



*Welcome*  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## Order of Worship

*December 4, 2022 Second Sunday in Advent*

### Welcome

#### Call To Worship

- P** Prepare ye the way of the LORD,  
**C** **Hallelujah!**  
**P** Make His paths straight,  
**C** **O come, let us worship Him**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** **And to the Holy Spirit.**  
**P** As it was in the beginning,  
**C** **Is now and will be forever. Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn – Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word LSB 655

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| 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;<br>Curb those who by deceit or sword<br>Would wrest the kingdom from Your<br>Son And bring to naught all He has<br>done. | 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make<br>known, For You are Lord of lords alone;<br>Defend Your holy Church that we<br>May sing Your praise eternally. |
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- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

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#### Confession and Absolution

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise,  
and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,

let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### **Praise Response 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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### **Salutation and Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*(Please be seated)*

### **Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 11:1-10**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.  
<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.  
<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.  
<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

### **Epistle Reading, Romans 15:4-13**

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,  
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,  
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord    **C** **Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **The Holy Gospel, Matthew 3:1-12**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

### **C** **Glory to You, O Lord**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.'"

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Sermon**

## Sermon Song : My Hope is Built on Nothing Less LSB 575

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain
- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain
- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**

**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Peace of the Lord** *(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)*

### **Prayers of the Church**

**After each petition respond:**

**P** Lord in your mercy    **C** **Hear our prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

### **Preface**

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

### **The Word of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup

after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **Lamb of God by Marty Haugen**

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Communion Distribution** *(Please be seated)*

### **Living Hope**

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

### **Chorus**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

**(Chorus x2)**

## Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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## Hark The Glad Sound LSB 349

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With Thy belovèd name.

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## Grace Alone

Verse 1

Ev'ry promise we can make  
Ev'ry prayer and step of faith  
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make  
Is only by His grace  
Ev'ry mountain we will climb  
Ev'ry ray of hope we shine  
Ev'ry blessing left behind  
Is only by His grace

Chorus

**Grace alone which God supplies  
Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us our Cornerstone  
We will go forth in grace alone**

Verse 2

Ev'ry soul we long to reach Ev'ry heart we hope to teach  
Ev'rywhere we share His peace Is only by His grace  
Ev'ry loving word we say Ev'ry tear we wipe away  
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise Is only by His grace

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*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

### **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**P** Go in peace!

**C Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

### **Closing Song: Resurrection Power**

1. You called me from the grave by name  
You called me out of all my shame  
I see the old has passed away  
The new has come

#### **Chorus:**

Now I have resurrection power living on the  
inside  
Jesus You have given us freedom  
No longer bound by sin and darkness  
Living in the light of Your goodness  
You have given us freedom

2. I'm dressed in Your royalty  
Your Holy Spirit lives in me  
I see my past has been redeemed  
The new has come **Chorus**

#### **Bridge (2X)**

Freedom You have given us freedom  
You have given us freedom  
My chains are gone  
Freedom You have given us freedom  
You have given us freedom  
Hallelujah **Chorus x 2**

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### **Announcements**

**Welcome!**

**We are happy you are worshiping our Lord at St. Peter's.**

**As a Guest,**

**You are welcome to worship here as long as you would like, and to continue receiving the Lord's Supper.**

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**If you are considering joining St Peters; there are three ways.**

**Transfer**

**If you're a member of an LCMS church; you can transfer your membership to St Peters.**

**Profession of Faith**

**Is a statement that you agree with the Faith as proclaimed at St. Peters:.**

- **The Apostles Creed,**
- **The 10 Commandments - Law & Gospel**
- **Baptism - Doth now save us (1 Peter 3:21),**
- **The Lord Supper is Jesus' true body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins.**

**A Conversation about the Basics of the Christian Faith and Doctrine  
Usually, 6 to 8 sessions**

**And fill out an information sheet for the office.**