

# WATER OF LIFE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

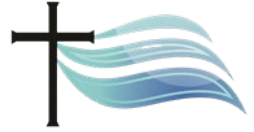


FIRST SUNDAY *in*

*Advent*

DECEMBER 1, 2024 ❄️ 8 AM

**WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2024 ❖ 8 AM**



PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL † SEEK THE THIRSTY † TEACH THE WORD

† **Preparation** †

**OPENING HYMN**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

LSB 357 (v. 1-4)



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.



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



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

## INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

*Matt. 28:19b; [18:20]*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P 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 of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### INTROIT

*Psalm 89 :6, 14-16; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C **Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord?**

P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

C **Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,**

P Who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

C **For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**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.**

## **KYRIE**

*LSB, p. 152-53*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and  
for our salvation, let us pray  
to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church  
of God, and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who  
offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us,  
gracious Lord.



## **SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

**C Stir 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. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>"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. <sup>15</sup>In 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. <sup>16</sup>In 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.'"

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

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

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)*

**ALLELUIA** *(sung)*

LSB, p. 156

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

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

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

<sup>28</sup>When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went

away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As 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, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup>He 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.**

**THE 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.**

**SERMON HYMN**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

LSB 341



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bid! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.  
 Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise	Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise	Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise	Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise	For word and deed and grace!
E - ter - nal praise and fame	We of - fer to Thy name.

**SERMON**

Rev. Shawn Deterding

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** (*sung*)

LSB p. 159-60

*What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*

*I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1; Ps. 136*

P 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:

Scan the code for  
our understanding  
of the Lord's Supper



### SANCTUS

LSB p. 178

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. We thank You for all the work of Your hands and for all the words You have spoken and kept, as You come to us still now with Your healing grace through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

*LSB, p. 163*

*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.*

**DISTRIBUTION ~ *Welcome to the Lord's Table.*** *(An usher will direct you.)*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Arise, O Christian People

LSB 354



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the  
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your  
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this  
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty  
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The  
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The  
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from  
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -  
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.  
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.  
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.  
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** We thank and praise You that as we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming in the flesh and His promised return, You have come to us now through this gift of His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and nourishment of faith. Through faith in You, and in fervent love for one another, enable us, equip us, and make us to increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that You may establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you...

C **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Hark the Glad Sound*

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.



*Acknowledgements: Scripture quotations, unless noted otherwise, are taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, © 2001 by Crossway Bibles a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Hymns are public domain.*

WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH | 12340 F.M. 1641 | P. O. Box 2146 | Forney, TX 75126  
pastorshawn@wateroflifelc.org | terri@wateroflifelc.org | Website: www.wateroflifelc.org

