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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the Gospel  
and  
**Go**  
with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children need  
to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He is  
present among us in a  
special way through  
his Word and  
Sacrament. We  
acknowledge our sin  
and rejoice in the good  
news of forgiveness  
through the life and  
death of Christ. This is  
the focus of our  
worship.

## First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024

### A Real Christmas Requires Remembering Why Christ Came

Advent marks the start of a new Church Year. We begin at the end, watching Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he would be killed before the end of the week. The events of Palm Sunday serve as a microcosm for all Jesus' work, proving the Son of God was willing to humble himself and endure anything for our salvation. That is precisely why Christ came. And a real Christmas requires remembering why Christ came.

## Gathering Rite

### *My Soul in Stillness Waits* CW 325

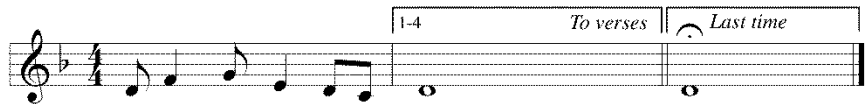
*Stand*



*Refrain*



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,



tru-ly my hope is in you. you.

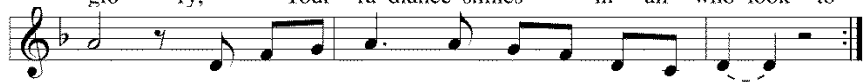
*Verses*



I O Lord of Light, our on-ly hope of



glo-ry, Your ra-diance shines in all who look to



you. Come, light the hearts of all in dark and sha-dow.

**M:** We wait in hope for the LORD ; he is our help and our shield.

**C:** **In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.**

**M:** May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you

(Ps 33:20-23)

*Refrain*



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

M: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: **according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions**

M: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. (Ps 51:1-2; 32:1)

M: If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

M: I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. (Ps 130:3-5)

*Refrain*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,

and in your ad - vent draw us all to you, our hope re -

born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.

M: I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

C: **Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

M: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. (Ps 130:6-8)

M: My heart is not proud, LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me

C: **But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.**

M: Israel, put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore. (Ps 131)

*Refrain*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

**M:** We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

**C:** **We remember Jesus who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.**

**M:** We hear his call to watch.

**C:** **We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**

**M:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**C:** **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

One Advent candle is lit.



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

My Soul in Stillness Waits

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*Be seated*

## First Lesson

**Jeremiah 33:14–16**

The LORD promised that a descendant of King David would be our righteous Savior.

<sup>14</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

<sup>15</sup>“In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;  
he will do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved  
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:  
The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’ (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

*Welcome the King* Psalm 24b Psalter

## Refrain

Wel - come the King of glo - ry, each tribe and na - tion!  
He is the LORD Al - might - y, bring - ing sal - va - tion.

## Verses

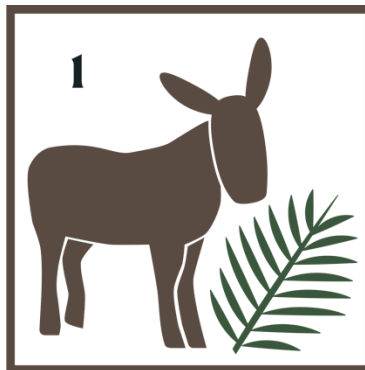
4 Come, lift your voic - es high, be lift - ed to glo - ry;  
5 Who is this glo - rious one, for whom we are wait - ing?  
6 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tow - er;  
7 Who is this King of glo - ry of whom we're sing - ing?

## Refrain (sung after each verse)

the LORD our God ap - proach - es, come, shout the sto - ry.  
We wait the might - y LORD, our God cel - e - brat - ing.  
the King of glo - ry comes in full might and pow - er.  
Our God, this LORD of hosts, the vic - t'ry is bring - ing.

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## Second Lesson

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Christ came the first time so that by his saving work we might be found blameless and holy when he comes again.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup>May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup>May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

**M:** Alleluia. See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey. Alleluia. (Zechariah 9:9 NIV)

*Stand*

## Gospel

**Luke 19:28–40**

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing he would soon be put to death. This is why Christ came.

<sup>28</sup>After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup>“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup>Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup>They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup>They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup>When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup>“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

<sup>40</sup>“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.” (NIV)

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Savior of the Nations, Come* CW 301



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the  
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the  
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -  
 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
 Spir - it of our God was the Word of  
 vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the  
 cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing  
 God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!  
 death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!  
 Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–1876, alt.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; Ambrose of Milan, 340–397, abr.  
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## Sermon

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

*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*

**Offering**

*Stand*

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**Prayer of the Church**

**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.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Benediction**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## Closing Hymn

*Behold, a Branch Is Growing* CW 360



1 Be - hold, a branch is grow - ing of love - liest form and  
2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it in words of prom - ise  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



grace! As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing, it springs from Jes - se's  
sure, and Mar - y's arms en - fold it, a vir - gin meek and  
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry -  
woes, O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who con - quered all our



race and now be - gins to flow'r in midst of  
pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will this child to  
where. True man, and yet true God, from sin and  
foes, bring us at last, we pray, to the bright



cold - est win - ter, at deep - est mid - night hour.  
her is giv - en at mid - night calm and still.  
death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

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