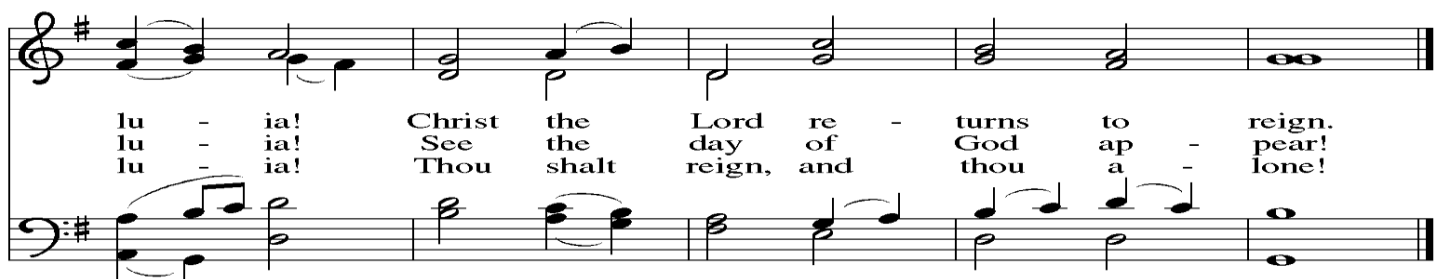
thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 all the saints take this the world re - ject - ed  
 Sav - ior, and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:  
 thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:  
 claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign,  
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

## **\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** *Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.*  
**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadlffLHnDxG>

And they are linked to the church website.

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Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.

### **Please add to your prayer list:**

Patricia Skones  
Mert Ingvaldstad  
Jose Chavez  
Synod VP Paul Gryniwicz  
Sonja Dunn  
John Stum  
Jaylen Okert  
Chuck Jonaitis



The family of Susan McEwen at her death on November 9, 2020  
The family of Scott Schlievert at his death on November 12, 2020

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Advent 2

Isaiah 40:1-11, 20-24, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

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