

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

2695 S. Franklin St., Denver, Colorado 80210 : 303-722-1424 / email:marcella@christlutherandenver.org
www.christlutherandenver.org
www.christlutheranecc.org



MISSION STATEMENT:
*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

Volume 77

November 28, 2021

No. 48

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Jeffrey Blersch
WELCOME

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

LSB 350



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Text and tune: Public domain

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Jeremiah 33:14-15; Luke 21:27, 33

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the α Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *The LORD says, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah."*
- C** **We thank You, O Lord!**
- P** *The LORD says, "My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up."*
- C** **We adore You, O Lord!**
- P** *The LORD says, "You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."*
- C** **We praise You, O Lord!**
- P** *The LORD says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."*
- C** **We worship You, O Lord!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalms 25:6-7

- P** *Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.*

[A time of silence is observed.]

- P** *We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.*
- C** **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P** *Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;*
- C** **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

INTROIT

Psalms 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 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.**
- All: 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.**
- P** *Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.*



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 - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
 ness, His scap - 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.

Tune and text: Public domain

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Jeremiah 33:14–16

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE *Psalm 24:7*
All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 19:28–40**

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.*
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY **Savior of the Nations, Come** **LSB 332**

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.

(continued)

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.

7. From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

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.

8. Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our King,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity. Amen.

Text (sts. 3, 6–7): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House; (sts. 4–5, 8): © 1978 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000664
Text (sts. 1–2) and tune: Public domain

SERMON ***"A NOT SO SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY"*** **Luke 19:28-40**

- I. It's strange to hear about Palm Sunday in Advent.
- II. But today's Gospel lesson reminds us why Jesus was born at Christmas—in order to die on Good Friday and rise on Easter Sunday.

⦿ APOSTLE'S CREED

☐ 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 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.

🎵 OFFERING ***"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"***
by Johann Christoph Bach

🎵 OFFERTORY ***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*** **LSB 805**

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Tune and text: Public domain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P *As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer. O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to yearn for that coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored. We pray,*

C **hear us, coming Lord.**

P *O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,*

C **hear us, coming Lord.**

P *O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, [especially . . .]. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,*

C **hear us, coming Lord.**

P *O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,*

C **hear us, coming Lord.**

P *O Lord of might, help us during this Advent season both to look back to those days when our salvation was won in Your death and resurrection and to look forward to the day of Your return, when by Your power You will bring the dead to life and restore all creation. We pray,*

C **hear us, coming Lord.**

P *O Immanuel, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn and use us to express the hope that comes from trusting in You. Bring us to be with them on that great day to come, and until that day give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. We pray,*

C **hear us, coming Lord.**

P *You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

☞ *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

☛ **'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.**

BENEDICTION

☞ *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all...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. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.*

☛ **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quickly, King of kings!

Text and tune: Public domain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"* by Jeffrey Blersch

From *Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish*, Series B, Quarter 4.
Copyright © 2021 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

~~~~~

Roger C. Wohletz, Pastor ..... 720-283-8128 / email: pastorroger@christlutherandenver.org  
 Renee Ortado, ECC Director / Preschool Teacher..... 303-828-6735 / email: renee@christlutherandenver.org  
 Beth Buss, Music Director ..... 970-778-5696 / email: bethbuss4@gmail.com  
 Rob Hatton, Congregation Chairman ..... 303-906-9395 / email: roberthatton1@googlemail.com

~~~~~

WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Acolyte Steve Rolen
 Altar Guild..... Marilyn Kettner & Beth Tevah
 Coffee Hosts Tim & Teri Cueva
 Counters..... Mackenzie Egan & Carl Kurth
 Elder on Duty Doug Harder
 Greeter Kitty Meythaler
 Lay Reader..... Kristen Hatton
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
 Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming Renee Ortado
 Ushers **Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Cameron Hatton, Brad Meythaler

~~~~~