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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

## THE ORDER OF MATINS The Second Sunday in Advent December 7, 2025 8:00 AM

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN**      “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”      LSB 345, sts. 1,3,5△  
*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen!

### OPENING SENTENCES

**P** The LORD says, “Prepare the way of the Lord.”  
**C** We thank You, O Lord!

**P** The LORD says, “The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold,  
He is coming.”  
**C** We adore You, O Lord!

**P** The LORD says, “I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed.”  
**C** We praise You, O Lord!

**P** The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of  
Jesus Christ.  
**C** We worship You, O Lord!

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** *(Two Advent candles are lit.)*

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**PSALM 72:1-7** *(Spoken responsively)*

**P** <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal  
son!

**C** <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with  
righteousness, and your poor with  
justice!

**P** <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for  
the people, and the hills, in  
righteousness!

**C** <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the  
poor of the people, give  
deliverance to the children of the  
needy, and crush the oppressor!

**P** <sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun  
endures, and as long as the moon,  
throughout all generations!

**C** <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on  
the mown grass, like showers that  
water the earth!

**P** <sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous  
flourish, and peace abound, till the  
moon be no more!

**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.**

**Please be seated****FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10**

**L** The First Reading is from Isaiah, chapter eleven, verses 1 through 10.

<sup>1</sup>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.**

**SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13**

**L** The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter fifteen, verses 4 to 13.

<sup>4</sup>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**

**GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:1-12**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, from the third chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>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?

(continued...)

<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."

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## COMMON RESPONSORY

**P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.



**C** Lord, I love  
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

**P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.



**C** Lord, I love  
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



**C** Lord, I love  
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

**Please be seated**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" LSB 393, sts. 1-2**

**SERMON** “YOU ARE A KING THEN!” *The Rev. Robert Lund*

**CANTICLE** “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” *LSB 515*, sts. 1, 4

**Please stand**

## CREED *Apostles' Creed*

**C** 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.  
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.

**Please be seated**

## TITHES & OFFERING “Christmas Bell Suite” ~Trinity Handbells

**Please stand**

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray as our Savior 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.**

**SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING**

*Each intercession ends with the words* **P** “Lord, in Your mercy,”  
*to which the congregation responds,* **C** “hear our prayer.”

**PRAYER FOR GRACE**

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God. Defend us with Your mighty power and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**HYMN** “Prepare the Royal Highway” *LSB 343, sts. 1-4*

**P** I am the resurrection and the Life. Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

\* \* \* **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

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