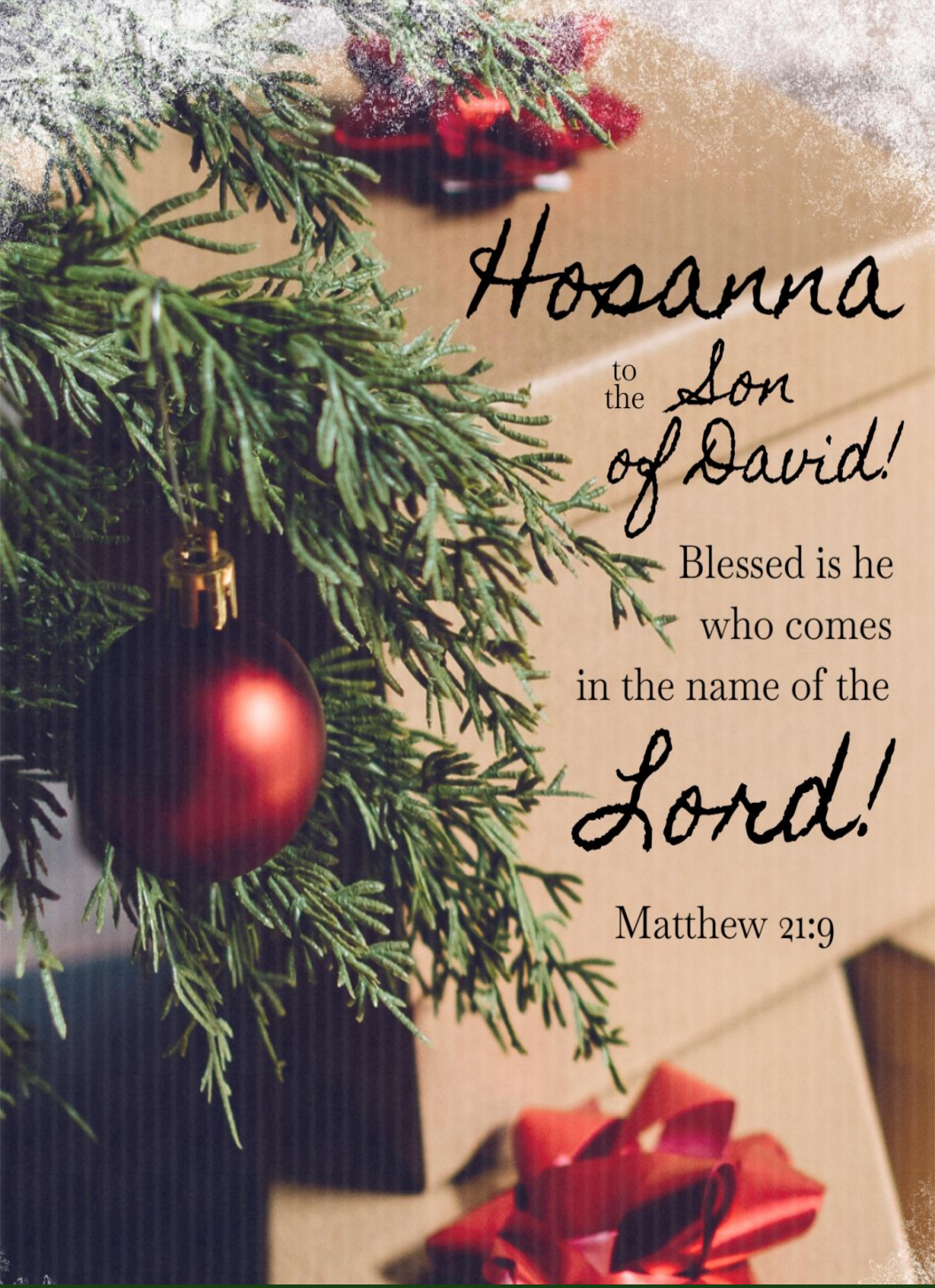


1st Sunday in Advent † November 29, 2026

THE OPENING

Today's service follows Setting 2 from the Worship Supplement 2000 p.12ff.

