

It shall come to pass in the latter days...Isaiah 2:1-5



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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. **Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.**

### **NURSERY**

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### **SERVING TODAY**

#### **8:00 a.m.**

**Elder:** Bob Souza  
**Comm/Asst. Elder:** Matt Messmer  
**Acolytes:** Katie Kreamer, Nathan Faitsch  
**Ushers:** Morrie Cook, Joe Souza,  
Craig Johnsen  
**Lay Readers:** Thor Peplow, Tony Young  
**Greeters:** Dawn Werfelmann,  
Mike & Sue Bandman  
**Fellowship:** Kreamer family  
**Nov. Altar Guild:** D. Mundrick, D. Wuethrick,  
**Nov. Counters:** Monte Stoltzman

#### **10:45 a.m.**

**Paul DeLassus**  
**Jack Warneke**  
**Allyson Adams**  
**Scott Mundrick, Diane Mundrick**  
**Claudine Rayos, Jack Warneke**  
**Norm Balliet,**  
**OPEN**  
**M. Tatgenhorst**  
**Bill & Kathy Schwartz**

# ***THE LITURGY FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS***

This service carries the themes of Advent using words drawn from the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews—the Hebrew Christians who welcomed Jesus as Messiah.

## **Opening Hymn**

## **Savior of the Nations, Come**

LSB 332 sts. 1–5



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.

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### ***Invocation and Greeting***

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Grace be with all of you.

*Hebrews 13:25*

**C: And also with you.**

P: In a very little while, the One who is coming will come and will not delay. *Heb. 10:37*

Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age  
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

*Hebrews 9:26*

**C: I will put my trust in him.**

*Hebrews 2:13*

P: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

*Hebrews 13:8*

**C: I will put my trust in him.**

P: I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.

**C: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Amen.**

*Hebrews 2:12*

### ***Confession of Sin***

P: Brothers and sisters, we have come to Mount Zion

*Hebrews 12:22-24*

and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,  
and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,  
and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,  
and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,  
and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.  
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God,  
let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest

who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses  
but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are,  
yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Heb. 4:14-16*

*Silence for meditation on our need for Christ's forgiveness.*

### ***Absolution (Forgiveness)***

P: The Holy Spirit says,

*Hebrews 10:15-17*

“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”  
and, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”  
Your sins are forgiven

in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: *Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age  
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.  
I will put my trust in him. Amen.***

*Hebrews 9:26*

*Hebrews 2:13*

### ***Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: *And also with you.***

P: Let us pray. 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.***

### ***Epistle (New Testament Letter)***

### ***Romans 13:11–14 (ESV)***

<sup>11</sup>[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. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in  
sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord  
Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: *Thanks be to God.***

**Reading from an Advent Prophet**

**Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Old Testament Canticle (sung three times)**

from LSB # 261

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

**Responsive Psalm**

**Psalm 44:1-4a, 26 (ESV)**

P: <sup>1</sup>O God, we have heard with our ears,

**C: our fathers have told us,**

P: what deeds you performed in their days,

**C: in the days of old:**

P: <sup>2</sup>you with your own hand drove out the nations,

**C: but you planted Your people;**

P: you afflicted the peoples,

**C: but you set our forefathers free;**

P: <sup>3</sup>for not by their own sword did they win the land,  
nor did their own arm save them,

**C: but your right hand and your arm saved them,**

P: and the light of your face, for you delighted in Your people.

**C: <sup>4</sup>You are our King, O God;**

P: <sup>26</sup>Rise up; come to our help!

**C: Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love! Amen.**

**Magnificat (based on the Song of Mary)** Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord LSB 935, st. 2



2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!



Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;



His mer-cy sure, from age to age the same;



His ho-ly name, the Lord, the Might-y One.

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### **Gospel Declaration**

P: Long ago in many and various ways

God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

P: He is the reflection of God's glory

and the exact imprint of God's very being,

**C: and he sustains all things by his powerful word.**

P: When he had made purification for sins,

**C: he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Amen.**

Hebrews 1:1-3

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 24:36–44 (ESV)**

[Jesus said to His disciples]:<sup>36</sup>“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

## Hymn of the Day

## Preserve Your Word, O Savior

LSB 658



1 Pre-serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,  
2 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;  
3 Pre-serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;  
4 Pre-serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.  
Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.  
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.  
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.  
Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,  
Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;  
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,



Let noth-ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.  
 Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.  
 When all the earth is crum-bling, Safe may Your Church be found.  
 Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.

5 Preserve in wave and tempest  
 Your storm-tossed little flock;  
 Assailed by wind and weather,  
 May it endure each shock.

Stand at the helm, our pilot,  
 And set the course aright;  
 Then we will reach the harbor  
 In Your eternal light.

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**Sermon**

**“Latter Days”**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Offering & Prayer Requests**

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

**Offertory (based on the Song of Mary)** Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord LSB 935, st. 1

Sung as our Offerings are brought forward to the Altar



I Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - jice.

## **Prayers**

P: In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,  
with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death,  
and he was heard because of his reverent submission. *Hebrews 5:7*  
Brothers and sisters, let us pray to the God of peace. *Hebrews 13:20*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

***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.***

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: Father, we have tasted the goodness of Your Word. We have seen Your salvation that comes to us by Your Son. The Good News has come to us, and we praise You from Your dwelling place. We praise You as we go this day. We ask that You will strengthen us in faith in this Good News. We ask all this in the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*Hebrews 6:5, 4:2*

## **Benediction**

P: Now may the God of peace,  
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good  
so that you may do his will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight,  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

**C: Amen.**

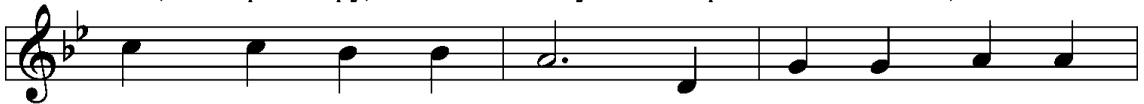
Closing Hymn

The Clouds of Judgment Gather

LSB 513



1 The clouds of judg - ment gath - er, The  
 2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; Let  
 3 The home of fade - less splen - dor, Of  
 4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, Re -



time is grow - ing late; Be so - ber and be  
 wrong give way to right, And pen - i - ten - tial  
 blooms that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as  
 lief for all dis - tressed, True vi - sion of true



watch - ful, Our judge is at the gate:  
 shad - ow To Je - sus' bless - ed light:  
 chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn;  
 beau - ty, Re - fresh - ment for the blest!



The judge who comes in mer - cy, The  
 The light that has no eve - ning, That  
 The peace of all the faith - ful, The  
 Strive now to win that glo - ry, Toil



judge who comes in might To put an end to  
 knows no moon or sun, The light so new and  
 calm of all the blest, In - vi - o - late, un -  
 now to gain that light; Send hope a - head to



e - vil And di - a - dem the right.  
 gold - en, The light that is but one.  
 fad - ing, Di - vin - est, sweet - est, best.  
 grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.

# An Apostolic Advent



Midweek  
Worship  
Series

Wednesdays  
@ 6:30PM

Nov. 30,  
Dec. 7, 14, 21

Each week we will  
focus on one of  
the Apostles,  
and consider  
Advent themes  
in these servants  
of the Lord.

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