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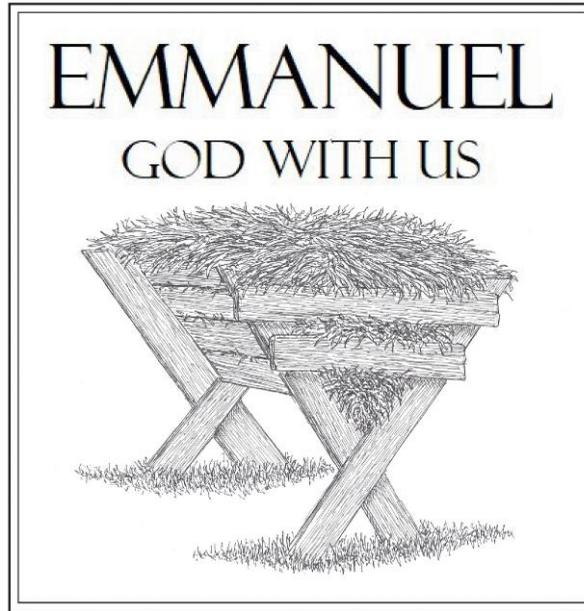
Missouri Synod

First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2020

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30 am – 91.7 FM



We are thankful that you are with us today!
Please take a moment to **let us know that you were here.**

AS WE GATHER

Advent, by definition, is a period of waiting marked by repentance and preparation. However, we, in our impatience, would like to jump the gun and go right to the celebration of Christmas day. We forget that we are sinners, that we must repent, and that we are waiting for deliverance from our temporal suffering. Even as Jesus prophesies great turmoil, He promises that the Son of Man will return to deliver His faithful people from suffering. Emmanuel does not avoid suffering, but is with us through it; He took all our suffering on Himself and so we wait for His coming to bring us out of tribulation forever.

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✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN – LSB 357 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)

I O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
Refrain
Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. We await the celebration of His birth at Christmas. We remember His arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We long for His glorious return. As we wait, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

† † † **WORD** † † †

INTROIT – Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
- C** **To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.**
- P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
- C** **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
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.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.**

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils 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.

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 64:1-9 – Rend the heavens and come down.

¹*Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—*
²*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!*
³*When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.*
⁴*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.*
⁵*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?*
⁶*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.*
⁷*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.*
⁸*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.*
⁹*Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.*



A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

The congregation sings all.



Re - joi - ce great - ly, O daugh - ter of Zi - on!



Shout, shout, daugh - ter of Je - ru - sa - lem. See, your



King comes to you, right - eous and hav - ing sal - va - tion.



Blessed is he — who comes in the name of the Lord.



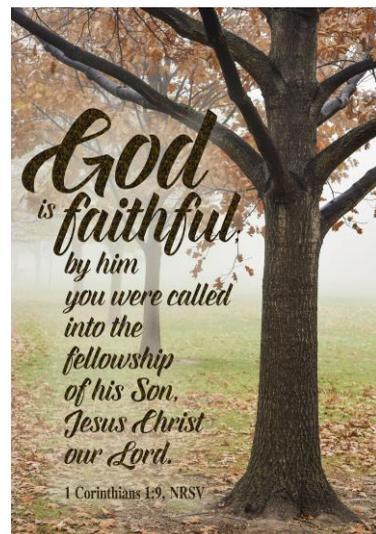
From the house of the Lord — we bless you.

SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 – Thanksgiving

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



ALLELUIA and VERSE – Psalm 24:7

The choir sings the Alleluias and the congregation repeats them.

The congregation then repeats the Alleluias after the verse.



Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 13:24-37 – “Stay awake.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

²⁴ “*But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,* ²⁵ *and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.*

²⁶ *And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.* ²⁷ *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.*

²⁸ “*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.* ²⁹ *So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.*

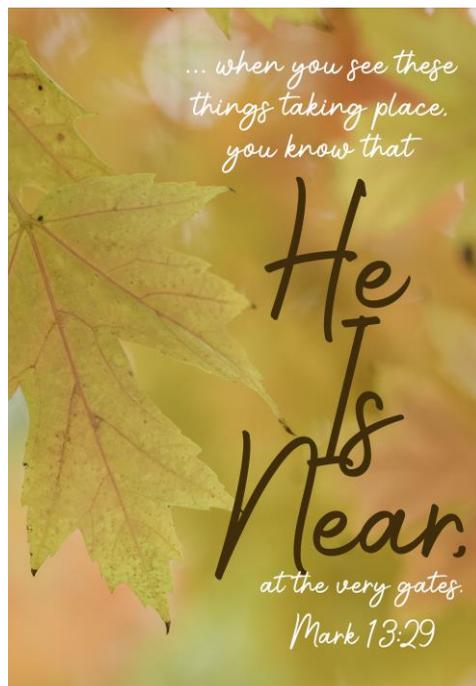
³⁰ *Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.* ³¹ *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

³² “*But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.* ³³ *Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.* ³⁴ *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.* ³⁵ *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 rooster crows, or in the morning—*

³⁶ *lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.* ³⁷ *And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 515 – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f' rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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SERMON – Emmanuel in Tribulation – Mark 13:24-37

APOSTLES CREED

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

The
Apostles'
+Creed+

**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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A ...through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICTION – *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – LSB 334 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued below)*

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(arr. David A. deSilva)

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✝ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

Join Us at
Advent Worship



Drive-in:
Sundays - 10:30 am

Wednesdays in Advent (Dec 2,9, 16) - noon

Online worship is available for each service as well.

*There are currently **NO in-person services.***

Advent devotional booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available outside the lower entrance by the sanctuary, and also [online](#).

Congregational Meetings (via Zoom):

All communicant members (age 18+) are voting members. Please join us for these two virtual meetings:

- ◆ **NOON TODAY** – Budget Information Meeting



[AGENDA](#)

[CLICK HERE TO ATTEND
at NOON TODAY](#)

- ◆ **Sunday, December 13** – Voters Meeting



Attention, Kids and Parents!

- Stop by the lower level parking area this morning to pick up an Advent wreath craft and devotions for children through 6th grade. The materials will also be in a marked tote under the entryway until supplies last.
- Let's spread the Good News of Jesus' birth! **Fill out the survey below to be included in a video Christmas program!** We are looking for parents to

help make recordings of their children saying their lines and/or singing a couple of verses from familiar Christmas hymns. Parts will be assigned based on age and interest, and further directions about where to send recordings will be given once we know how many participants we have. Contact Megan at (260) 433-1213 or MissAbbott04@hotmail.com with any questions.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SURVEY



TODAY'S Sunday School lesson –

- ▶ [Water from the Rock](#)
- ▶ [Bonus materials from CPH](#)

[Activity and coloring pages](#)

(Please [contact us](#) if your child is not receiving these at home as well.)

[Please complete the online Time & Talents survey](#)
by December 1.

(click above or [visit our website](#))

Covid Caroling!

Itching to sing some Christmas carols? Miss seeing your fellow church members? Join a *Covid Caroling Contingent!* If you would like to join a small group and spread musical cheer, [sign up here by December 7](#). Each group will be assigned congregation members to visit (outside their abode); date/time will be worked out within your group. Caroling books provided.

As we are all a little more "shut-in" than usual, if you would particularly like a visit from carolers, contact our Cantor to make sure you are on the list!





[The Salvation Army Angel Tree](#)

The Angel Tags are available outside under the lower entrance at the drive-in service TODAY. During the week the tree and Angel Tags are in the Narthex (contact the church office for assistance). Please return the items you purchase (unwrapped) with the corresponding Angel Tag by **Sunday, December 6.**

There are multiple other ways that you can participate this year as well. [Learn more on our website](#) or contact [Janet Hitzeman](#) with questions.

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[Ring at Kroger East](#)

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(Matthew Ross)

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Gifts of any size are appreciated and helpful to support Samaritan's Purse with the cost of shipping their shoe box care packages (\$9/box). Either cash or checks (made out to *Samaritan's Purse*) may be given through TODAY. Contact [Diane Wilkinson](#) with questions. Thank you!

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