



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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# 50 PRINCE OF PEACE

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

## GOOD NEWS: JESUS WILL ARRIVE IN GLORY FOR US

"Advent" is a Latin word that means "coming." The season of Advent is the four week period before Christmas that the Church uses to connect the two "comings" of Christ.



The first time the Lord came into our world it was as a tiny, helpless baby, born in a manger in Bethlehem. However, when Jesus comes again, it will be in all his power and glory with his angelic army behind him. He will be coming as judge at the end of time.

We use these four weeks to see how the events of Jesus' first coming remove all our fears about his second coming. We can hold our heads high when the Lord comes near! So we look forward with hope and joy and pray and sing this season: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

## A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*Lord Jesus, you call the weary and burdened to yourself, to refresh them and give rest to their souls. Let me experience your love through your Word and Sacrament today. Remove the rags of my flesh and adorn me with the garment of your goodness. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and receive my thanks and praise for your glory. Amen.*

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.*  
*Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew.* 

### Invocation

*Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able*

In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\text{✙}$  and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19*

### Psalm 80:1a,2b

"Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
**You who lead Joseph like a flock.**

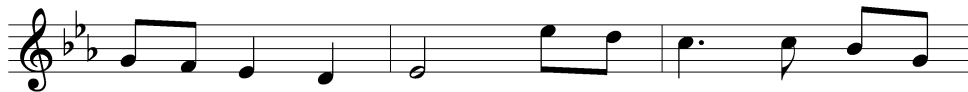
Awaken Your might;  
**come and save us."**



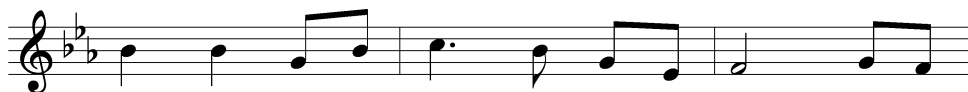
Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and



people free; from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us  
yet a king, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy



find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
gracious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal



la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, dear de -  
Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine



sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of e - v'ry long-ing heart.  
all - su - ffic-ient me - rit raise us to thy glor-ious throne.

## Lighting the Advent Candle

The hope of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Today we light one Advent candle remembering the hope that is ours in Jesus.

**In Christ there is life and light for all people.**

Christ said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." *Mark 13:31*

**We lift up our heads and rejoice: our Redeemer is drawing near.** *Luke 21*

*The congregation sings:*

*(Hymn 333, st. 1)*

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**

## Confession and Absolution

Restore us, God Almighty,  
**that we may be saved.**

*Psalm 80:7*

The solid hope that we have in Christ gives us confidence to come together in a shared confession of sins, with the firm knowledge that we will be forgiven of those sins. We confess together:

**We have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We are unworthy of Your grace. Savior of the nations, come. Make our hearts Your home. Abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.**

*silence for reflection*

Christ came to earth to save you. He died for your sins. "For in this hope we are saved." (*Romans 8:24a*) As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!**

*Luke 2*

## Song of Praise *(Hymn 301, st. 1,4,5)*

**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.**

**From the Father's throne he came  
and ascended to the same,  
captive leading death and hell.  
High the song of triumph swell!**

**Praise to God the Father sing,  
praise to God the Son, our King,  
praise to God the Spirit be  
ever and eternally.**

## Prayer of the Day

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.

**Amen.**

Be seated.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Reading

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*In response to their sin, the Lord allowed the nation of Israel to be conquered and humbled. Yet, he promised that from David's royal line, a Savior would come to restore God's people..*

<sup>14</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

<sup>15</sup> "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.'

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn | Ancient of Days

*words and music by CityAlight*

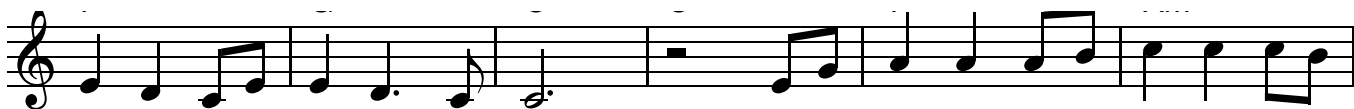
*Join in singing along as you feel comfortable.*



Though the na - tions rage, king - doms rise and fall There is still one  
dread of night o - ver - whelms my soul He is here with  
may not see what the fu - ture brings I will watch and



King reign - ing o - ver all So I will not fear for this truth re - mains That my  
me, I am not a - lone Oh His love is sure, and He knows my name For my  
wait for the Sa - vior King Then my joy com - plete stand - ing face to face In the



God is the An - cient of Days None a - bove Him, none be - fore Him All of  
God is the An - cient of Days  
pre - sence of the An - cient of Days



time in His hands For His throne it shall re - main and e - ver stand All the



po - wer, all the glo - ry I will trust in His name For my God is, the An - cient of days

## Second Reading

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*Christ came the first time so that by his saving work we might be found blameless and holy when he comes again.*

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

<sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup>May the Lord make your

love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup>May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

## Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## The Holy Gospel

## Luke 21:25-36

*This lesson is the basis of the sermon today.*

<sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup>Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup>"Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## 8:00 am service - The Holy Baptisms of Hans and Matteo Wermel

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty.  
From there 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.

