

HYMN

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the blessing of almighty God, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. In the Name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of abundance,

C **we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING

P May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank

ELW 249

DISMISSAL

A We are gathered into Christ and sent out to serve. Let us go in peace, for Christ is with us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE 8:00 am *Swiss Noel* Louis Claude D'Aquin

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019

8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

WITH ONE VOICE—Bread of Life Setting 5



Gathering

PRELUDE 8:00 am *I Wonder as I Wonder* John Jacob Niles
10:45 am *Here I am to Worship* Tim Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you R Peace be with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

C Amen.

P Let us come before the living God in confession.

You may kneel or remain standing for this time of reflection and confession. Silence is kept for reflection.

P As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

C **We open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are

forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, ✠ Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN 8:00 am *Fling Wide the Door* ELW 254

10:45 am *Here I am to Worship*

**Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore
you, hope of a life spent with you.**

**REFRAIN: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I
am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether
worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, O so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake
became poor.**

REFRAIN

**And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that
cross. (*Sung 4 times.*)**

REFRAIN

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

KYRIE



**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.

C Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

Sit

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper. All who believe in Christ's presence to forgive our sins through this sacrament are invited. At 8:00 am worship you will receive a piece of bread. You can choose wine or grape juice in the small cups or choose to drink from the common cup which contains wine. At the 10:45 am worship we will be serving communion by intinction. You will receive a wafer to dip into either a chalice of red wine or white grape juice. Please come forward at usher's direction. (gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Those who choose not to commune may come forward to receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your hands across your chest. If you need or wish to have communion brought to you, please notify an usher.

Music during Communion:

AGNUS DEI



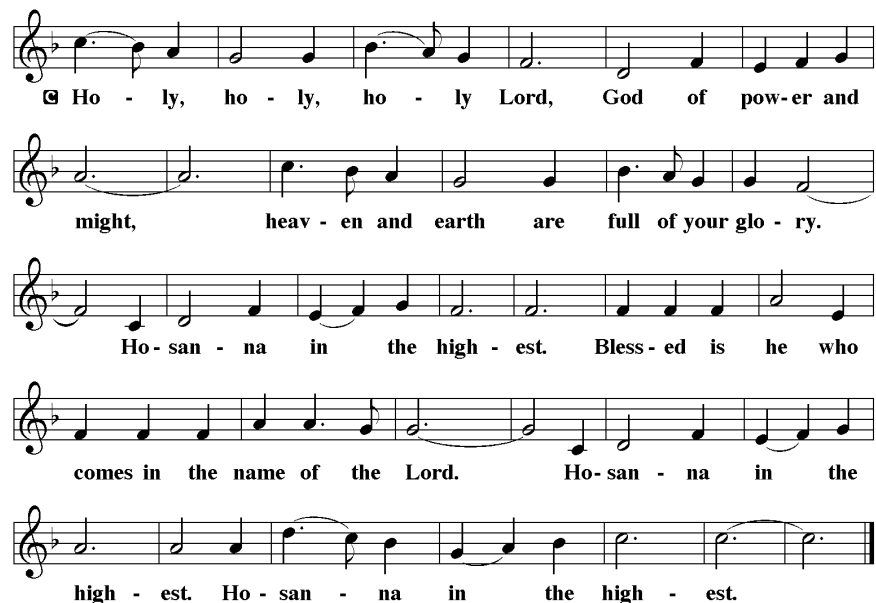
HYMN

Lo, How A Rose

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SANCTUS

Sung by all.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY 8:00 am

P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

C By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER 10:45 am

Sit

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

8:00 am The Williams Family 10:45 am The Sailer Family

Advent Family: As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's coming among us, let us listen to the words of the prophet Micah: "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth...And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

HYMN *Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah*



2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

The lighting of the Bethlehem Candle reminds us of the preparations for the Christ Child

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Advent Family: Let us pray. O God of our ancestors, we give you thanks for a history that stretches back through the centuries and embraces those who have been faithful to you in many times and places. Grant that we may grow and flourish in the strength of all that we have been given. In the name of Jesus Christ, son of David and Son of God, we pray.

C Amen

Word

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

After the reading:

A Word of God. Word of Life.

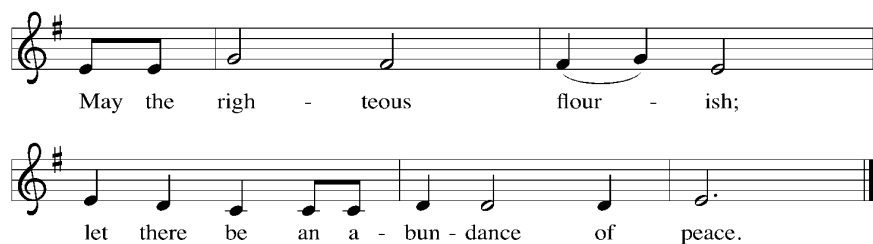
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Choir sings the refrain, congregation repeats.

Choir chants plain verses, congregation chants bold verses.

REFRAIN



¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

8:00 am	<i>Prepare the Way of the Lord</i>	Lloyd Larson
10:45 am	<i>Come, O Redeemer, Come</i>	Fernando Ortega

Stand

OFFERTORY

Lord of Light

Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,

**Use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.**

Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Giver of every good thing,

C **We set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 8:00 am

A Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God of promise, your reign has come near. Call your people to the way of repentance and inspire your church to bear fruit in the world through acts of faithful service. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A God of creation, we pray for the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the calf, and all species whose lives are intertwined. Repair and preserve ecosystems so that all life on earth may be sustained. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A God of the poor, set tables of abundance in all places where hands are empty, where stomachs ache with hunger, and where hearts and minds suffer pain. Feed and heal all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A God of hope, renew in your people all joy and peace in believing, especially those facing anxiety, depression, alienation or illness, especially.... Guide this community of faith to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEACE 10:45 am

Sit

OFFERING

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared. Guests are asked to complete the visitor card located in the pew holder and place it in the offering plate. We also ask that everyone complete the attendance pad in the pew and pass it down the row.

²that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;

³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish; and let there be an
abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever, and may all the
earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen. **R**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

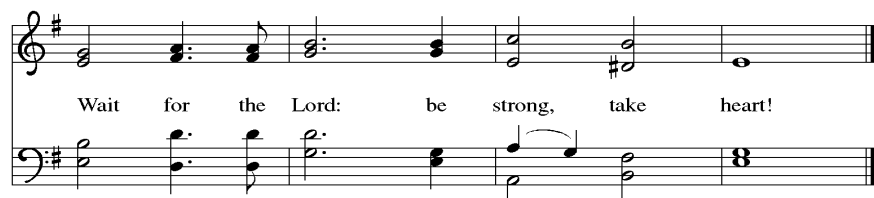
After the reading:

A Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE *Wait for the Lord*



GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUTH SERMON

The youth are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary and bring their offering.

10:45 am *(Youth K-5 are invited to go with Mrs. Powell to practice for the upcoming Christmas Program on December 15. Children will be returned in time for Holy Communion.)*

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

ELW 255

APOSTLES' CREED 8:00 am

P Let us confess our baptismal faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

10:45 am Awesome God Creed *(see hymn insert)*