

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

The First Sunday in Advent

Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326

December 3, 2023

Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612

Worship Christ

Grow with Others

Serve Christ



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!
May He bless our worship.**

CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

Announcements

Stand

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P 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.

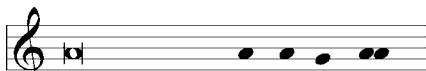
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

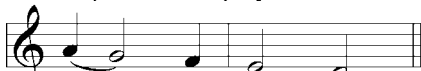
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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 declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

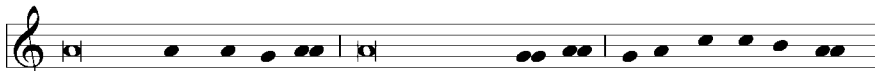
Kyrie



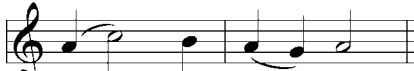
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



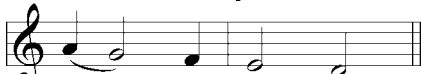
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This is the Feast

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray, 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.

Sit

First Reading

Psalm 80:1-7

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. ²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us! ³Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved! ⁴O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. ⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves. ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

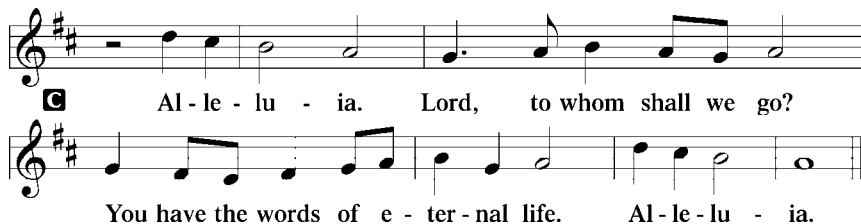
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you 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.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:32-37

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It 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. ³⁵Therefore 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— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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Two Ministry Update

Prayer of the Church Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)
 Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)
 Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)
 Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)
 Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)
 Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)
 Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)
 Claire Fu (*preschool family*)
 Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)

Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)
 Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)
 Paul Massmann
 Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)
 Robert Lingenfelter
 Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)
 Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)
 Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)
 Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)

Al Nelson
Cheryl Adamec (*gr-mother of Margo Adamec*)
Kim Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)
John Otten (*student of Renee Ortiz*)
Betty Bordeaux (*former preschool director*)
Linda Wooten
Pat Unger (*sister-in-law of Leigh Ann Unger*)
Tracy Bremmer (*friend of Anderson family*)

Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)
Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)
Helen Edler (*mother of Lauren Couch*)
David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)
Tom Johnson (*father of Ben Johnson*)
Lindsey Schubert
Joe Casey (*friend of Paul family*)
Ruth Rosenau

Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)
Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)
Noel Hill (*preschool family*)
Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)
Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)
Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)
May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)
Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)
Shirley Vogel
Marilyn Schubert
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)
Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*)
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)
Monique Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)
Dimaris Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)
Barbara Manske
Rita Schaus
Renate Kuntz
Liam Brutocao (*great nephew of Renee Ortiz*)

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)
Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)
Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)
Eli Lee (*friend of Siekmann family*)
Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)
Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)
Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)
Ed Wathen (*family friend of Giron*)
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)
Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)
Pastor Graeme Rosenau
Mark Shurtleff
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)
Jeff Pierini (*cousin of Kandie Schmehr*)
Laura Malone (*friend of Julie Giron*)
Courtney Hensman (*gr-daughter of Marilyn Byrne*)
Joy & Rohry Mangan (*friend of Michèle Jensen*)
Samantha Baron (*friend of Michèle Jensen*)

Military

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)
Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)

Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)
Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

Mission Trip

Sam Held is traveling with Concordia Around the World this semester

Persecuted Church

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

Mental Health

All those struggling with mental health issues

Mission Field

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

Relief and Mission Organizations We Support

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

Stand

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people, according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

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 unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

Pax Domini

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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 Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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Post-Communion Collect

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **And His mercy endures forever.**
P 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 in fervent love towards 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.**

Benediction

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen



1 A - bid e with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid e with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid e with me.
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bid e with me.

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The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Participants in Today's Service

Acolyte: Josh Hack

Lector: Carl Weinert

Children's Message: Julie Giron

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