



## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### W O R S H I P

8:15am – Traditional  
9:30am – Gather & Grow  
10:30am - Contemporary

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*"Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ"*

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27, 2022  
10:30 AM



## ADVENT ADVERBS: TRUSTINGLY

### AS WE GATHER

"In God We Trust" is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God's people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist confidently stated, "In God I trust; I shall not be afraid" (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God's grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

### WELCOME

#### **Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

##### *Verse 1*

Praise is rising - Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You - Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

##### *Pre-Chorus*

'Cause when we see You - We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence - All our fears are washed away  
(Washed away)

##### *Chorus*

Hosanna hosanna - You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises - Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

##### *Verse 2*

Hear the sound of - Hearts returning to You  
We turn to You - In Your Kingdom  
Broken lives are made new - You make us new

##### *Ending*

Hosanna hosanna

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### INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**     *Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–5, 21; Proverbs 3:5–6*

Pastor            To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

**Congregation    Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

Pastor            Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

**Congregation    May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.**

Pastor            Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

**Congregation    In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor            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, Your Son, our Lord.

**Congregation    Amen.**

Pastor            Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

**Congregation    Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor            In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation    Amen.**

*(During the singing of the hymn, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lighted.)*

## **Humble King**

*Verse*

Oh kneel me down again - Here at Your feet  
Show me how much You love

*Humility*

Oh Spirit be the star - That leads me to  
The humble heart of love - I see in You

### Chorus

('Cause) You are the God of the broken  
The friend of the weak  
You wash the feet of the weary - Embrace the ones in need  
I want to be like You Jesus - To have this heart in me  
You are the God of the humble - You are the humble King

### Ending

You are the God of the humble  
You are the humble King

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor** Let us pray.  
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.

**Congregation** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It 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,<sup>3</sup>and 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. <sup>4</sup>He 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. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

**Reader** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 122*

**Congregation** I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

Left Side

*Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

Right Side

*Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, 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.*

Left Side      *There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.*  
Right Side    *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"*  
Left Side      *Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"*  
Right Side    *For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"*  
**Congregation**    **For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.**  
**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.**

## **EPISTLE**      *Romans 13:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The 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." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides 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. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader              This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation**    **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 21:1–11*

Pastor              The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## King Of Glory

### *Verse 1*

Lift up your gaze be lifted up - Tell ev'ryone how great the love  
The love come down from heaven's gate - To kiss the earth with hope and grace

### *Chorus 1*

Sing who is this King of Glory - The Lord strong and mighty  
Who is this King of Glory - The Lord strong and mighty

### *Verse 2*

Lift up your hands be lifted up - Let the redeemed declare the love  
And we bow down at heaven's gate - To kiss the feet of hope and grace

### *Bridge*

There is one God He is holy - There is one Lord over ev'rything  
There is one King He is Jesus - King of Glory strong and mighty

### *Chorus 2*

You are the King of Glory - The Lord the strong and mighty  
You are the King of Glory - The Lord strong and mighty

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## SERMON

### CREED

#### *The First Article*

Pastor As we begin a new Church Year and reflect on how Jesus' coming fulfilled the Father's plan for our salvation, we speak the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning. It relates the loving work of God the Father for us. He has created and still preserves us, and in His grace, He has brought us to the beginning of a new Church Year.

**Congregation I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor What does this mean?

**Congregation I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,**

**without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Lord, in Your mercy,  
**Congregation** hear our prayer and grant our petition.

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor 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.  
**Congregation** Amen.

## **Let The Praises Ring**

### *Verse 1*

O Lord my God in You I put my trust  
O Lord my God in You I put my hope  
O Lord my God in You I put my trust  
O Lord my God in You I put my hope

### *Chorus*

In You in You I find my peace  
In You in You I find my strength  
In You I live and move and breathe  
Let everything I say and do  
Be founded by my faith in You  
I lift up holy hands and sing  
Let the praises ring

### *Verse 2*

O Lord my God to You I give my hands  
O Lord my God to You I give my feet  
O Lord my God to You I give my everything  
O Lord my God to You I give my life

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