

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession & Absolution

- C** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities. Especially do I acknowledge my neglect of prayer, my indifference to Your Word, and my seeking after worldly luxury and self-promotion. I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them; and I pray, of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, forgive me all my sins, and be gracious and merciful to me. Cleanse me through Your Spirit by the blood of Jesus Christ, and give me more and more power and willingness to strive after holiness, for You have called me to be holy and blameless before You in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John: "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world."
- C** Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Church, Arise



O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the
Our call to war: to love the cap - tive soul, but to
Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - ery stride, give



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - ery hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they would - are strong whole, in the strength that God has gi -
neath His feet, we will fight with faith and val -
win the prize of a Con - quer - or has ris -
and the ser - vant good and faith -



ven. With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a -
or. When faced with trials side, ev - ery we know the
en! And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



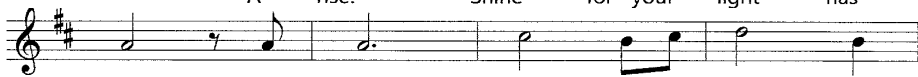
gainst the de - vil's lies, An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
mer - ges from the grave, and this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died: an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - ery eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.



A - rise! Shine for your light has



come! A - rise! Shine for the Ris - en



Son! Lift your eyes, we are His ra - di - ant



bride! A - rise! O Church, a - rise!

Psalm

Psalm 25:1–10

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

P 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!

C **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

P He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

C **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

Jeremiah 33:14–16

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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

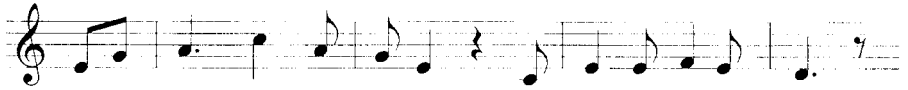


Sermon Hymn

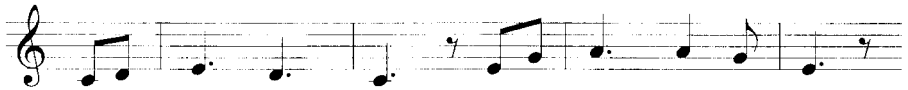
Oh, How Good It Is



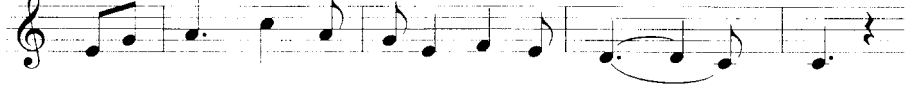
1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God
2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share,
3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand



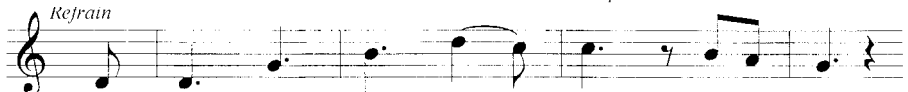
dwells to - ge - ther in spir - it, in faith and un - i - ty.
to re - joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn.
to love one a - noth - er. for - give as He for - gives.



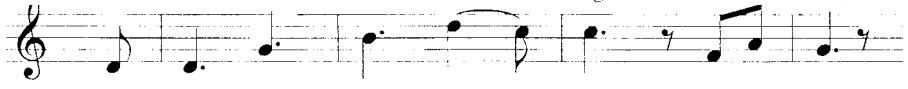
Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love
For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace,
When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruits of His pre - sence here a - mong us.
when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
of the Son with the Fath - er and the Spir - it.



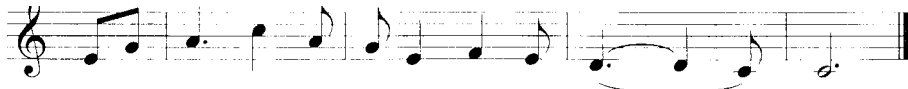
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;



and with one heart we'll live out his Word.



Till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come



For He dwells in the pre - sence of his peo - ple.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

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

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Apostles' Creed

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

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.

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn #357

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *sts. 1, ref, 2, 6-7*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

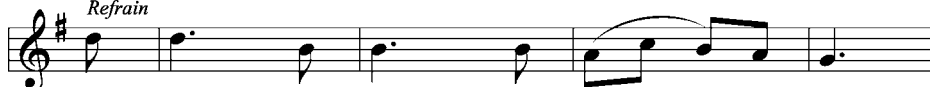


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin c. 12th cent; tr. John Mason Neale; Tune: French, 15th cent; Tune and text: Public domain



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

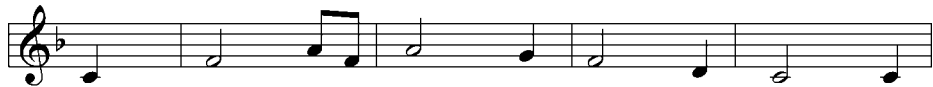


room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts; Tune: George Frideric Handel; Text and tune: Public domain



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts 1-4) John Newton (st 5) A collection of Sacred Ballads; tune: Columbian Harmony; Tune and text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
Which You have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people Israel.
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.



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not
dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor
fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Announcements

Today

- **Bible Study** 9:15 AM Masks Optional: Adults meet in the Sanctuary; Children meet downstairs
- **Youth Confirmation** 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
- **Sunday Evening Prayer** 5:30 PM
- **New Member Class** 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Tuesday

- **Men's Bible Study** – 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- **Youth Group Prayer Vigil** - 6:00 - 8:00 PM This event is open to everyone who would like to join us as we pray at St. James at the same time as the LCMS Prayer Service for Life, which will be on facebook livestream.

Wednesday

- **Advent Worship Service** – 7:00 PM
- ❖ **No Zoom Bible Study** (*The Screwtape Letters*)

Saturday

- **Women of Faith Bible Study:** 9:00 AM

Christmas Blessings

We are excited to have been asked to sponsor six local families for Christmas through our Madison County Elementary Schools Mission. This is an amazing opportunity to share our blessings, and since the suggested gifts are modest, there are many opportunities to participate. You are invited to sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4AAEA729A6F85-madison>. If you are interested in donating, but do not have access to the online sign-up, please contact Cheryl in the church office for a list of items needed.

Congregational Meeting

We will have a congregational meeting December 12th at 11:30 AM. Those who wish to attend in person can meet in the Sanctuary at that time. We will also broadcast online for those who are unable to attend in person. We will address the following:

- 2022 Budget--drafts may be found in the narthex or may be requested from the church office.
- 2022 Elders and Deacons



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