



SEASON OF ADVENT

WORSHIP FOLDER

Welcome Home

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

5:00 pm

Welcome / Opening Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

[LSB #901]

1. Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
2. Gracious God, I come before Thee, Come Thou also unto me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter Thou, Let it be Thy temple now!
3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in my strife.
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Psalm for the Day - Psalm 72:1-8 [Cong. will join on selected verses]

P: Give the king Your justice, O God,
and Your righteousness to the Royal Son!
May He judge Your people with righteousness,
and Your poor with justice!
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

C: **May He defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**
**May they fear You while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**

P: May He be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
In His days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
May He have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!

Prayer for the Day

Reading - Romans 15:4-6

For 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. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn Response

♪ "When All the World Was Cursed" [LSB #346[...vs. 1 and 3]

1. **When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.
With true fore runner's zeal The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.**
3. **Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.**

Gospel

- Matthew 3:1-10

... In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 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.'"*

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 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. 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.

Hymn for the Day

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

[LSB #344]

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our Refuge and our great Reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
4. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand, And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
(please rise)
5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit, evermore.

The Message

"BECAUSE YOUR WALK TALKS!!"

Offering / Hymn Response

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

[LSB #697]

1. Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death
And Christ shall give you light
So learn His love, its length and breadth
Its fullness, depth, and height
2. To us on earth He came to bring
From sin and fear release
To give the Spirit's unity
The very bond of peace
3. Then walk in love as Christ has loved
Who died that He might save
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave

(continues)

4. For us Christ lived, for us He died
And conquered in the strife
Awake, arise, go forth in faith
And Christ shall give you life

Prayers of the Church

Nicene Creed

C: 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 also 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.

Confession & Absolution

- *pastor leads us in confession*

Lord's Prayer

All: 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 Institution / The Lord's Supper

Hymns for Communion

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" [LSB #632]

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.
2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blest am I! How good Thou art!

"When in the Hour of Deepest Need" [LSB #615...vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6]

1. When in the hour of deepest need
We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
No help or counsel yet have brought.
2. Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.
3. For You have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our Advocate.
4. And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.
6. So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" [LSB #691]

1. Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.

2. Laden branches freely bearing... Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing... Patience, kindness, gentleness.
3. Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us as the years fly faster... Goodness, faith and self control.
4. Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

Post Communion Prayer / Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Prepare the Royal Highway" [LSB #343]

1. Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
2. God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal King!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
3. Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised King!
Your King, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him!
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

(please rise)
4. His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

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