

The light shines in  
the darkness,

and the darkness has  
not overcome it (John 1:5)





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**Advent 1**

*Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.*

**Choir...8:00 A.M...Sunday family worship...9:00 A.M.  
Sunday school and Bible class...10:15 A.M.**

### **Today's Worship**

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13).*

**Greeting and prayer:**

**Opening hymn 349: Hark the Glad Sound**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

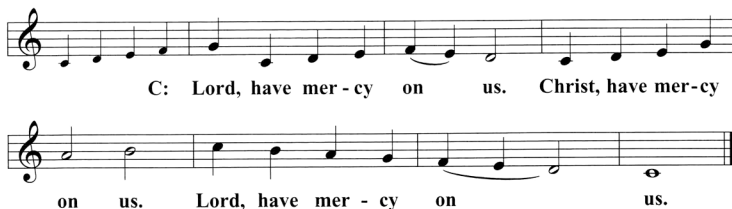
P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



## Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us as we wait for Your revealing. Protect us by Your hand that we may be rescued from the guilt of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Lighting of Advent candle

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*



## Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 60:1-5

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

## Epistle lesson: Romans 10:8-15

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not



be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef. The first staff is for the vocal part, with the lyrics 'C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff is for the piano accompaniment, with the lyrics 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff is for the vocal part, with the lyrics 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff is for the piano accompaniment, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is in a simple, melodic style, suitable for a church hymn.

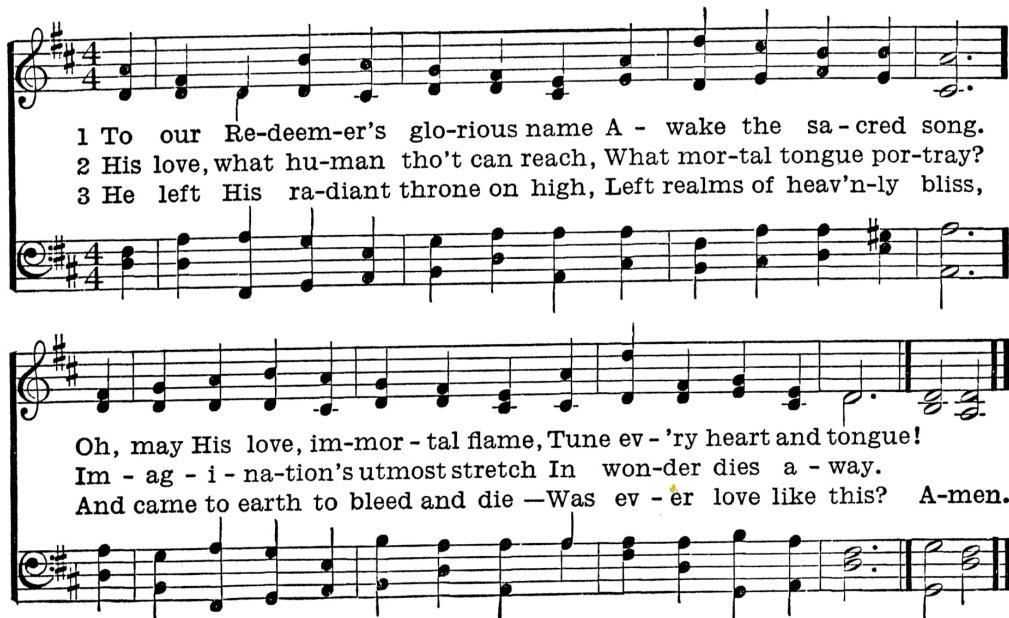
## Nicene Creed

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 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.

### Hymn 363 (TLH): *To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name*



1 To our Re-deem-er's glo-rious name A - wake the sa-cred song.  
 2 His love, what hu-man tho't can reach, What mor-tal tongue por-tray?  
 3 He left His ra-diant throne on high, Left realms of heav'n-ly bliss,

Oh, may His love, im-mor - tal flame, Tune ev - 'ry heart and tongue!  
 Im - ag - i - na - tion's utmost stretch In won-der dies a - way.  
 And came to earth to bleed and die — Was ev - er love like this? A-men.

4 Dear Lord, while we adoring pay  
 Our humble thanks to Thee,  
 May every heart with rapture say,  
 "The Savior died for me!"

5 Oh, may the sweet, the blissful theme  
 Fill every heart and tongue  
 Till strangers love the charming name  
 And join the sacred song!

### Sermon: Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

## Do They Know It's Christmas?

*(Pastor Bruce Naumann)*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me

not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of

Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Plain type.

