



First Sunday in Advent

Year B Begins
The Gospel of Mark Year

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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. 1–3, 7



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
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry



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:
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
In this light faith now a - bides.

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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.

**C: *Amen. Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age
to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.*** *Hebrews 9:26*
I will put my trust in him. Amen. *Hebrews 2:13*

Song of Praise

Great is the Lord



Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His pow - er we trust in His love. _____



Great is the Lord, He is faith - ful and true by His mer - cy He proves He is love. _____



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great are You, Lord, and wor - thy of praise.



Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great _____ is the
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:



Lord! _____ Great _____ is the Lord! _____

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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.*

Reading from an Advent Prophet

Isaiah 64:1–9(ESV)

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.**

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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.

Anthem

When Will the Little King Come?

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*When will the little King come? When will we see God's Son?
We will sing and shout for joy, greet the precious baby boy, when our Emmanuel comes.*

*When will the little King come?
Will He come like a breath of spring while the flowers are blossoming?
Will He come on a summer day while the children are at play?*

*When will the little King come?
Will He come when the air grows cold while the leaves turn to red and gold?
Will He come on a winter night while the stars are shining bright?*

*When will the little King come? When will we see God's son?
We will sing and shout for joy, greet the precious baby boy, when our Emmanuel comes.
When will the little King come?*

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3–9(ESV)

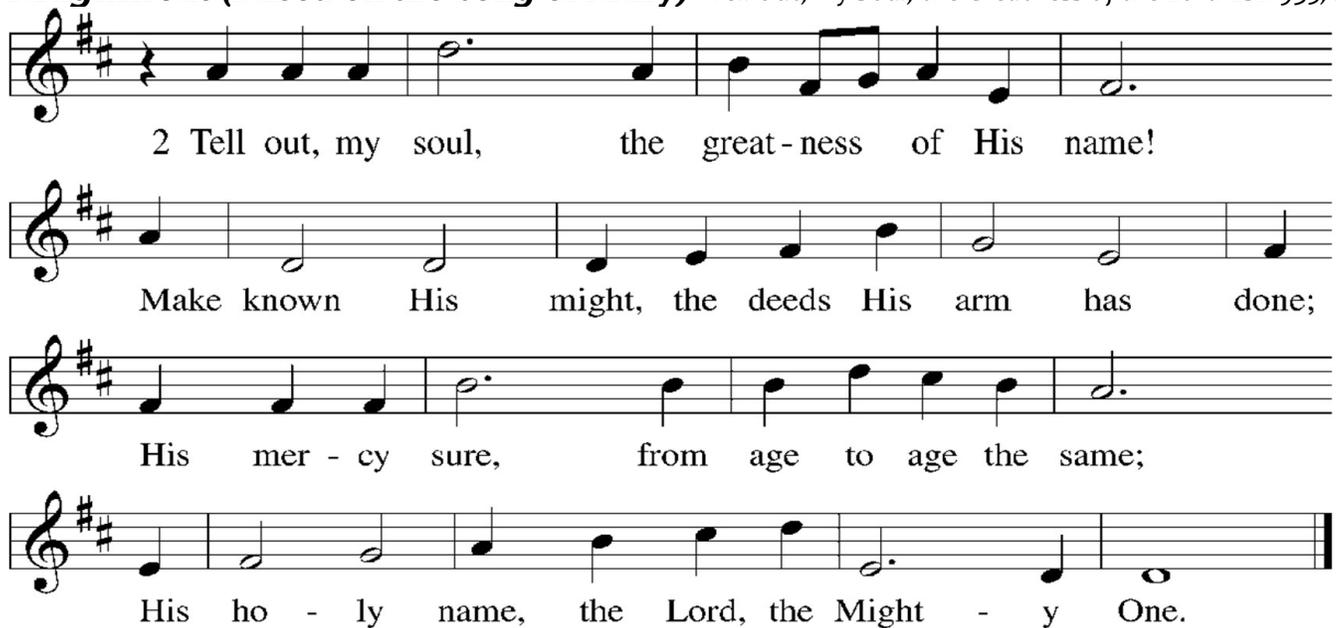
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I, [Paul], 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.**

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

Mark 13:24–37(ESV)

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And 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.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

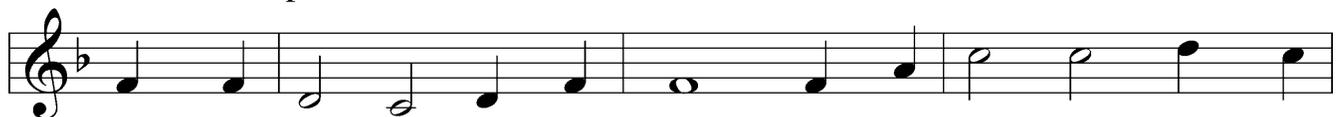
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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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.
Brothers and sisters, let us pray to the God of peace.

Hebrews 5:7
Hebrews 13:20

Prayer of the Church

(At the end of each petition Pastor and the congregation respond)

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **Hear our Prayer.**

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk.

We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

Communion will be held in the Bethel gym from 11:15am until Noon. Additional details on the communion process are available at the end of this bulletin.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: Brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

Grace be with all of you.

Hebrews 10:19-23
Hebrews 13:25

C: **And also with you.**

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Father, we have tasted and seen the goodness of Your Word. We have tasted and see Your salvation that comes to us by Your Son, through His body and blood we have received at Your altar. 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. In the Name of Jesus, we pray

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 King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Announcements



**NOVEMBER 2020
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



**NOVEMBER 29 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM
 ENRICHMENT & RECAP OF
 SABBATICAL EXPERIENCE 10:15-11:00AM*
 INDOOR COMMUNION 11:15AM-NOON**

**BECKY LANZITO & KAREN LEICHT – ORGANISTS
 ANN SOUZA - MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**MANDI DIVER – CHOIR/NEW MUSIC ACCOMPANIST
 DAVID ZIEGLER - HANDBELL DIRECTOR**

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE.
 USHERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR INDOOR COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE
 INTERESTED IN BEING AN USHER CONTACT ELDERS@BETHELGURNEE.ORG OR
 KATRINA JOHNS AT KATRINA@BETHELGURNEE.ORG . IF YOU HAVE ANY
 QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KATRINA.

***THESE SESSIONS ARE VIA ZOOM.**

INDOOR COMMUNION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 11:15 A.M.- NOON

Pastor, Communion Elders and Ushers will wear masks and gloves and use sanitizer to clean off tables, trays, etc.

Communion Distribution Process

- An usher will greet you as you enter the lot.
 - Please park in west spots outside the gym.
 - Handicapped may pull into one of the curbside spots near the gym ramp.
 - You can let an usher know if you would need Communion brought to your car by Pastor and an Elder, using a tray to deliver it. The tray is wiped down after use.
- Enter the gym via the door at the top of the ramp.
- When you enter the gym, you will see spots for waiting marked on the floor. (Usher will help find spots to wait).
- When you are invited, approach the Communion kneelers. Families may stay together.
- You will receive a Communion liturgy card to follow.
- Pastor will place a wafer in your hand.
- An Elder will place an individual cup on the rail.
 - Please indicate if you desire alcohol removed wine.
- Pastor & Elder will speak brief words of distribution as you take the bread and wine.
- Put your cup in the container provided. You will exit the gym through the northeast door. If you need to use the ramp to leave the gym an usher will accompany you out the door and make sure you are safely out of the building and on the way to your car.