THE WORSHIP LEADERS

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	Owen Gerig, Cohen Pankop (10:30)
Elder:	John Colter (5:00)
	Paul Niccum (8:00, 10:30)
Ushers:	Group S3 (Jay Melcher) (5:00)
	Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (8:00)
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The First Sunday in Advent

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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ The First Sunday in Advent begins what has historically been known in the church as Adventtide. The word *tide* originally meant "time" in Old English. It indicated a special season of reflection and of action set apart for a distinct purpose. Through the words of the hymn "Arise, O Christian People," we pray to our coming King: "Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; turn not from me aside, and help me to receive You this blessed Adventtide" (*LSB* 354:4). Whatever may happen in the days ahead, we can prepare our hearts and lives while keeping our focus on the Advent of our King, expectantly awaiting the tidings of great joy that announce His wondrous birth!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*** ***LSB* 341**

1 - Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring; therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise your joyful songs of praise.

2 - A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise your grateful hymns of praise.

3 - How blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise your happy shouts of praise.

4 - Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in and new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise for word and deed and grace!

5 - Redeemer, come and open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame we offer to Thy name.

♪ OPENING VERSICLES – page 219 ↑

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips;
People: and my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
People: make haste to help me, O Lord. (Psalm 70:1)

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, King who comes to save us.

Psalmody

♪ ANTIPHON – page 220 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

Pastor: Behold, the Lord comes to save us.
People: O come, let us worship Him.

♪ VENITE ~ *O Come, Let Us Sing* – page 220 ↑ (8:00, 10:30) (Psalm 95:1-7)

People: O come, let us sing to the Lord,
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
The strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand.

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.

♪ ANTIPHON – page 221 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)

Pastor: Behold, the Lord comes to save us.
People: O come, let us worship Him.

PSALM 80:1-7 ↑

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
People: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

Pastor: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
People: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Pastor: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
People: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
All: Glory be the to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as is was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Readings

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓ **Isaiah 64:1-9 *(ESV)***

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

[4]From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
[8]But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

♪ HYMN ↓ ***O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*** ***LSB* 355**

1 - O Savior, rend the heavens wide; come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down; unbar the way to heaven's crown.

2 - O Father, light from heaven send; as morning dew, O Son, descend.
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring; to Jacob's line rain down the King.

3 - O earth, in flow'ring bud be seen; clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
Bring forth, O earth, a blossom rare, our Savior, sprung from meadow fair.

4 - O Fount of hope, how long, how long? When will You come with comfort strong?
O come, O come, Your throne forego; console us in our vale of woe.

5 - O Morning Star, O radiant Sun, when will our hearts behold Your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without Your light we grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 - Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand from exile to our promised land.

7 - There shall we all our praises bring and sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore forever and forevermore.

EPISTLE READING ↓ **1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *(ESV)***

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ↑ **Mark 13:24-37 *(ESV)***

[24][Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25]and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26]And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27]And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
[28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
[32]"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. [35]Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the

morning— [36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 230 ↑ (5:00) (Jeremiah 23:5a, 6)

Pastor: Behold, the days are coming says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
People: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
Pastor: In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
People: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
People: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

♪ RESPONSORY – page 221 ↑ (8:00, 10:30) (Psalm 119:89; Luke 11:28)

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓ ***Savior of the Nations, Come*** ***LSB* 332**

1 - Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

2 - Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh -- woman's offspring pure and fresh.

3 - Here a maid was found with child, yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.

4 - Then stepped forth the Lord of all from His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.

5 - God the Father was His source, back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, back then to His throne and crown.

6 - For You are the Father's Son who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole all our ills of flesh and soul.

7 - From the manger newborn light shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; in this light faith now abides.

8 - ↑ Glory to the Father sing, glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be now and through eternity.

SERMON ↓ ***Oh, What a Spectacle*** **Isaiah 64:1-9**



♪ HYMN OF PRAISE ↓ ***Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*** ***LSB* 663**
Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; from your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe, well we know, is a harvest reaping while the saints are sleeping.

Watch against the devil's snares lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares to deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey oft are they who secure are sleeping and no watch are keeping.

Watch! Let not the wicked world with its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled it betray and cheat you.
Watch and see lest there be faithless friends to charm you, who but seek to harm you.

Watch against yourself, my soul, lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin lurk within, all your hopes to shatter; heed not when they flatter.

But while watching, also pray to the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day, strength and faith increasing,
So that still mind and will shall unite to serve Him and forever love Him.



♪ KYRIE – page 227 ↑
People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy. (Mark 10:47)

LORD'S PRAYER – page 227 ↑ (Matthew 6:9-13)
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.

COLLECTS – page 227 ↑
Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.
People: And let my cry come to You. (Psalm 102:1)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑
Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

COLLECT FOR PEACE – page 233 ↑ (5:00)
Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE – page 228 ↑ (8:00, 10:30)
Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your

mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

♪ BENEDICAMUS ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. [Psalm 103:1]

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ BENEDICTION ↑

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

People: Amen.

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ ***Once He Came in Blessing*** ***LSB* 333**

Once He came in blessing, all our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; hope and freedom gave us.

Now He gently leads us; with Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish souls that they may flourish.

Soon will come that hour when with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor and will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing joy beyond comparing.

Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, that we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You till in heav'n we bless You.

POSTLUDE

Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.