



*Welcome*  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## Order of Worship

*December 3, 2023 First 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 – LSB 331 The Advent of Our King

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| 1 The advent of our King<br>Our prayers must now employ,<br>And we must hymns of welcome<br>sing<br>In strains of holy joy.   | 2 The everlasting Son<br>Incarnate deigns to be,<br>Himself a servant's form puts on<br>To set His servants free.            |
| 3 O Zion's daughter, rise<br>To meet your lowly King,<br>Nor let your faithless heart despise<br>The peace He comes to bring. | 4 As judge, on clouds of light,<br>He soon will come again<br>And His true members all unite<br>With Him in heav'n to reign. |
| 5 Before the dawning day<br>Let sin's dark deeds be gone,<br>The sinful self be put away,<br>The new self now put on.         | △ 6 All glory to the Son,<br>Who comes to set us free,<br>With Father, Spirit, ever one<br>Through all eternity.             |

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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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Lighting of The Tree

*O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are thy branches!  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are thy branches!  
Not only green in summer's heat,  
But also winter's snow and sleet.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are your branches!*

*O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are thy branches  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
how lovely are they branches  
They faithfully reflect the love  
Bestowed on us from God above  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are thy branches.*

## 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 64:1–9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup> From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup> You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup> But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup> Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

## Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all

knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **The Holy Gospel, Mark 13:24–37**

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

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

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—<sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord    **C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Sermon**

## Sermon Song : LSB 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and  
thrones, Raise the glad strain:  
"Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions,  
princedom, pow'rs, Virtues,  
archangels, angels' choirs:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- 2 O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!"  
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- △ 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!"  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Nicene Creed

**☩ 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  $\text{†}$  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)*

### Hosanna (Carl Tuttle)

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the  
highest! Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in  
the highest!  
Lord, we lift up Your name,  
With hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord, my God,  
Hosanna in the highest!

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings.  
Lord, we lift up Your name,  
With hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord, my God,  
Hosanna in the highest!

## **Instrumental Interlude**

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, we lift up Your name,  
With hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord, my God,  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

## **338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

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2 Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## **Well Done**

Verse 1

What will it be like when my pain is gone  
And all the worries of this world just fade away  
What will it be like when You call my name  
In that moment when I see You face to face

Pre-Chorus

I'm waiting my whole life to hear You say

Chorus

**Well done well done**

**My good and faithful one**

**Welcome to the place where you belong**

**Well done well done**

**My beloved child**



**You have run the race and now you're home  
Welcome to the place where you belong**

Verse 2

What will it be like when tears are washed away  
And every broken thing will finally be made whole  
What will it be like when I come into Your glory  
Standing in the presence of a love so beautiful

Pre-Chorus

I'm waiting my whole life for that day  
I will live my life to hear you say

Bridge

What will it be like when I hear that sound  
All of heaven's angels crying out  
Singing holy holy  
Holy are You Lord  
Singing holy holy  
Holy are You Lord  
Singing holy holy  
Holy are You Lord

Pre-Chorus

I'm waiting my whole life for that day  
Until then I'll live to hear You say  
Well done

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**RESPONSE OF PRAISE      Shalom**

Shalom, good friends, Shalom, good friends,  
Shalom shalom! 'Til we meet again,  
'Til we meet again, Shalom, shalom!

*(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: “Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble?”**

1. Did you feel the mountains tremble

Did you hear the oceans roar

When the people rose to sing of

Jesus Christ the risen One

2. Did you feel the people tremble

Did you hear the singers roar

When the lost began to sing of

Jesus Christ the saving One

## **Bridge**

And we can see that God You're moving

A mighty river through the nations

And young and old will turn to Jesus

Fling wide you heavenly gates

Prepare the way of the risen Lord

**Chorus** Open up the doors and let the music play  
Let the streets resound with singing  
Songs that bring Your hope  
Songs that bring Your joy  
Dancers who dance upon injustice

3. Do you feel the darkness tremble  
When all the saints join in one song  
And all the streams flow as one river  
To wash away our brokenness

**Bridge**

And here we see that God You're moving  
A time of jubilee is coming  
When young and old return to Jesus  
Fling wide you heavenly gates  
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

**Chorus**

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*(Please be seated)*

**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.**