

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL!

Pastor: Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this?

Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, ***"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away"*** (Luke 21:33).

The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King” LSB 332 vs 1-4

**Savior of the nations come
Virgin's Son make here Your home
Marvel now O heav'n and earth
That the Lord chose such a birth**

**Not by human flesh and blood
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh
Woman's offspring pure and fresh**

**Here a maid was found with child
Yet remained a virgin mild
In her womb this truth was shown
God was there upon His throne**

**Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall
God of God yet fully man
His heroic course began**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.

Pastor: The LORD says, *“I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”*

People: (spoken) **We thank You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD says, *“My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”*

People: (spoken) **We adore You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD says, *“You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”*

People: (spoken) **We praise You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The LORD says, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”*

People: (spoken) **We worship You, O Lord!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One Advent candle is lit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 25:6-7

Pastor: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Pastor: 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b*

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous
and having salvation.

**People: Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

Pastor: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of
Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go
before You.

**People: Blessed are the people who know the festal
shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**

Pastor: who exult in Your name all the day and in Your
righteousness are exalted.

**People: For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to
the Holy One of Israel.**

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous
and having salvation.

GLORIA PATRI *(sing)*

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE *(sing)*

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

(Please Stand)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Ancient of Days, bring to all our days the hope
and peace won for us by Jesus on Good Friday
and Easter Sunday,

**People: that we may live by Your mercy until that day
when Christ comes again to judge the living and
the dead;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 33:14–16 ESV*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In 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. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“Light One Candle”

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 ESV*

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 21:25–36 ESV*

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the

world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: 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 shall 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 worshipped 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 of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Advent of Our King” LSB 331

The advent of our King

Our prayers must now employ

And we must hymns of welcome sing

In strains of holy joy

The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself the servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day
Let sins dark deeds be gone
The sinful self be put away
The new self now put on

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

+ SERMON+

“Days More Important Than Others”

Text: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Theme: Jesus’ days on earth are “those days” that bring meaning and hope to all other days, before and since.

Goal: That all members present enter the new church year in confident hope in Christ, focusing on the days of his saving work two thousand years ago and on the coming day of his return.

Sermon Outline:

Jesus' days on earth are "those Days that bring meaning and hope to all other days, before and since.

- Most people of Jeremiah's time, like people in every age, rejected his prophecy of "those days," caring only about "these days"
- But God would fulfill his promise of "those days" including another great day of Jesus.

(Please stand)

HYMN

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light" *LSB 704 vs 1 & 3*

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

Pastor: O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to yearn for that coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored. We pray,

People: (spoken) **hear us, coming Lord.**

Pastor: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

People: (spoken) **hear us, coming Lord.**

Pastor: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose

suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

People: (spoken) **hear us, coming Lord.**

Pastor: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

People: (spoken) **hear us, coming Lord.**

Pastor: O Lord of might, help us during this Advent season both to look back to those days when our salvation was won in Your death and resurrection and to look forward to the day of Your return, when by Your power You will bring the dead to life and restore all creation. We pray,

People: (spoken) **hear us, coming Lord.**

Pastor: O Immanuel, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn and use us to express the hope that comes from trusting in You. Bring us to be with them on that great day to come, and until that day give us grace

to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in
Your love. We pray,

People: (spoken) **hear us, coming Lord.**

Pastor: You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts
and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs
too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to
You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should
at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy
Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through
Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist
prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah,
the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the
world, and calling sinners to repentance that they
might escape from the wrath to be revealed when
He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we
laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore
praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: You, O God, bring hope into this broken and
desperate world. When Adam and Eve were
ashamed, You clothed them and promised a
Savior. As Abraham and Sarah waited on Your
promise to them, You gave them Isaac and
blessed the world through him. When the
Israelites faced sure death at the banks of the Red
Sea, You delivered them and sustained their hope
for the Promised Land. When many kings of Israel
and Judah rejected Your ways, You sent the
prophets to warn them and to keep alive the hope
for restoration. At just the right time, the fullness
of time, You sent Your Son, Jesus, whose miracles
were a sign of the world to come, a glimpse of the
restoration of all creation. We thank You, praise

You, and adore You for the hope You alone bring
into our lives.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians
11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the

final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB 357

**O, come, o, come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come Thou Wisdom from on high
Who ord'rest all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come, o, come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

O, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

O, come Thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

O, come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Yourself our King of Peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Please stand)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Grant that His presence with us in the Meal fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *1 Thessalonians 3:12-13; Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come” *LSB 332 vs 5-8*

**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**

**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**

**From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night
Darkness there no more resides
In this light faith now abides**

**Glory to the Father sing
Glory to the Son our king
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Bill Switter, David Brown, Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent by Candlelight

December 5th at 12pm

Plan to start your Advent Journey with Christmas Program and Potluck.

There will be Christmas Readings, & Songs Program will follow the promises of Our Savior, from the Garden of Eden to his birth, fulfilled.
Come & Share the joy of Christ's Holy Season.

Advent Service @ Historic Trinity in Detroit.

December 15th at 12pm

Lunch will be provided with donations
Interested? Please see Linda Panich by 12/10

Toys for Tots

Unwrapped, New toys. The preschool will be collecting toys until December 16th & a Box is in the Narthex

NO Sunday Bible Class on

Today & December 5th

Attendance

Sunday November 21st 9:30 am 47

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Phyllis Dasher – November 29th
Isabella Daugherty – December 1st
Ronald Ladach III – December 4th
Pamela Brophy – December 5th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home
George Morton, at home
Mack Mayfield, at home
Carmell Faulk, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Comfort for survivors and healing for the victims of
Waukesha, Wisconsin tragedy

LeAnn Gibbs, Pat Bates' daughter, illness

Kent James, nephew of Linda Panich, hospitalized with
and open wound infection on foot

Family of Andy Lopez, Frank Pignanelli's Cousin, called
to glory

Linda and Ray Meseah, Pat Bates' sister and brother in
law, tested positive for Covid

Tania Hodges, friend of Glenn Cairns
Undergoing tests in hospital

Gerry, a neighbor of the Pignanelli's hospitalized;