BLESSING ~ page 267
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God. (Psalm 103:1)
Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
People: Amen.

♪ CLOSING SONG ~ *Even So Come*
All of creation, all of the Earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.
Jesus is coming soon.
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint. Let every nation shout of Your fame.
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus: **Like a bride waiting for her groom we'll be a church ready for You.**
Every heart longing for our King. We sing:
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever faithful and true.
Jesus is coming soon. *Chorus*

So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait, You're coming soon. *Repeat, then Chorus twice*

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

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Service of Prayer and Preaching,* adapted ~ *Lutheran Service Book page 260

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!

PRESERVICE SONG ~ *King of Kings*

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light,
'Til from heaven You came running - there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word,
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: **Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.**
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Chorus*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born! Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. *Chorus Twice*

WELCOME / SHARING OF THE PEACE

♪ OPENING SONG ~ *His Mercy is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done,
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus: **Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,**
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *Chorus Twice*

OPENING VERSICLES ~ page 260

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

Pastor: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
People: Our God shall come; He does not keep silence. (Psalm 50:2-3a)

Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord.
People: Make His paths straight. (Isaiah 40:3)

Pastor: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
People: Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth. (Isaiah 45:8)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

All: 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.

♪ ADVENT HYMN ~ *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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.

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.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

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 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.

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

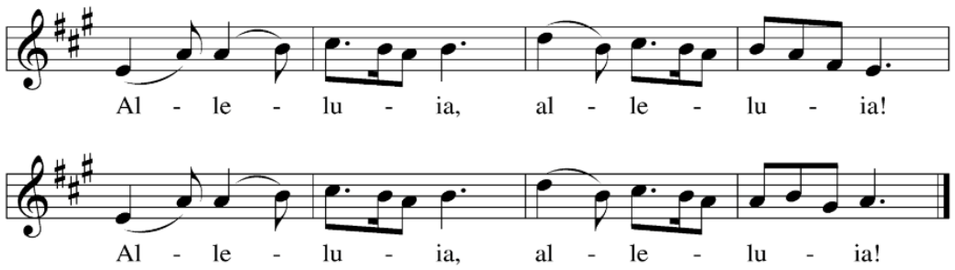
EPISTLE READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *(ESV)***

[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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA ~ *LSB* 952



GOSPEL READING **Mark 11:1-10 *(ESV)***

[1]When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4]And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5]And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7]And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8]And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9]And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY ~ page 263 (Jeremiah 23:5, 6b)

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: He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
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.

APOSTLES CREED ~ page 264

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

LORD'S PRAYER ~ page 264 (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.

♪ SONG OF THE DAY ~ *All the World Awaits*

All the world awaits the promise of His birth,
Open up the gates - Heaven come to Earth.
A host of angels sing, our Savior here to dwell.
The King of every king, our Emmanuel.

Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to our God.

Behold the Son of man here in a manger lay.
Worthy is the Lamb for He has come to save,
To take away our sin He freely gave His life.
Born that we may live and in Him never die.

Hosanna (King Jesus)! Hosanna (all praise)!
Hosanna (come save us)! Hosanna (He reigns) in the highest! Hosanna to our God!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings. Glory to the newborn King!

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SERMON ***The King Is Coming***

PRAYER

PRAYER ~ page 265

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

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY ~ page 265

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 Your live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD ~ page 265

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER ~ page 266 (Small Catechism)

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.