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn LSB 331 *The Advent of Our King*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C **Amen!**

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children**.** But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting

The traditional Advent wreath marks the four weeks before Christmas, with each candle representing a different Biblical truth to help prepare us to celebrate the coming of Christ.

P The first candle is the Prophecy Candle.
We light this candle as a symbol of expectation. It is symbolic of the years of waiting during which the prophets, inspired by God, kept alive the hope that the Son of God was coming to save His people from their sins. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel!

The "O" Antiphons *(Hymn 357:1-2 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)*

Advent means "coming." During the Advent season, we pray for the Messiah Jesus to come and make His home with us. These hymn verses are a part of the "O" Antiphons—ancient chants which formed the basis for "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

C ♫ ***O come, O come, Emmanuel,***
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!



O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emannuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray… through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Scripture

Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 23:5-8*

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. [6] In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' [7] "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' [8] but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 24*



P The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

C **For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

P Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

C **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

P He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

C **Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C **Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

Epistle Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

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

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

♪ C ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Hymn LSB 350 *Come, Thou, Precious Ransom Come*

The Sermon

Sermon Reading: *Matthew 21:1-9*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 "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.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!"

Theme: HOSANNA TO THE NEWBORN KING!

I. He comes with humility, not worldly hype.
II. He comes to save us by sacrificing Himself.

Sermon Study Questions

Today is the 1st Sunday in Advent. Why are we studying Palm Sunday?

What danger is there is trying to apply worldly "hype" to Christmas?

Why is it so important that King Jesus came in humility?

What does the Hebrew word "Hosanna" mean?

What are we asking when we pray: "Hosanna to the Son of David"?

How does the Christ's mission compare to "ordinary" king behavior?

The Response

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪ C ***Create in me a clean heart,***
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Hymn LSB 343 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

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 Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto yo
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ C ***Amen, Amen, Amen!***

Closing Hymn LSB 903:3,5 *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- **If you are looking for a church home,** ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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The Announcements

The Outreach Committee is meeting is today following the service. The committee is working to organize and plan gospel outreach efforts through publications, personal evangelism training, community/public activities, and online promoting. No matter your talents or interests, the outreach committee can use your help! Please consider joining!

The Nativity Scene in the narthex is very fragile, please do not touch. Parents are asked to supervise their children near it so that all may enjoy!

Advent/Christmas Services: The seasons of Advent and Christmas provide us with additional opportunities to worship our Savior God. Please mark the following dates in your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate God's ultimate gift of love: His only begotten Son!

1st Midweek Advent Service: Wed, December 2 at 7pm
2nd Midweek Advent Service: Wed, December 9 at 7pm
3rd Midweek Advent Service (Candlelight): Wed, Dec. 16 at 7pm
Preceded by the **Christmas Meal Potluck** at 6pm (DG #3)
Christmas Eve Service: Thu, December 24 at 6pm
Christmas Day Service: Fri, December 25 at 10am

Christmas Eve Practices: Here is the practice schedule for the children participating in the Christmas Eve service:

Sun, December 6: 11:30am – 1pm (hospitality after worship)
Sun, December 13: 11:30am – 1pm (hospitality after worship)
Sun, December 20: 8:45am-9:45am (in place of Bible Class/Sunday School)

Hospitality: Like last year, there will be regular hospitality on December 6 (Team C), December 13 (Team D), and December 20 (Team A).

Christmas Meal: Please join us for a fellowship potluck meal at 6pm prior to the Candlelight Advent service on December 16. Those attending may bring something to share. Dorcas Guild committee #3 is hosting.

Northtown Christmas Concert: The Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall on Fri, December 18 at 2pm. All are encouraged to attend and enjoy. Come support the school!

Christmas Caroling is being scheduled for Sunday, December 20 following the service. All are welcome! Please speak with Bonnie Baker if you can join us this year. Tentative plans are to visit homebound members as well as some care facilities.

Sanctuary Committee Rendering: The new rendering in the narthex depicts the committee's recommendation for the update to the front of the sanctuary. The committee is soliciting comments from the congregation about the design (comment cards by the display). Please keep this in your prayers as we seek a God-pleasing plan for the interior of His house at Grace!

