

First Sunday in Advent

Salvation

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

November 29, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY'S THEME

In many cultures, it is customary to bring along a gift when you visit. Whether it is flowers or wine or toys for the kids, such presents are welcome. They are highly appreciated when they meet a great need in the household, and poignant when the gift giver sacrifices to make the gift. Our own households have a great need. We have enemies, failures, and shortcomings. But the Lord Jesus is about to arrive with gifts! He does not come empty-handed. He brings salvation, won by his holy life and innocent sacrificial death, freely given to sinners who could never earn it.

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Accompanist……...……..Noah Helke

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Antiphons of Advent Gathering Rite

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed of the nations and their Savior, Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Sing along with the song leader.

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Declaration of Grace

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting, come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows out to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone for uniting all people, come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease and be yourself the king of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

All of us have become unclean, tainted by sin. We need someone to save us.

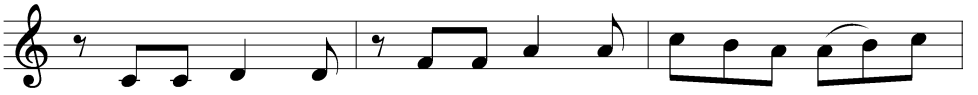
Oh, that you would rip open the heavens and come down. Mountains then would quake because of your presence. As fire ignites stubble and as fire makes water boil, make your name known to your adversaries. Then nations would quake in your presence. You did amazing things that we did not expect. You came down. Mountains quaked because of your presence. From ancient times no one has heard. No ear has understood. No eye has seen any god except you, who goes into action for the one who waits for him. You meet anyone who joyfully practices righteousness, who remembers you by walking in your ways! But you were angry because we sinned. We have remained in our sins for a long time. Can we still be saved? All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth. All of us have withered like a leaf, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is no one who calls on your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you. So you hid your face from us. You made us melt by the power of our guilt. But now, LORD, you are our father. We are the clay, and you are our potter. All of us are the work of your hand. Do not be angry, LORD, without limit. Do not remember our guilt forever. Please look closely. All of us are your people.

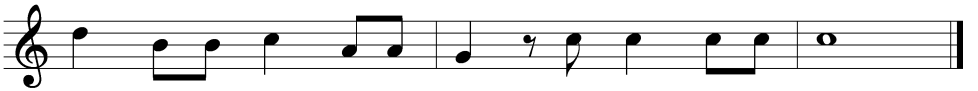
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

24F Sing Hosanna

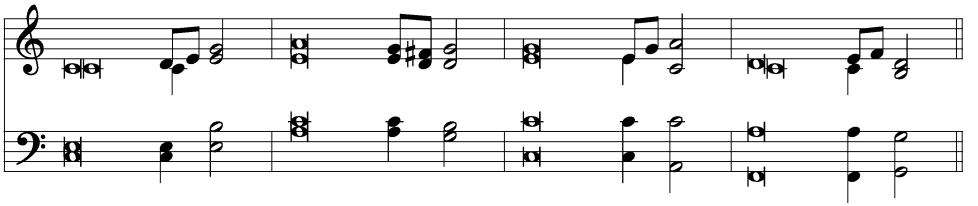
Sung responsively by the half verse

Refrain





Tone



The earth is the LORD's, and every- / thing in it,
the world, and all who / live in it;
for he founded it / on the seas
and established it on the / waters.

Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD?
Who may stand in his / holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. *Refrain*

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.
Who is this King of / glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors,
that the King of glory / may come in.
Who is he, this King of / glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of / glory.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Our faithful God promises to enrich us with every spiritual gift.

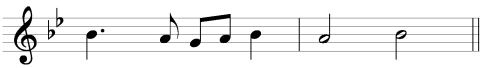
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, because the testimony about Christ was established in you. As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

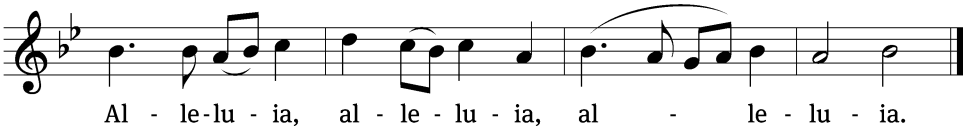
Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation sings the refrain



Refrain



He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Refrain

Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

When Jesus rides into Jerusalem, the crowd shouts, "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!"

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.'" They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

301 Savior of the Nations, Come

Choir sings verse 3

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.
Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.
Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.
Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.
Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.
May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

524 Rejoice, the Lord Is King *CW 524*

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

326 O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort *CW 326*



Antiphons of Advent

The opening of worship today incorporated three of the Antiphons of Advent in the Gathering Rite. The Antiphons call upon Christ using an Old Testament title for him followed by a song verse which corresponds with the name.

