

The First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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.

Invocation

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

Kyrie

To the tune New Britain ("Amazing Grace")

Look down in mercy on us, Lord.
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For your amazing grace.

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Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

- L** Let us confess our sin to God:
O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love,
- C** We are embarrassed to come before you,
for we have rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble,
for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether.
And therefore we are embarrassed.
To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face.
- L** O Lord, great God, all holy, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love.
- C** Incline your ear to our troubles.
Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you.
Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness,
but on the ground of your great mercy -
on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
It is in his name that we pray,
for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace.
Amen.
- L** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen
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- L** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
- C** **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**
- L** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,
- C** **Nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 122

- L** I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
- C** **Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**
- L** Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,
- C** **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**
- L** There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.
- C** **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"**
- L** Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"
- C** **For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**
- L** For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.
- 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**

Gloria

To the tune Mendelssohn ("Hark the Herald Angels Sing")

Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
 God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
 God the mind and God the cause, God the source of nature's laws,
 God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, God of gods, all gods above.
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 God who saw your creatures fall, loved them still, and loved them all,
 Gave your only Son to prove what is mercy, what is love;
 And the Spirit, given free, recreates your family.
 Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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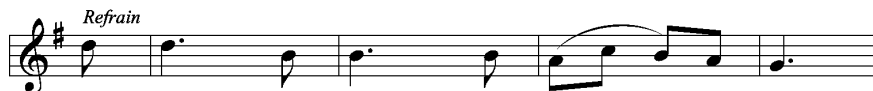
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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



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

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Credo

To the tune St Denio (“Immortal, Invisible”)

Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in you we believe.
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in you.

And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,
And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.

Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,
On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;
You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.

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Sermon

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Apostles' Creed

- C** 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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.

- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:
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Sanctus

To the tune

Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

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Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,
Bearing the sinners' load
To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned,
With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found
Please grant your peace.

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Distribution



336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To Claim His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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Grace



1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home, from death to life for -
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide, to ev - 'ry tribe and
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow; my song re - sound for -



ev - - er. And sings the song of right - eous - ness by
na - - tion, has called my heart to en - ter in the
wis - - dom. The prince of life, with - out a stain, was
ev - - er. For grace will see me wel - comed home to



blood and not by mer - - it. (To Verse 2)
joy of Your sal - va - - tion. By grace I am re - deemed. By
trad - ed for this sin - - er.
walk be - side my Sav - - iour.



grace I am re - stored. And now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my



Lord.

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy
 Lord, now in - deed I find Thy
 For no - thing good have I Where
 And when, be - fore the throne, I
 strength in - deed is small, Child of weak - ness, watch and
 pow'r and Thine a - lone, Can change the lep - er's
 stand Thy grace to lone, claim; 'Je - sus died my gar - ments
 in Him com - plete, 'I'll wash my soul to
 pray, spots Find in me thine all in all."
 white And In the blood of Cal - v'ry's stone.
 save," My lips shall still re - peat.
 Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
 Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

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The Dismissal

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el; this, the Christ, who was
2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el, King who came with no
3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el. Joy and peace for the

long fore - told. Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,
crown or throne. Help - less, He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble.
wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads for your King has come.

prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold. God, Most High, in a
Mak - er of Mar - y, now Mar - y's son. O, what wis - dom to
Sing, for the Light o - ver - whelms the dark. Glo - ry shin - ing for

man - ger laid. Lift your voic - es and now pro - claim, "Great and glo - ri - ous,
save us all. Shep - herds sag - es be - fore Him fall. Grace and maj - es - ty,
all to see. Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring. God has made a way.

Love has come to us." Join now with the hosts of heav -
what hu - mil - i - ty. Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore
He will have the praise. Tell the world His name is Je -

en. (To 2nd Verse)
Him. Glo - ri - a. Glo -
sus.

- - - ri - a. (Repeat Gloria; then to Verse 3)

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Call to Christian Community

L The apostle Paul calls us to care for each other in the difficult times and to celebrate with each other in the good times. He wrote, “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Cor. 12:26-27). As the body of Christ, we are called to care for one another in Christian community. Please take time after the blessing to greet one another and introduce yourself to anyone you don’t recognize. Now receive God’s blessing.

Benediction

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** 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.**

This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor Tony Boos) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School](#) – 10:30 AM (Downstairs)

Wednesday

- Men's Bible Study – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)
- Fellowship Dinner – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM
- LWML Circle of Friends – 10:00 AM

Announcements

Please mark your calendars for the [St. James Annual Congregational Meeting](#) which will be held next Sunday, December 7th immediately following service.

CPR & AED Training

Please join us **December 13 at 9:00 AM sharp** for training (not certification) at the Glen Carbon Fire Station #1. We want St. James to be a place where everyone feels safe, supported, and cared for—and **we need all ages that are capable** to make that happen! Please sign up in the Narthex and be part of this important time of learning and preparing to serve together. Questions, contact Pete Lanto planto@outlook.com

[Youth Group Schedule](#)

Please mark your calendars:

- Regular Youth Group Wednesday meetings will be paused during Advent and resume January 7th at the Staake home.
- Jr & Sr High Youth Christmas Party will be held Friday, December 19th at the Staake home 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM.

[Christmas Brunch](#)

Please mark your calendars for the annual St. James Christmas Brunch to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, December 21st.

[Second Tuesday Women's Bible Study](#)

Join us December 9th at 6:00 PM for a Christmas Cookie Exchange and Appetizer Party! Bring a tray of your favorite cookies and an appetizer to share. For more information, call Shala Baker or contact the church office.

[LWML- Circle of Friends](#)

Circle of Friends will be meeting Saturday, December 6th. at 10:00 AM for a Christmas brunch and mitten/hat collection begins (Mite Collection).

[Holiday Worship Schedule](#)

Wednesday, Dec 3 – Fellowship Dinner 6:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 7 – Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM

Wednesday, Dec 10 – Midweek Advent 6:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 14 – Third Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM

Wednesday, Dec 17 – Midweek Advent 6:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 21 – Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM

– Children's Christmas Program (during worship)

– Family Christmas Brunch – Immed. Following Service

Wednesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve 11:00 PM

Thursday, Dec. 25 –Christmas 9:00 AM

St. James Guiding Statement

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars

[Healing](#)
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