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Midweek
Advent
Worship

December 1st
7:00 PM

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First Wednesday in Advent

December 1, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Midweek Advent Service I

Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

ALL **Amen.**

HYMN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334, vs. 1, 3-5



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.
5 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Can - not His love e - rase;



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
Your guilt the Lord will par - don And cov - er by His grace.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
He comes, for you pro - cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n,



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.
His chil - dren thus se - cur - ing E - ter - nal life in heav'n.

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P The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it;

C **The world, and all who live in it;**

P For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

C **Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,**

ALL **That the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

P Lift up your heads, O you gates;

C **Lift them up, you ancient doors;**

ALL **That the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is he, this King of glory?

C The LORD Almighty, he is the King of glory.

P Thousand, thousand saints attending;

C Swell the triumph of his train.

ALL Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

P We wait for many things,

C But rarely are we found waiting for Christ to return.

P These sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

C Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear.

P Set us free from a past that we cannot change.

C Open for us a future in which we can be changed.

P And grant us grace to follow Jesus Christ, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

ALL Then we will glorify you in our work produced by faith, our labor prompted by love, and our endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

P As a called and ordained servant of Christ I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. You are free. Forever. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25–36

²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
 Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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PRAYERS

- P** Rejoicing in the hope of our Savior's appearing, let us pray together, saying, Even so:
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus!**
- P** For the Church, as we wait with eager expectation for the revealing of Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. Even so:
- C** **Have mercy, Lord Jesus!**
- P** For our mission, that we bring glory to God and healing to many people through our work produced by faith, our labor prompted by love, and our endurance inspired by hope. Even so:
- C** **Fill us, Lord Jesus!**
- P** For all the baptized, that we might live watchful and sober lives, eagerly looking forward to our Lord's appearing. Even so:
- C** **Awaken us, Lord Jesus!**

- P** For all sisters and brothers of the Savior who cry out in their time of need. Loving Savior, be their joy in sorrow and their life in death. Even so:
- C** **Comfort them, Lord Jesus!**
- P** For the faithful in heaven who await the day of the resurrection, let us give our thanks and praise and join them in asking that the day may come quickly. Even so:
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus!**
- P** Yea, amen, let all adore Thee.
- C** **High on Thine eternal throne.**
- P** Savior take the power and glory,
- C** **Claim the kingdom as your own.**
- ALL* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- P** Thou shalt reign and Thou alone!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

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.

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POSTLUDE

Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the One who was, who is and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you celebrate with us today. Please fill out a pew attendance card and place it in the offering plate.



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 28	10:15 AM	First Sunday in Advent Services
Wednesday, December 1	7:00 PM	First Wednesday in Advent Service
Sunday, December 5	10:15 AM	Second Sunday in Advent Services
Wednesday, December 8	7:00 PM	Second Wednesday in Advent Service
Sunday, December 12	10:15 AM	Third Sunday in Advent Services
Wednesday, December 15	7:00 PM	Third Wednesday in Advent Service
Sunday, December 19	10:15 AM	Fourth Sunday in Advent Service
Friday, December 24	6:30 PM	Children's Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 25	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday, December 26	10:15 AM	First Sunday after Christmas Service