An Advent Midweek Series



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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.

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.

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Mike Bandman

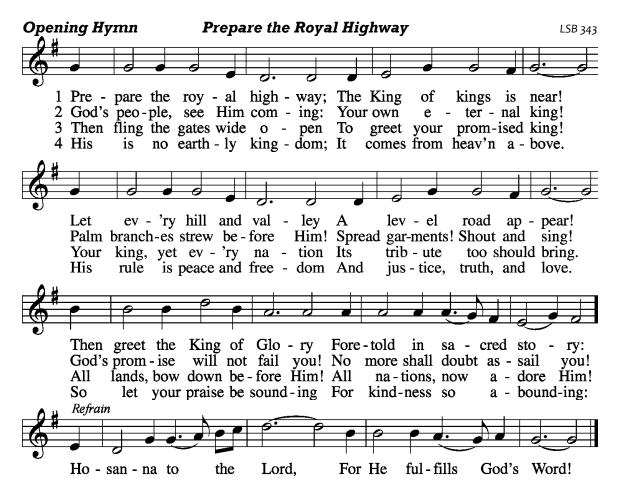
Communion Elder: Bob Souza

Acolyte: Jacob Herstowski
Lay Readers: Cheryl & Dave Ross
Ushers: Monte Stoltzman, OPEN

Greeters: Nichole & Chelsi Todd

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.



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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 Hebrews 13:8

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

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

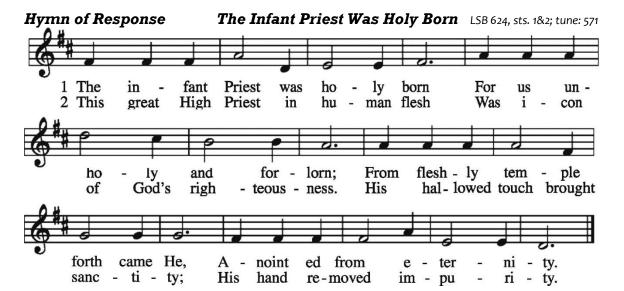
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. 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.

Isaiah 64:1-9 (ESV)

A Reading from an Advent Prophet

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,

that the mountains might quake at your presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,

those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

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

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,

who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

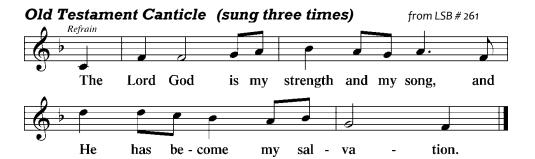
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



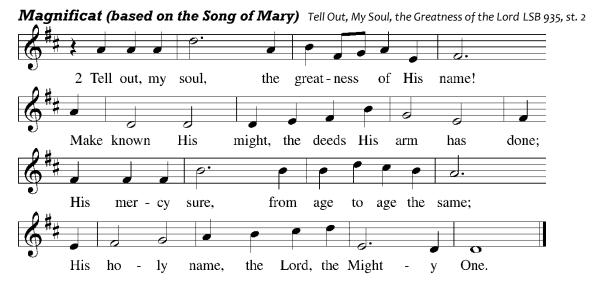
Epistle (New Testament Letter)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (ESV)

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



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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

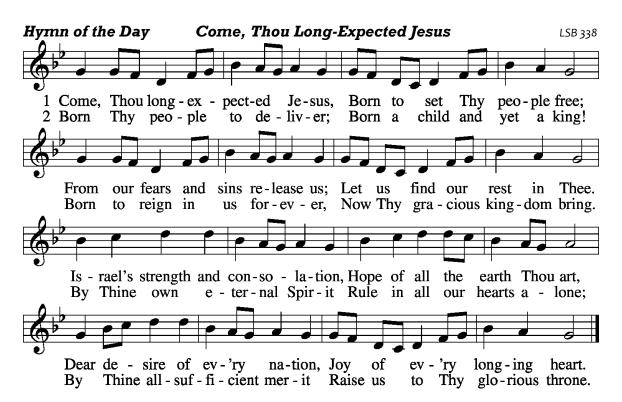
Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1-10 (ESV)

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ¬And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁶And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁶And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



"Who is Waiting? More People Than You Know"

Offering

Sermon

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



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
 - O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care;
- C: Come and show your people the way to salvation.P: O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, you showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the holy law on Mt. Sinai;
- C: Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.
- P: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice;
- C: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
- P: O King of the nations, the only joy of every heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of humankind;
- C: Come and save the creatures you fashioned from the dust.



- P: O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people.
- C: Come and set us free, Lord our God.
- P: To Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the way, the truth, and the life, let us make our humble prayer:
- C: Come and stay with us, Lord.
- P: Son of the Most High, Your Advent was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel,
- C: Come and rule over your people forever.
- P: Holy One of God, in your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb,
- C: Bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.
- P: Jesus the Savior, the angel revealed your name to Joseph,
- C: Come and save your people from their sins.
- P: Light of the world, for whom Simeon, Anna, and all the faithful waited,
- C: Come and comfort us.
- P: Watchful at all times, we pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.
- C: Amen.

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.

Benediction

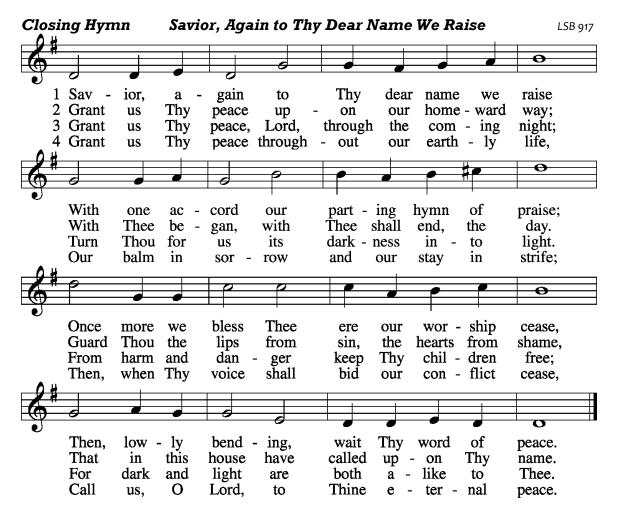
P: Now may the God of peace,

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.



Announcements

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