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Worship Focus

Prepare for the Coming Christ – With Joy



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OPENING HYMN

12 - Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the cap - tives 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, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51, abr., alt.
Tune: CHESTERFIELD (CM) Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister

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



Congregation

A - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of one octave.

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, How welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, My Hope, my heart's Delight.
O Jesus, let your Word be A lamp to light my way,
To show me how to please you, To guide me ev'ry day.**

**Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted, Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed And tremble at your doom.
Despair not; he is near you, He's standing at the door
Who best can help and cheer you And bids you weep no more. (19:1,3)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray. Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:1-3, 10, 11

The Servant of the Lord – Jesus – delights in the mission of mercy that his Father has given him to accomplish.

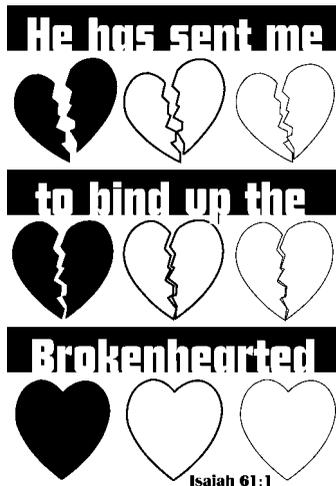
ISAIAH 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion--
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise
spring up before all nations.



PSALM

Psalm 126

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Pastor will sing the first line of each verse. The congregation responds with the refrains and the second line of each verse.



When the LORD brought back the captives to | Zion,*
we were like | those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with | laughter,*
our tongues with | songs of joy.

The LORD has done great | things for us,*
and we are | filled with joy.

Refrain

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the | desert.*
Those who sow in tears will reap with | songs of joy.

He who goes out weeping, carrying | seed to sow,*
will return with songs of joy, carrying | sheaves with him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

The encouragements of Paul are especially timely in the Advent season... live joyfully, thankfully, prayerfully and spiritually.

¹⁶ THESSALONIANS 5:16 Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not put out the Spirit's fire; ²⁰ do not treat prophecies with contempt. ²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good. ²² Avoid every kind of evil.

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

M We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.

C **We remember Jesus, who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**

M We hear his call to see the light.

C **We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.**

M Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

Three Advent candles are lit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried,

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

14 - Arise, O Christian People



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore him; Pre -
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn



pare your - selves to - day. Pre - pare to greet the
 pare for him the best. Cast out what would of -
 rais - es up on high; Be - neath his feet in -
 not from me a - side, And help me to re -



Sav - ior, Who takes your sins a - way. To
 fend him, This great, this heav'n - ly guest. Make
 ter - ror The haugh - ty soul shall lie. The
 ceive you This bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From



us by grace a - lone The truth and
 straight, make plain the way; The low - ly
 heart sin - cere and right, That heeds God's
 stall and man - ger low Come now to



light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 in - vi - ta - tion; And makes true prep - a -
 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.

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607-62, alt.; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, st. 1-3, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 4, alt.

Tune: AUS MEINER HERZIGEN GRÜNDE (76 76 67 76) *New Catechismus Gesangbüchlein*, Hamburg, 1598, alt.

SERMON

Isaiah 61:10, 11

When God Supplies the Clothes...

1. ...they're joyous
2. ...they're certain

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Brief silence

For the Church on earth, that her members would rejoice always in their salvation, pray without ceasing and bear witness about the light of the world that is Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those that God has appointed to civic leadership, that they would govern wisely, administer justice fairly and not abuse the authority that has been granted them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those traveling this season to celebrate the Nativity with family and friends, that they reach their destinations safely, that their time with loved ones be joyful, and that they return home without incident, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are hungry, homeless, unemployed or find themselves in any kind of need, that they find food, shelter and employment and come to know and confess God as the giver of daily bread, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who gather at this altar today to receive the very body and blood of Jesus, that they depart from here strengthened in faith toward You and love for their neighbor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are ill, those recovering and those who are homebound who cannot be with us, that they find comfort, healing, patience and the sure knowledge that Jesus will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who mourn, that they find comfort in the promise of the resurrection from the dead and the hope of reunion with those they love who have died in the faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus. It consists of six staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:". The second staff continues: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -". The third staff continues: "na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff continues: "Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who". The fifth staff continues: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -". The sixth staff concludes: "na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

311 - Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; Leave be - hind all
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, And with lov - ing
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther cost nor
4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, Filled with joy most
5 Hu - man rea - son, though it pon - ders, Can - not fath - om



gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day - light's splen - dor;
rev - 'rence greet him, For with words of life im - mor - tal
pain will mea - sure, But the price - less gifts of heav - en
deep and ho - ly, As with trem - bling awe and won - der
these great won - ders, That Christ's bod - y must be bound - less



There with joy your prais - es ren - der Un - to
He is knock - ing at your por - tal, O - pen
God to us has free - ly giv - en, Though the
On your might - y work I pon - der, How by that
Since the souls it feeds are count - less, And that



him whose grace un - bound - ed Has this won - drous
wide the gates be - fore him, Say - ing, as you
wealth of earth were prof - fered, Naught would buy the
mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, Depths that no one
he his blood is giv - ing With the wine we



sup - per found - ed. Though he reigns a - bove most
there a - dore him; Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered; Christ's true bod - y, for you
ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -
are re - ceiv - ing. These great mys - ter - ies un -

ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive you, That I nev - er - more will leave you.
 riv - en, And his blood, for you once giv - en.
 bid - den Se - crets that with you are hid - den.
 sound - ed Are by God a - lone ex - pound - ed.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You have left your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forgo all joy and gladness
 And to shed your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
 Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
 Jesus, Joy of me desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
 At your feet I cry, my Maker:
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven
 For our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
 Let me gladly here obey you.
 By your love I am invited;
 Be your love with love requited.
 By this supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace you give me
 As your guest in heav'n receive me.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abc.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 3, 5-6, alt.
 Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH (LM D Trochaic) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662, alt.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

49 – Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

Re - joice, re - joice this hap - py morn! A Sav - ior
 un - to us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His low - ly birth in Beth - le - hem The an - gels
 from on high pro - claim And sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry.
 My soul, Ex - tol God's great fa - vor; Bless him ev - er For
 sal - va - tion, Give him praise and ad - o - ra - tion.

Text: Birgitte K. Boys, 1742-1824; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937.
 Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608, alt.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

He has covered me

with the

ROBE

of

RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2017

“O Come, Let Us Adore Him!”

December 2,3	Advent 1	Regular weekend schedule
December 6	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 9,10	Advent 2	Regular weekend schedule
December 13	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 15	Children’s Christmas Service	7:00 p.m.
December 16,17	Advent 3	Regular weekend schedule
December 20	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 23,24	Advent 4	Regular weekend schedule
December 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	5:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Compline	11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Festival with the Lord’s Supper	9:30 a.m.
December 30,31	1 st Sunday after Christmas	Regular weekend schedule
December 31	New Year’s Eve with the Lord’s Supper	5:00 p.m.