



1st Sunday in Advent – November 28, 2021

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR'S

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word and assure me of your love. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.

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OPENING HYMN – 47 Behold, a Branch Is Growing

- 1 Behold, a Branch is growing Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sang, foreknowing; It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flow'r In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.
- 2 Isaiah had foretold it In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it, A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.
- 3 The shepherds heard the story Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory, Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped And in the manger found him,
As angel heralds said.
- 4 This flow'r, so small and tender, With fragrance fills the air;
His brightness ends the darkness That kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man, He came to save his people
From earth's dark night of sin.
- 5 O Savior, Child of Mary, Who felt our human woes,
O Savior, King of glory, Who conquered all our foes,
Bring us at last, we pray, To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.

Text: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599, abr.; tr. composite.

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

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, 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.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON – *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

¹⁵ In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

SECOND LESSON – *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

VERSE OF THE DAY – *Revelation 22:20*

M: Alleluia. The one who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON — Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, ²⁶ people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.” ²⁹ He told them a parable. “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Amen I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ “Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly. ³⁵ For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY — 2 Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child Of the virgin undefiled,
 Though by all the world disowned, Yet to be in heav'n enthroned!
- 4 From the Father's throne he came And ascended to the same,
 Captive leading death and hell—High the song of triumph swell!
- 5 Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,
 Praise to God the Spirit be Ever and eternally.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.

SERMON – Careful, Watchful

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav’n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

M: 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.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN - 82 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
Manifested by the star To the Magi from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem, In your birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, Wedding Guest, In your Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be; Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.
Christ will then like lightning shine; All will see his glorious sign.
All will then the trumpet hear; All will see the judge appear.
You by all will be confessed, God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do Imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be At your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – 25 The King Shall Come

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes—
- 2 Not as of old a little child To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.

- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes And we shall see his face.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, abr., alt.

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We're happy you joined us! May God richly bless your week.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today (11/28)	9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship with Communion
Wednesday	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Study
Sunday 12/5	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship Call Meeting

Pastoral Call Meeting The Lord has led Pastor Jonathan Loescher to return the call to be our pastor. The next call meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, Dec. 5 at 11:30 AM**. All members are encouraged to attend.

Asleep in Jesus The Lord in his love and mercy called home to heaven the soul of David Anklaam. A Christian funeral will be held on Monday at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10 am. May God comfort Judy, their family, and all who knew and loved Dave. Blessed be his memory.

Memorials We are grateful for gifts given in memory of:

Gordon Schubring from Family & Friends, Gordon Baumann, Suzanne Durkee, Ellen Fitzke, Mark & Beth Krohn, Bill & Lorraine Melanson, Violet Schmidt, Bill & Sue Unruh, Geneva Weith

Jeanette Mathwich (Gordy Mathwich's mother) from Gordon Baumann, Rick & Karen Leopold, Bill & Sue Unruh

Vernon Marquardt (DuWayne Marquardt's brother) from Geneva Weith

Pastor Russel Kobs (Marie Kurth's father) from Ellen Fitzke, Mark & Beth Krohn, Rick & Karen Leopold, Violet Schmidt, Bill & Sue Unruh

Violette Clark (Kelly Scchultz's mother) from Suzanne Durkee

Thanks be to God for the love which led to these gifts. Blessed be their memories.

Worship Note There will not be special midweek Advent worship services this year.

Gifts & Memorials from November 14 The empty envelopes (needed for recording) and the list of memorials from November 14 are missing. If you haven't seen your memorial gift listed in the bulletin, please give us a note with that information.

Also, if you gave a cash offering on Nov. 14, please let us know the amount and the fund to which it was given. Thank you.



Poinsettias The sign up is out! If you'd like to help defray the cost of poinsettias, please see the sheet in the narthex.

Please take a moment to thank Sharon Roloff and Sid & Bonnie Elford for the Christmas decorations, as well as Bob & Jan Gresens and Bill & Sue Unruh for autumn decorations. To God be the glory!



Snow Removal Please sign up in the narthex or speak with Bill Unruh if you're willing to help. Your help is appreciated.

Ladies' Aid Christmas Luncheon You are invited to join our Ladies' Aid members on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 11:30 at 2510 Restaurant. Please call Kathy Stubbe (298-4446) or Janice Gresens (845-7548) to RSVP.

Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) Come join us for our OWLS Annual Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 14th at 12 noon at Our Saviors. Cost will be \$12 per person. This luncheon is open to anyone who wants to come, not just OWLS members. So we know how many to plan for, please contact Ruth at (715)-573-2142 by Friday, December 10 to reserve your spot. Hope to see you there.

In the Narthex:

- December issues of Forward in Christ, Meditations
- Advent devotions
- 2022 God's Creation Calendars

NLHS Fruit Sale Order forms are in the narthex and must be returned to Northland LHS by Wednesday, December 1.

Christmas Parade Our school will have a float this year and hand out treats. If you can help, please speak with one of our teachers. The parade is this Friday, Dec. 3, 6-8:30 pm.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: November 21, 2021

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Thanksgiving</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>GSchubring Memorial</u>
\$1,348.00	\$195.00	\$80.00	\$105.00	\$96.00	\$50.00	\$1,140.00
<u>Memorial</u>	<u>OSSchool</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>WELS Scholarship</u>	<u>Windows</u>	
\$25.00	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	
<u>Christmas Family</u>	<u>School Fees</u>					
\$92.00	\$51.00					

Attendance: Sunday 11/21 – 60, online – 34 Total = 94

Thanksgiving Eve – 40, online – 30 Total = 70



Christmas Wishes

As in past years, Our Savior's has adopted a family through the Women's Community "Christmas Wishes" program. The Women's Community serves victims of abuse. We have been assigned a young **family of six** who have basic clothing and household needs. The children also have simple toy, art and book wishes. While we don't have to buy everything on the list, it would be nice to gift them with necessities plus a few fun items.

Please consider giving in the freewill offering basket which is in the narthex today and Dec. 5. Thank you.

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40*



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