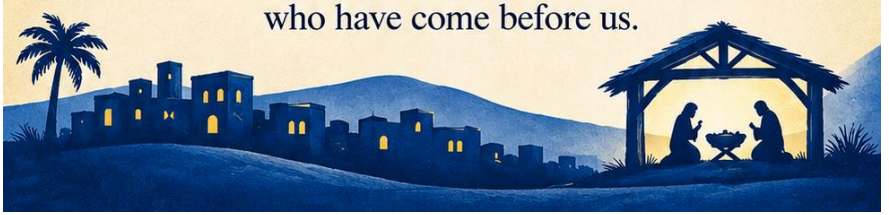
E*ro*
R*Cras*

"Ero Cras"

"I shall be tomorrow."

The key words of the Antiphons in Latin when taken in reverse order form an acrostic which beautifully fits the Advent season:

No one knows how old they are, but some scholars date them to medieval times. Christianity is truly an ancient faith, dating back to Creation. Our faith is a historical faith which connects us to Christians who have come before us.



News & Notes

Radio Broadcast
The radio broadcast is sponsored by Gene and Cheryl Martin in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you!

Advent by Candlelight.
Please register by today if you are hosting. **There is also a sign up in the binder if you wish to come but not host a table**.

Radio Broadcast
The signup for sponsoring radio broadcasts in 2027 is in the binder. The rate from KCHK has increased to $71.

Sing to the Lord Bible Study
What makes a good hymn? Are there more to the hymns we sing than meets the eye? Learn more starting today following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent Potluck and Evening Prayer Worship
On Wednesday, Dec. 9, we gather for a potluck dinner and Evening Prayer Worship as we take a moment to consider "The Perfect Present". This is not a soup supper, but a potluck and it is for the entire congregation. It is the time when we hold Foundation's class but our time in worship is the class. All students in Foundation class are expected to attend. Dinner begins at 5 pm and worship is at 6.

Christmas Gift for a Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Student
Each year we gather gifts for a Seminary student, usually married, who has financial need. If you would like to contribute to this gift, you will find a plexiglass receptacle marked for a Seminary Student on the counter at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. You can also give electronically through our online giving. Just choose the "Gift for Seminary Student" account.

Children's Christmas Service & Practice
Ancient Cradle Songs is our theme this year for the Children's Christmas Service on December 20th at 9 am. Practice is December 12th & 19th at 9 am.

JordanDazzle Parade
We will again have a float in the JordanDazzle Parade. We need four young people who are willing to be angels and 4 adults to hand out candy canes and flyers. The date is December 5 at 6 pm.

Elevator
If you use the elevator, please do not manually hold the door open. If held long enough the door goes into fault mode. It requires an expensive service call to get it back online again. As we do Christmas decorating next week, wait until the elevator is placed into service mode by pastor or Rachel so that the door will not close until the button is pressed.

Offering Envelopes
Envelope books for 2027 have been placed on the table in the gathering area. As a reminder, please do not start using the new envelopes until January 1st.

Grace Lutheran Announcements

Council Meeting
The Grace church council will meet at noon on December 6 to begin the planning for closing the church. They will also start planning a closing service and dinner together to celebrate God's grace through this congregation over its history and its faithfulness to preaching and teaching God's Word.

Upcoming Worship
Worship will continue at 9 am for the rest of the year. It will be a mixture of streaming and guest pastors. Communion will be on the first and third Sundays.

Upcoming Events

We would love for you to be part of these special opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, and service. A full calendar of events can be found on our website at spljordan.com

Date	Event	Time
Thurs, Dec. 3	Senior Fellowship **Feed Mill**	9:00 AM
Sat, Dec. 5	Jordan Dazzle Parade	5:00 PM
Sun, Dec. 6	Christmas Decorating	Following Worship
Sun, Dec. 6	Advent by Candlelight	5:00 PM
Tues, Dec. 8	Council Meeting	6:30 PM
Tues, Dec. 8	Reflections Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
Wed, Dec. 9	Advent Dinner & Evening Prayer Worship	5:00 PM
Sat, Dec. 12	Children's Christmas Practice	9:00 AM
Sun, Dec. 13	Fellowship Sunday	Following Worship
Thurs, Dec. 17	Theology on Tap **Mana Brewing**	6:30 PM
Sat, Dec. 19	Children's Christmas Practice	9:00 AM
Sun, Dec. 20	Children's Christmas Service	9:00 AM

SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes	11/29 Greta Newton 12/6 Leah Bertrang 12/3 **(Need Volunteer)**
Ushers	11/29 Group 4 12/6 Group 1 12/13 Group 2
Media Booth	11/29 **(Need Volunteer)** 12/6 Ryan Bertrang 12/13 **(Need Volunteer)**
Organist	11/29 Noah Helke 12/6 Lois Zander 12/13 Noah Helke
Greeters	11/29 Debbie Glowicki 12/6 Kalal Family 12/13 Jeremiah and Taylor Jacobson

December Altar Guild	Service Group 3 Leader	January Altar Guild
•Dianne Jabs •Lynn Sorenson	•Dianne Jabs	•Rachel Carlstrom •Karen Firle •Mary Zeman

Attendance	
Sunday	*82*
Monday	*7*
Total	***89***

Gifts to Our Lord

Received	$1433
Online Giving	$1289
Total	**$2722**

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