

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27, 2022

Come, Lord Jesus! - As King

Opening Hymn 309, "The Advent of Our King"

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Prayer of the Day: 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.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (On Insert)..... Psalm 24H

SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation Verse: Alleluia. *At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.* Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day524, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

SERMON..... "Let Your Joy Run Unbridled" Philippians 4:4-7

Offering Hymn 754 v. 2, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness"

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Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Hymn 305, "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates"

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn 617, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

In the future, when our King comes again, he will transform this world.

This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. This will take place in the latter days: The mountain of the LORD's house will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it like a river. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. Then he will instruct us about his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For from Zion the law will go out, and the LORD's word will go out from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations, and he will mediate for many peoples. Then they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

Our present life is transformed from worry to joy and hope because of the King who came.

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The King of all Creation comes to us in total humility, willing to do everything necessary to save us from our sin.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Mike Pamperin.

ADVENT WREATH: Today we begin lighting the candles on our Advent wreath. The first candle is called the Prophecy Candle and is purple in color. The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: Today is Fellowship Sunday! All are invited to stay for the refreshments being served immediately following Sunday's worship service. We thank the Adult Choir for hosting this fellowship hour!

ORGANISTS!! The **December** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Boxes of Christmas cards are available for purchase from the "Greeting Card Corner" display in the church basement. Just pick out the boxes that you wish to purchase, complete a payment envelope, and give it to **Diane Koch**.

CHURCH DECORATING: Please join us on **Saturday, December 3**, beginning at **11:00 AM** to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Those in attendance and helping with the decorating will be welcome to take part in a pizza party that day as well. If you plan on attending, we ask that you sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. Please include your name and the number of people in your family who will be participating. This will help us in deciding how many pizzas need to be ordered. Thank you!

A FREE-WILL OFFERING will be taken on **Thursday, December 1**, -and- **Sunday, December 4**, to defray the costs of this year's Christmas gifts for the children. The children will be receiving Christmas ornaments.

SCRIP: If you are still looking for some Christmas gift ideas, check out our scrip (gift card) program. There are various ways to place your order and to obtain your cards. Please direct any questions you may have to **Holly Daley**, our scrip coordinator. There is just **ONE** ordering deadline date left before Christmas—**Thursday, December 8**.

JOINT ADVENT SERVICE AND CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BETHANY, HUSTISFORD: All are invited to join **Bethany** and our other eastern Dodge County churches for a special Advent service on **November 30** at **7:00 PM**, with a chili supper beginning at **5:30 PM**. If you'd like to bring something, they would appreciate anyone bringing a dessert to share. Bethany's Choir is preparing two new hymns that they would like to introduce in this service, and they would like to invite anyone to join their choir that night to sing these hymns. If you'd like to practice ahead of time, you can find the hymns in the new blue Christian Worship hymnal—352 "Joy has Dawned," and a new setting of 322 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus." There will be a joint choir practice at **6:00 PM** on **November 30** at **Bethany, Hustisford**.

SEMINARY CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Join the Seminary Chorus for their annual Christmas concert on **December 11, 2022**, at **3:00 PM** and **7:00 PM** in Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for the choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced ticket sales; a free-will offering is appreciated. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The **3:00 PM** concert will be live streamed at [livestream.com/WLSLive](https://www.livestream.com/WLSLive) and a recording will be available for viewing afterward using the same link. The seminary is located at: 11831 N. Seminary Drive in Mequon. You can find additional information on Facebook and at [wisluthsem.org](https://www.wisluthsem.org).

FLOWER CHART: The 2023 flower chart is now hanging in the school hallway. If you wish to provide flowers for the altar during the coming year, please sign up under the appropriate date(s).

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Ron & Ursula Keller in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 25; Sunday: 71

Offerings: \$3,243.35 **Tuition:** \$663.48 **4K Tuition:** \$202.75

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$25.00; Christmas Trees: \$150.00

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**)..... 9:00 AM

Monday: **SCHOOL RESUMES**

Thursday: Communion Worship Service 7:00 PM
Adult Choir 8:00 PM

Saturday: **Church Decorating**.....**11:00 AM**

Sunday: Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School..... 10:15 AM

24H Let the LORD Enter; He is the King of Glory

Psalm 24H

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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