

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

THIS SEASON **KNOW**



**Miraculous Signs**

**John 12:17-19**

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**WORSHIP NOTES** - The emphasis in the season of Advent is not so much on our Savior's birth as it is on his return as our King, and so also on the preparations we need to be making as we await his royal return. Words of repentance, expectation and hope call for our attention during Advent. These are themes that run counter to the world's pre-Christmas emphasis. Secular society, impelled by the desire for instant gratification, celebrates a secular Christmas with the expectation of experiencing fulfillment now. By contrast, Christians express their yearning during Advent for fulfillment in the future when Jesus comes back again. Look for this emphasis during the Advent season in the hymns, the Psalms, the appointed lessons and the sermons. This also explains why we defer the singing of Christmas hymns and carols until just before the Christmas season comes.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** *Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins and temptation in an evil world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

**GUESTS** Welcome to our visitors!

**Restrooms:** At the far (south) side of the entry area.

**Parents' Room:** Also at the far (south) side of the entry area.

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **THE OPENING HYMN**

"Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

CW, #12:1-3

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the captives to release,  
In Satan's prison held.  
The gates of brass before him burst;  
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

### **INVOCATION**

**PASTOR:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**CONGREGATION:** And also with you.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**P:** I rejoiced with those who said to me,

**C:** **“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

**P:** How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**C:** **Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

**P:** The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**C:** **to all who call on him in truth.**

## HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

CW, #12:4

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With your beloved name.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** We confess our sins to the Lord. Show us your unfailing love!

**C:** **And grant to us in Christ your salvation.**

**P:** The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

**C:** **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## FIRST READING Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29

*In the midst of God’s spectacular judgment on the wicked peoples of Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot and his daughters experience the Lord’s gracious deliverance from destruction. Let us not hesitate to leave behind the things of this world for the promise of eternal deliverance. Let us not look back on what might have been, but ahead to the promised salvation of the Christ.*

With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.” When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them. As soon as they had brought

them out, one of them said, “Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!” By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the LORD out of the heavens. Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD. He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace. So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

**HYMN**

“Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes”

CW, #9:5

Teach us in watchfulness and prayer  
To wait for your appointed hour,  
And fit us by your grace to share  
The triumphs of your conqu'ring pow'r.

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*The Apostle Paul met the righteous branch of David face to face; he saw the promise of “the Lord Our Righteousness” fulfilled. Therefore he exhorts the Thessalonians and all believers - those who know the Christ’s deliverance from sin - to continue living lives of faith and hope in the promise that the Lord Jesus will come again to bring us to eternal life.*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Zion, at Your Shining Gates” (Page 7)

CWS, # 701:1-2

**THE GOSPEL**

**John 12:17-19**

Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

**THE SERMON**

John 12:17-19

“For this Reason: Miraculous Signs”

**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.

**THE OFFERINGS**

*Online or in the entryway. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Please fill out a Guest Card located in the entryway, and drop it in the box on the Welcome Center so we can connect with you – thanks!*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Almighty God, you gave your only Son to take on our humanity and to dwell among us. Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children in Baptism, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*Special Prayers*)

**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

**P:** The almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless us and keep us.

**C:** Amen.

## **THE CLOSING HYMN**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

CWS, #702:1

Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:  
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God's Word!

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## **SILENT PRAYERS**

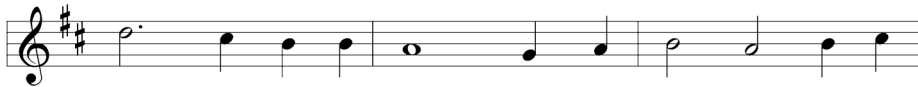
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## Zion, at Your Shining Gates



1 Zi - on, at your shin - ing gates, See, the  
 2 Christ, your king - dom comes to - day As we  
 3 Come and give us peace with - in, Loose us  
 4 Give us grace your yoke to wear, Give us  
 5 So when you shall come a - gain, Lord of



King of glo - ry waits; Haste your mon - arch now to  
 hear your Spir - it say: "God's own Son, a sac - ri -  
 from the bands of sin, Take a - way the heav - y  
 strength your cross to bear, Make us yours in deed and  
 an - gels and of men, We with all your saints shall



greet, Spread your palms be - fore his feet.  
 fice— Sin - ners' way to par - a - dise."  
 weight Laid on us by greed and hate.  
 word, Yours in heart and life, O Lord.  
 sing Loud ho - san - nas to our King.

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (11/28)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	Outreach Meeting
Thursday	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Advent Mid- Week Worship Service</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Advent Mid- Week Worship Service</b>
Saturday	10:00 AM	K-6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday School Christmas Practice
	4:30 PM	Advent By Candlelight
Sunday (12/5)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with communion</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship with communion</b>
	5:00 PM	Caroling

### Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Nehemiah 8:9-18
Second Lesson	Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:7-18
Psalm	Psalm 14

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday  
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.  
Link on our website (see below).*

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## THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

“This Season Know  
the Reason”  
**Service Theme**

### PREACHING:

Mark Wagner

### ORGANIST:

Jon Hahm

**HYMNS:** 12:1-3, 12:4, 9:5,  
701:1-2, 701:3-4, 702:1

### FIRST READING:

Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29

### SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

### GOSPEL READING:

John 12:17-19

### THE SERMON:

John 12:17-19

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## Flowers

The flowers on the Altar  
this week are from the  
Wagner Family  
in celebration of  
their November &  
December Birthdays.