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Sunday, November 28th, 2021
 1st Sunday in Advent

Prelude
 Tower Bells
 Welcome
 Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.

Opening Hymn

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

Order of Matins LSB 219

Invocation (*Stand*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Sing entire opening liturgy)

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O Lord.

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. Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

O come, let us worship Him.

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

1 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.

2 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.

(sing) Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

O come, let us worship Him.

Introit Psalm 25:1-10 (spoken)

1 To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

8 Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right,

and teaches the humble his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Congregation sits)

14 "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. 15 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. 16 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.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, 10 as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 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.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

25 “And 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, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29 And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 “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. 35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 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.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory LSB 221

(Sing) 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 glory 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 glory 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 glory dwells.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348

Sermon

Offering Brought Forward During Hymn “Arise, O Christian People”

1 Arise, O Christian people!

Prepare yourselves today;

Prepare to greet the Savior,

Who takes you sins away.

To us by grace alone

The truth and light were given;

The promised Lord from heaven

To all the world is shown.

2 Prepare the way before Him;

Prepare for Him the best.

Cast out what would offend Him,

This great, this heav’nly guest.

Make straight, make plain the way:

The lowly valleys raising,

The heights of pride abasing,

His path, all even lay.

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For unshamed hope in the Lord's return, that sustained by His Holy Spirit, we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who hear the Word, that the Lord who moved Jesus' disciples to sing His praises as He entered Jerusalem would likewise open our mouths to declare His mighty works, even in the face of opposition and persecution, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who govern, that the Lord who rules with righteousness and justice, steadfast love and faithfulness, would grant the authorities of our land to act justly, so that His people might live in peace as they make known His love and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all parents, grandparents and other caretakers of children that the raising of children may be full of God's grace and protection; for the health and protection of all pregnant mothers and their children; for God's grace and wisdom and needed resources for all who take care of older relatives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in need of mercy, that God, who establishes our hearts blameless and holy before Himself, would have mercy on all the afflicted [especially _____]: let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, that our almighty God and Father would direct their ways, protect and preserve them from loss and complication, and grant them success in their journey and joy in their homecoming, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, You declared that the days were coming when You would accomplish our salvation, and in Your time You caused Your Son, the righteous Branch, to spring up for David. By Your grace, keep us joined as branches to Christ, that we might bear fruit until the day He returns in glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Kyrie (*Sing*) LSB 227

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

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. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*sing*)

Our Father,
Which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
They will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

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. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes: "Preparing for Jesus...Or, Is Jesus Preparing Us?"

Luke 21:25-36

I. Luke 21:5-24 – Jesus Prepared Disciples for the 1st Century

- Jesus taught in _____ during _____
- Jesus prepared the disciples for the future of _____
- Jerusalem would be destroyed, they should not be _____

II. Luke 21:25-28 – Jesus Prepared Future Disciples for Later Centuries – Us

- Times of great _____
- Signs in the sun and _____ and stars, and _____
- Fainting with _____ and with _____ (foreboding) of what is coming
- Jesus will return in a cloud with power and great _____
- When these things *begin to take place....*

_____ up and raise your heads and _____ heads

because *redemption* is drawing near.

Jesus' word has more power to teach and comfort than heaven and earth. *Stay in and pass on His Word.*

III. Jesus Comforts Us with Certainty – Luke 21:29-33

- If we can see a fruit tree (fig) growing in summer and know it we can also see the signs Jesus taught – God's kingdom is near
- Don't be like unbelievers weighed down with hang overs, drunkenness and care of this life
- Stay awake, _____ to escape and stand on the Last Day