

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022



Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

(Wisconsin Synod)

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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

305 Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, his char - iot is hu -
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er
4 Fling wide the gates; pre - pare your heart to be a tem - ple
5 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to you; here,



glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; the
mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, his
is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes to
set a - part from earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, a -
Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with your sav - ing grace; show



Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of
dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - 'reign
me your kind and friend - ly face. Your Ho - ly Spir - it



he will bring; there - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To
woe he brings; there - fore the earth is glad and sings. To
joy is he who comes to set his peo - ple free. To
en - ter in and new and no - bler life be - gin. To
guide us on un - til our glo - rious goal is won. E -



God the Fa - ther raise your joy - ful songs of praise.
Christ the Sav - ior raise your grate - ful hymns of praise.
God the Spir - it raise your hap - py shouts of praise.
God a - lone be praise for word and deed and grace!
ter - nal praise and fame we of - fer to your name.

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- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C:** **And also with you.** (*spoken*)

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C:** **Amen.** (*spoken*)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.




THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 64:1–5a

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!
As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!
For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.
How then can we be saved?

PSALM OF THE DAY 24A Welcome the King of Glory

Refrain



Wel-come the King of glo - ry, each tribe and na - tion!
He is the LORD Al-might - y, bring - ing sal - va - tion.

Tone



The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their Savior. *Refrain*

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**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. *Refrain***

SECOND LESSON Revelation 22:12–20

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

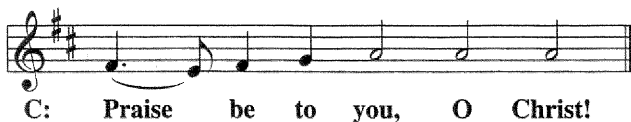
VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 24:4–14, 36–44

Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY 314 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide; come down, come
2 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Dawn, when will we
3 Sin's dread - ful doom up - on us lies; grim death looms
4 There shall we all our prais - es bring and sing to
down with might - y stride. Un - lock the gates, the
sing your morn - ing song? Come, Son of God! With -
fierce be - fore our eyes. Come lead us with your
you, our Sav - ior - King; there shall we laud you
doors break down; un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
out your light we grope in dread and gloom of night.
might - y hand from ex - ile to our prom - ised land.
and a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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SERMON Matthew 24:4-14, 36-44

Here Comes Jesus!

1. Recognize the signs
2. Be ready for Him

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.

OFFERING

Members and guests alike are asked to fill out the Friendship Register, pass the entire pad to the next person, and return it to the center aisle. Please include email and phone.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.
- C: Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**
- P: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.
- C: Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**
- P: The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.
- C: Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**
- P: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.
- C: Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

P: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C: Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN

324 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

vs 1-3



- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
- 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
- 3 Re - joice, then, you sad-heart - ed, who sit in deep-est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



O Je - sus, let your Word be a lamp to light my way,
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing that led you to em - brace
 De - spair not; he is near you, he's stand - ing at the door



to show me how to please you, to guide me ev - 'ry day.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race!
 who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

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P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



HYMN

324 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

vs 4-5



4 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, let not your souls dis - tress;

5 He comes to judge the na - tions, a ter - ror to his foes,



your guilt the Lord will par - don and cov - er by his grace.

a light of con - so - la - tion and bless - ed hope to those



He comes, for you pro - cur - ing the peace of sin for - giv'n,

who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,



his chil - dren thus se - cur - ing e - ter - nal life in heav'n.

send forth your beams most cheer - ing, and guide us safe - ly home.

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SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (11/27)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Christmas Tree Set up
	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	3:30 PM	Advent Midweek Service w/comm
	7:00 PM	Advent Midweek Service w/comm
Sunday (12/4)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Bible Information Class
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	4:30 PM	Advent By Candlelight

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Numbers 11:24-30
Second Lesson	Peter 2:9, 10
Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30
Psalm	46

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

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PREACHER:

CHARLES PAPENFUSS

ORGANIST: JON HAHM

HYMNS: AS PRINTED

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 64:1-5a

SECOND LESSON:

Revelation 22:12-20

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 24:4-14, 36-44

THE SERMON:

Matthew 24:4-14, 36-44

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