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# The First Sunday of Advent

11 AM, Sunday, November 29, 2020

*Setting Three, LBW*

WELCOME

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Stand/kneel*

- ☐ Most merciful God,
- ☑ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- ☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 38

*O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*

O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Cantor Kyrie eleison (three times)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLE

- ☐ We praise you, O God, with this candle that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light this candle, rouse us from sleep that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels.

Enlighten us with your grace and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 64:1-9, RSV

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

<sup>1</sup>O that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at thy presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make thy name known to thy adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at thy presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for,  
thou camest down, the mountains quaked at thy presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides thee,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>Thou meetest him that joyfully works righteousness,  
those that remember thee in thy ways.  
Behold, thou wast angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one that calls upon thy name,  
that bestirs himself to take hold of thee;  
for thou hast hid thy face from us,  
and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, thou art our Father;  
we are the clay, and thou art our potter;  
we are all the work of thy hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and remember not iniquity for ever.  
Behold, consider, we are all thy people.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18, LBW (To be read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>18</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 1:3-9, NRSV  
*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Saint Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of

every kind-- <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day

of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into

the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

ALLELUIA VERSE, by Cantor

Alleluia.

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. (Ps. 85:7)

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL .....Mark 13:24-37, RSV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] <sup>24</sup>“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>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.

all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>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 be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Watch therefore—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Watch.”

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before

**P** The Gospel of the Lord!

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON (*Sit, after the invocation.*)

HYMN WOV 346

*My Lord, What a Morning*

BURLEIGH

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."*

## THE OFFERING

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**C** **Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*Preface for Advent*

- Ⓐ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus*

- Ⓒ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Eucharistic Prayer I*

- Ⓐ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- Ⓒ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- Ⓐ Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- Ⓒ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☞ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☞ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☞ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☞ **Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

*The 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.**

*The Fraction (The Bread is broken)*

*Agnus Dei*

☞ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ Holy Communion is offered to all baptized Christians who continue in the faith of the Church. If you would like to receive the Eucharistic Wine, please receive the small glass by the top edge, trying not to touch the minister's fingers. After communing, place the small glass on the tray, upright if possible.

✠ If you should desire to pray quietly before or while receiving the Holy Sacrament, as many Christians do, here is one of Luther's prayers for that purpose:

*Lord, it is true that I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. Yet I am in need and desire your help and grace. So I come with no other plea except that I have heard the gracious invitation to come to your altar. I am unworthy, but you have assured me I shall have forgiveness of all sins through your body and blood which I*



*eat and drink in this sacrament. Amen, dear Lord; your Word is true. I do not doubt it. Let happen to me whatever you say. Amen.*

- ✦ If you should desire to pray quietly after receiving the Holy Communion, here is a possible such prayer. It is based on a prayer of St. Basil the Great (329-379):

*O Master, Christ our God: I thank you for all the good things which you have bestowed upon me, and for this partaking of your life-giving Sacrament. And I pray: keep me, my loved ones, and this congregation under your protection, and in the shadow of your wings. For you are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of holiness, the Giver of good things, and unto you we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

- ✦ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible “Prayer for Spiritual Communion” lifted up in a recent *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Communion Anthem                      *Agnus Dei*                      Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)  
The Immanuel Choir

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW 27                      *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*                      HELMSLEY

### DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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- ✦ Note on our Bible Lessons: They are downloaded from Bible Gateway — <https://www.biblegateway.com/>. Copyright information for the various translations is included on the Bible Gateway website.

✦ NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Robert Mallery (son-in-law of David Kiehl's sister), Wolfgang Hahn, Richard Kaefer (Emma's son), Michael Kaefer (Emma's grandson), Yoleidy Perez (Tamares's brother), Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Charlie Beckwith (friend of Thomas Wicks), Olga Beloded (John Imhof's wife), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre's mother)

✦ FAITHFUL DEPARTED .....Susan Hermann  
Bereaved.....Maria Van Der Merwe (friend)

✦ FAITHFUL DEPARTED .....Isaak Ross (+5/2/1995 – 11/18/2020+)  
Bereaved..... Godparents Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer