

As We Gather First Sunday in Advent Nov. 27, 2022

“In God We Trust” is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God’s people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist confidently stated, “In God I trust; I shall not be afraid” (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God’s grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- *Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- *Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- *Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

Please Note

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

PRELUDE “I Wonder As I Wander”

WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN #331 “The Advent of Our King”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One Advent candle is lit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.



1 For-give us, Lord, for times when hope was lost, And
mo - ments when we nev - er thought to trust, For
times when we de - spair and for - get That
You are where all joy and truth have met.
For - give, for - give, for - give us all our
sins And help us hope and trust You with - out end.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
- C** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
- C** We bless You from the house of the Lord.
- P** The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- C** You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

KYRIE LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



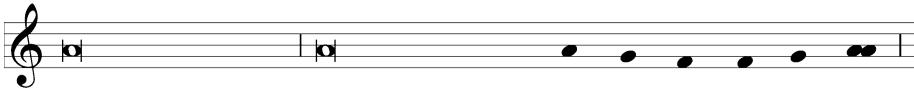
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



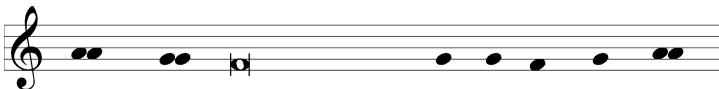
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1–5

“¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It 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, ³and 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. ⁴He 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. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:7; 118:26, alt.

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
- C** **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

EPISTLE READING Romans 13:11–14

“¹¹Besides this 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But 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.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 173

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

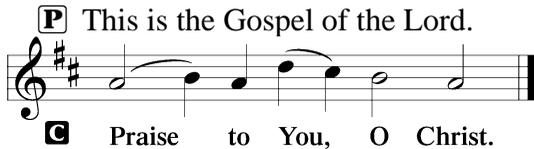
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1–11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
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- C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

“¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by

the prophet, saying, ⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”
⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”



HYMN OF THE DAY #332 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

SERMON Rev. Delwyn Campbell
LCMS Strategic Mission Developer - Gary, IN

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From
thence 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, the community of God’s forgiven people, asking that God’s messengers continue to speak with power among us and that the Word may come to us today with its message of forgiveness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**

- P** [*Petitions...*] Lord, in Your mercy,
G **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
G **Amen.**

OFFERING “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

OFFERTORY “What Shall I Render to the Lord” **LSB 176**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION “Remember Me” G. Gustafson & M. Nystrom

Pastor: (sung) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”

Cong.: (sung) “**So we thank You for the wine And for the bread;
For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.
And we remember Your wondrous love
You gave your body You shed Your blood
And we remember Your wondrous love
You gave your body You shed your blood.**”

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CLOSING HYMN #554 “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers today are given in thankfulness

By Kay McPhail

Reader Today: Kathy Hammar

PRAYER LIST: Renee Havener, recovery; Harold Holtz, cancer treatment; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

WELCOME Rev. Delwyn & Lenita Campbell, Daniyah and Dinah.

Rev. Campbell serves the Lord through our LCMS as a strategic mission developer in Gary, Indiana. In this role, he leads the development of missionary outreach and supports the health and growth of the current Lutheran population in the area. Pastor Campbell provides pastoral care through Word and Sacrament ministry to St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and serves as campus chaplain to Ascension Lutheran Christian School.

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT THREE WEDNESDAYS!

Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, 14th are the dates for our **Advent Midweek worship at 4:00 p.m.** with **soup supper following at 4:45 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. (Sign up sheet for soups etc. is on the signup table in the narthex.)

Our Advent season reflections will be upon **Angels: The Ultimate Divine Messengers of Hope! In the midst of unbelieving doubt, fear of the unknown, and the seemingly impossible!**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tues. Nov. 29	11:00 a.m.	Childcare Chapel
Wed. Nov. 30	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - last one until Jan. 4.
Wed. Nov. 30	4:00 p.m.	Advent Mid-week Worship; 4:45 p.m. Soup Supper
Thur. Dec. 1	10:30 a.m.	Grief Support Group
Thur. Dec. 1	10:30 a.m.	Jesus Time (Childcare Ctr)
Thur. Dec. 1	1:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thur. Dec. 1	4:00 p.m.	Choir - important practice

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 1 Harold Sersland	Dec. 1 Ann Scott	Dec. 3 Gayle Malwitz
Dec. 5 Christine Fourman	Dec. 8 Wendy Fullmer	Dec. 9 Lori Gnacinski

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 30 Barry & JoAnn Collins

10 a.m. service available online at our Facebook page (live and recorded - @MesquiteLCC). You do not need a Facebook account to view. Go to facebook.com/MesquiteLCC/live or visit our website mesquitelutheran.org/Online-Services.

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