Cong: Underlined boldface type.

Dear Lord God, whose promises are lifegiving and sure: We praise You for bringing us to the beginning of a new church year. Be present with us as we gather around Word and Sacrament and marvel at Your love which sent Your Son to be our Brother and bear our sin.

In coming weeks may the Spirit prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth by calling us to repentance. Comfort us with the message that Jesus is the light of the world, and that those who follow Him will never walk in darkness. Lead us to walk in His light always. May the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament nourish and refresh our souls, so that we don't grow weary and discouraged.

Lord, many are sick and even hospitalized with the flu, respiratory problems, and other illnesses. Provide them with good medical care and grant relief and recovery. We pray, as well, for the lonely and troubled in heart. Move us to be true friends to all those around us.

Receive our offerings as a way by which we express our love for You. Use these gifts for the furthering of Your kingdom both here and around the world. Bless our foreign missionaries: Pastors Evensen, Ohlmann, and Naumann. Protect them from danger and prosper their preaching and teaching in Your name. Bless all of us in our callings this week, whether at home or away. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

Hymn 831: *"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard*

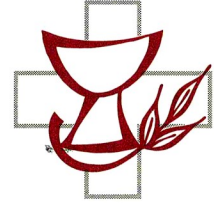
## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.



P: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for whose glorious revealing we now wait. With the crowds who cry, “Hosanna!” we humble ourselves before Him as the King who comes to save us from sin. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*



### Words of Institution

**Distribution Hymns: 624, 620, 622.**

### Nunc Dimittis

*O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav’nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill.  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.*



*All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be-come Your dwell - ing, O bless-ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

### **Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Closing hymn 829: *Christ the Eternal Lord***

# Announcements

## Thank you!

We thank Missionary Bruce Naumann for bringing us the Word of salvation this morning. Pastor Naumann will also lead the Bible class after the service.

## Caroling and chili today

Our annual caroling party will be held today beginning at 4 p.m. We will carol for Kent and Carrie Schneider, Ellan Vannoy, and Carol Gilbertson. We will come back to church for a chili supper. All ages are welcome! Bring your favorite chili and a plate of goodies to share.

## Save the dates

As our lives get even busier in the season ahead, it's all the more important to stay grounded in the Word, which reminds us of the reason for true celebration in the peace Jesus came to bring. **Our series of three midweek Advent services begins this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** Our theme is: "Behold, Your King Comes!" Invite a friend to join us.

## CLC call news...

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC has received a call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

## Advent calendar available

Pastor Daub of Prince of Peace, Hecla, will be sending out a "Martin Luther Advent Calendar" each morning Dec. 1-24 via e-mail. Each daily devotion provides a window into the Christmas season around the Luther household and how many of our own traditions find their roots in the Reformer's passion to teach and live the Gospel. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, contact him at: [pastor\\_daub@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor_daub@hotmail.com).

## New issue of *Daily Rest*

The next issue of the devotional *Daily Rest* is available on the hall counter. Take an extra copy for a friend or relative.

## Missed a service?

Sunday services are streamed live and archived on Youtube: <https://tinyurl.com/5n84v2uu> or just follow the link on the Messiah website. Podcasts of the sermon are also online. Search for *Messiah HC sermons* on Spotify, Amazon Music, Stitcher, etc. Or go to the podcast app of your choice, copy and paste: <https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/1891821.rss>. Let Pastor know if you are not receiving the Saturday email note, but would like to.

## Looking Ahead...

♣Tuesday:

6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Property.

♣Wednesday:

6:30 P.M.: Advent service.

♣December 12th:

6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Elders.

Bible Readings:	
12/3	2 Cor 2-6
12/4	2 Cor 7-11
12/5	2 Cor 12-13; Rom 1
12/6	Rom 2-5
12/7	Rom 6-8
12/8	Rom 9-12
12/9	Rom 13-16

December Ushers	Cleaning Teams 12/8-12/15	
Kenny Winters Ian Stewart Jared Mueller	Church:	B/L Blue D. Blue O. Docter
December Slideshow David Albrecht	School:	D/C Albrecht Weibye

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$13,002.72	\$164,504.45
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$181,855.17
Over (Under) Budget:	\$4,622.51	(\$17,350.72)
ILC Building Fund:	\$100.00	\$920.00
MSAF:	\$30.00	\$654.75
Missions:	\$10.00	\$2,016.75
MDF:	\$180.00	\$630.00

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Attendance Last Sunday: 115*

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