## Hymn of the Day | 802 All is Well

Sermon Luke 21

*Please stand.*

### Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord's grace and peace as we enter another Church Year, that God who is faithful would confirm the testimony about Christ among us as we wait for His revealing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord would renew the faith and strengthen the love of all Christians, that we may be enriched in all speech and knowledge, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives; for the children entrusted to their care; for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect; and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation, its leaders and our armed forces, that God would take them under His care and let His blessing rest upon them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, troubled, grieving and dying, that they may receive grace according to

God's merciful will, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*We pray for...*

*Harry Calvert (Nancy Brandt's brother-in-law with serious health struggles), Sam (cancer), Frankie (Robyn's young friend with cancer), Chaunc (Krystal's son), Nathan (Zahn's nephew on military deployment), JoElla (recovering from radiation treatment), Craig (chronic back issues), Janice and Julia (cancer diagnosis), Kathy (Tom and Robyn's sister-in-law in ICU), Paul (Pam Farrel's nephew with serious health issues), Angie (Mert and Francine's daughter with health issues), Hans and Matteo Wermel (baptized into Christ this morning), Jubilee, Winnie and Pip Hahn (baptized into Christ later today)...*

Gracious Father, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the good news of our Savior and receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies, and lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Offering



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

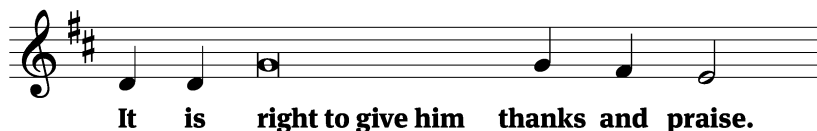
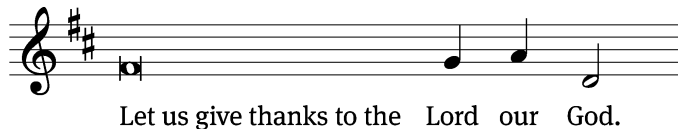
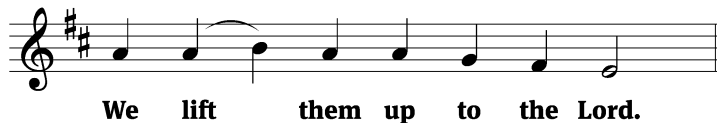
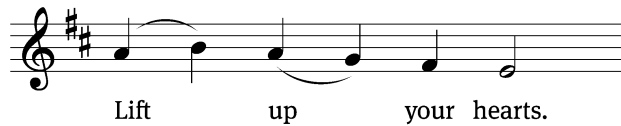
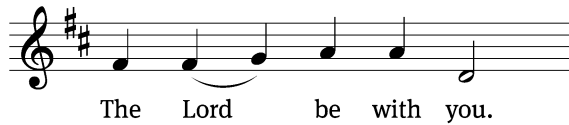
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# THE SACRAMENT

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Stand



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
 heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life.

With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ,

who became our substitute under your holy law,

who destroyed the works of the devil by his perfect obedience to your will,

who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world's sin,

who lives and reigns to give us life.

Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward.

Unite us to our crucified and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end. Hear us as we pray the words He taught us...

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us, grant us peace.

*Be seated*

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

### A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

***Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.***

*Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.*

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

## Jesus Messiah

by Chris Tomlin

He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, his blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing, yeah

Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world  
Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
You're the Lord of all  
The Lord of all

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Go in peace. Your † sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

### Prayer and Blessing

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalms 118:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### Closing Hymn Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

words and music by CityAlight

*This hymn is printed on the next page.*



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er, there is no  
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my  
 3. No fate I drea, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
 4. With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and  
 side, the Sav - ior He will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -  
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my  
 said that He will bring me home. And day by day, I know He will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I  
 joic - ing. For in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I  
 par - don and He was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I  
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to  
 hold, my Sav - ior will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley He will  
 hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now and ev - er is my  
 hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
 lead. Oh the night has been won and I  
 plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can  
 Him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing, "All is mine, yet not I, but through Christ in me."  
 shall o - ver - come, yet not I, but through Christ in me."  
 sing, "I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me."  
 lips shall re - peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."



*We thank the Lord for Amy Sehloff, Tom Bruce, Randy Zahn, Josiah Schultz and Paul Porter and their musical gifts used to serve us and our Savior this morning!*