Valet Service: Some members are organizing a drive-up valet service for church events. Anyone interested in having their cars parked for them to avoid the walk across the parking lot will simply drive up close to the doors at church and the rest will be taken care of. More details to follow.

Consider Donating a Field Trip: BRIDGE is gathering a list of possible field trips for the remainder of the school year. More funding is needed. Please consider donating! You can "gift a field trip" by covering the entire cost of one trip (~$200-$250) or simply donate any amount. If you feel so moved, please write a check to "Grace Lutheran School" with the memo: BRIDGE Field Trip. Checks (or cash) can be given directly to Principal Hein. Thank you!

ILC Christmas Concert: The choirs of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be presenting a Christmas concert on Friday, December 18, 2026, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2015 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703. The theme will be "They held the harps of God and were singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb" (Rev 15:3).The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the strings, band, and flute choir presenting several songs prior to the choral service. It is open to the public and admission is free. Please note: due to complexities of licensing issues, the concert will not be streamed or recorded.

CLC Call News: Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad-Parish, has **accepted** the call to Trinity, Watertown, SD, & Zion, Hidewood Township, SD. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul, Lakewood, CO, has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane, Spokane, WA, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Peter Reim of Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Bruce Naumann, who serves as the CLC's full-time missionary to East Africa, has **received** the call to Gift of God, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's, Ponsford, MN.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Organist: Jan Davis	*Church Cleaners*: P & D Paplow
Usher Team 1: Gary Gunther, Daniel Hein, Bob Maki, Bill Rust, David Stifter, Jeff Stifter, Joel Stifter	*Counting Team 3*: Gary Gunther, Roger Ochsner, Al Rosendahl, Benno Sydow

Serving Us † Wednesday Midweek Advent

Organist: Janelle Hein	
Usher Team 5: Larry Nelson, Dave Rust, Larry Nelson, Benno Sydow	*Counting Team 3*: Gary Gunther, Roger Ochsner, Al Rosendahl, Benno Sydow

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Sue Nelson	*Church Cleaners*: Volunteer?
Hospitality Team C: Jan Davis, Mikey & Ryan Oman, Laura Wales, Janelle Hein	
Usher Team 1: Gary Gunther, Daniel Hein, Bob Maki, Bill Rust, David Stifter, Jeff Stifter, Joel Stifter	*Counting Team 4*: Kyle Aymond, Thomas Graham, Kevin Hulke, Clint Welker

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Today	11:15am	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed. 12/2	7:00pm	1st Midweek Advent Service
	8:00pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
Sun. 12/6	8:30am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Sunday Worship Service (Communion)
	11:00am	Hospitality (Team C)
	11:30am	Christmas Eve Practice
Wed. 12/9	7pm	2nd Midweek Advent Service
Wed. 12/16	6pm	Christmas Meal Potluck (DG #3)
	7pm	3rd Midweek Advent Candlelight Service
Fri. 12/18	2:00pm	Grace School Christmas Concert Northtown Mall in Blaine
Sun. 12/20	8:45am	Final Christmas Eve Practice (No BC/SS)
	11:30am	Christmas Caroling
Thu. 12/24	6pm	Christmas Eve Service
Fri. 12/25	10am	Christmas Day Service
Thu. 12/31	7pm	New Year's Eve Service (Communion)

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Dawn Flesner's husband, **Todd**, has been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate and bone cancer. He is currently receiving treatment. **Cindy Bruckbauer** remains mostly homebound due to a chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to a chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Max Milbrandt and Julianna Hein** are engaged to be married in May 2027. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Attendance 11/22: Worship = 95 <> Bible Class = 35 <> Sunday School = 16

Thanksgiving Eve Attendance 11/25: Worship = 84

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	2,198	CLC:	644	QR Code for Online Giving:		
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-3,202	CLC	-796.2			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	248,256	CLC:	72,610			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	253,800	CLC:	67,680			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-5544	CLC:	4930			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	25	Sanctury:	125
SAF Endowment:	25.00	MDF:	-	Kinship:	247	EduK8:	50
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	50	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
CLC Nepal	25.00						
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	2,460	Sanctuary:	23,634		

Note: this summary does not include Thanksgiving offerings on 11/25/26 which will be included next week.