

**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“Waiting Here for You”

by C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, M. Smith

**If faith can move the mountains,
Let the mountains move.
We come with expectation,
Waiting here for You.
Waiting here for You.**

**You're the Lord of all creation,
And still You know my heart.
The Author of salvation,
You've loved us from the start.**

Chorus 1

**Waiting here for You,
With our hands lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore, singing alleluia.**

**You are ev'rything You've promised,
Your faithfulness is true,
And we're desp'rate for Your presence.
All we need is You.**

Chorus 1

Bridge

**We will wait for You, Lord.
In step with You, Lord. We sing alleluia.
Singing alleluia. Alleluia.
Singing alleluia. Alleluia.**

Chorus 2

**Waiting here for You with our hands
Lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore. We're singing alleluia.
Waiting here for You with our hands
Lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore. We're singing alleluia.
We're singing alleluia.
Waiting here for You with our hands
Lifted high in praise.
And it's You we adore. We're singing alleluia.
Singing alleluia.**

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The LORD says, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah."

People: We thank You, O Lord!

Pastor: The LORD says, "My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up."

People: We adore You, O Lord!

Pastor: The LORD says, "You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

People: We praise You, O Lord!

Pastor: The LORD says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

People: We worship You, O Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One Advent candle is lit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle 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.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalms 25:6–7

Pastor: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

HYMN

[tune: VENI EMMANUEL]



1 For-give us, Lord, for times when hope was lost, And
mo - ments when we nev - er thought to trust, For
times when we de - spair and for - get That
You are where all joy and truth have met.
For - give, for - give, for - give us all our
sins And help us hope and trust You with - out end.

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Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)” by B. Brown & P. Baloché

Praise is rising,
Eyes are turning to You, we turn to You.
Hope is stirring,
Hearts are yearning for You, we long for You.
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,

Worthy of all our praises.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.

In Your kingdom broken lives are made new,

You make all things new.

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day,

And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna,

Come have Your way among us.

We welcome You here Lord Jesus.

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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people.

Reader: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.

Reader: What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

The kingdom of God is near.

Luke 21:25–36

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

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.

SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name”

by M. & B. Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,

Where Your streams of abundance flow,

Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,

Though I walk through the wilderness,

Blessed be Your name.

Chorus: Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be."
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name. *Chorus*

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord,
Blessed be Your name."
You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord,
Blessed be Your name."

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your glorious name."

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SERMON

"May God's Advent Blessing Be upon You" Luke 21:25-36

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

† *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: 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."

Pastor: 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."

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

SONG

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

by C. Wesley

**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.

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.**

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SONG

“I’m Forever Grateful”

by M. Altrogge

**You did not wait for me to draw near to You,
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.

And I’m forever grateful to You.
I’m forever grateful for the cross.
I’m forever grateful to You;
That You came
To seek and save the lost. *Repeat both sections.***

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Please stand.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“Sing to the King”

by B. Foote & C. S. Horne

**Sing to the King Who is coming to reign.
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,
And joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.**

Refrain:

**Come, let us sing a song,
A song declaring we belong to Jesus;
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;
Sing to the King.**

**For His returning we watch and we pray;
We will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. *Refrain***

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Readings for next Sunday, 12/5:

Malachi 3:1–7b

Psalm 66:1–12

Philippians 1:2–11

Luke 3:1–20
