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Come, Lord Jesus!

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Come, Lord Jesus, As Judge!*

**December 4, 2022**





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Worship at 8am and  
10:30am

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## Welcome to Victory!

- Thank you for choosing to worship the Triune God with us. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as we join together in worship.
- We prepare for worship by quietly meditating on the theme for the day and respectfully listening to the music chosen and prepared by our musicians.
- If you are looking for a church home, we would be thrilled to serve your spiritual needs. Our name comes from 1 Corinthians 15:57: **“Thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!”**
- Our mission as a Christian congregation is to: **“Win souls for Christ and coach Christians for life.”**
- Please sign the Connection Card inside the newsletter to give us a record of your visit, and so we can properly thank you for joining us!
- Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you enter the front doors. Changing tables are available in both the women’s and men’s restrooms.
- A Quiet Room for children who need a quiet minute with mom or dad is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP:**

When Jesus comes back as judge, everyone will face a binary outcome. Either they will be judged as righteous and experience the peace and joys of Paradise, or they will be judged as wicked and suffer unquenchable fire (Matthew 3). John the Baptist's job was to point to the only way to prepare for that Judgment, one where the stakes are high. Repent! And look to the Lord Jesus. For when Jesus came into our world the first time, it was not as judge, but as Savior. All those whose faith is in Christ have already been judged righteous. Please, take these words to heart: the reign of God draws near, and his judgment is inevitable. As John the Baptist once said, "All people will see God's salvation." The only question is if one sees Christ's second coming with joy or regret. For those who fail to repent, the coming of the Judge brings terror and certain doom. But his people will see that Judge like a banner on the hilltop, rallying us to his glorious side.

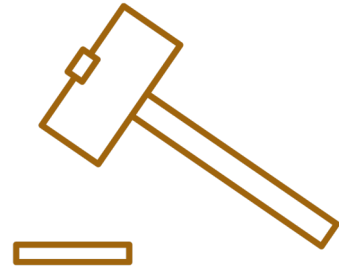
## **Worship Series: Come, Lord Jesus!**

The Latin word *adventus* means "coming." The last words in Scripture are "Come, Lord Jesus!" Thus, the season of Advent begins with the end in mind. We enter a new Church Year with our eyes fixed on the End—when Jesus Christ will come and destroy this sin-broken world. If that is what Jesus and his angels are coming to do, why would we cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus"? Because we know that Jesus has come into our world once before. The Son of God became the Son of Man. From the manger to the cross, Jesus did everything necessary to redeem mankind. As this new Church Year walks us through the entire life of Christ, we see God's promises of deliverance fulfilled, God's plan of salvation completed. And so, when Christ comes again, while the universe will be destroyed, we know God's people will be ushered into a new, glorious, everlasting kingdom. Advent is necessary to prepare us for Christmas. It enables us to understand the true significance of Christmas. For Advent allows us to see that because of what Christ did when he came the first time, believers need not fear when he comes again. Instead, we yearn for it. Come, Lord Jesus!



<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Come, Lord, Jesus, As Judge!</b>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>Come, Lord Jesus, As Messiah!</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Come, Lord Jesus, As Immanuel!</b>

## THE SERVICE: SETTING TWO



### OPENING HYMN

**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

*Christian Worship 488*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

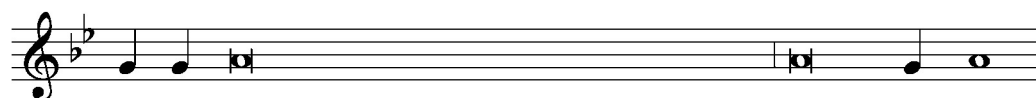
C: Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

*The congregation sings the parts in bold*



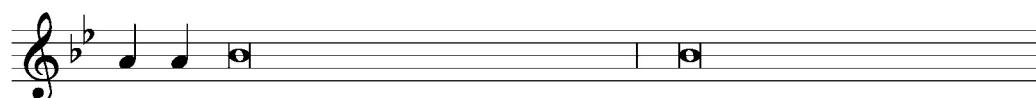
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**




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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and  
 praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
 Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
**A - men.**

Tune: Marty Haugen

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M: We light two Advent candles, remembering Jesus, who came into our world of sin and death.

**C: We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah, whose way was prepared by the forerunner, John the Baptist.**

M: We hear his call to repent. For the kingdom of heaven is near, and the Judge will one day return.

**C: We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Pastor will sing the opening verse and Alleluia. The congregation then repeats the alleluia, and sings the concluding verse as two Advent candles are lit.*

M: *(Sung)* Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*Cantor/Choir (cont.)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*All:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Light a

can - dle of 1. LOVE for the com - ing of Christ. Al - le -

2. PEACE

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse Texts: Psalm 85:7; Luke 3:4, 6; Matthew, 11:10; Luke 1:38.  
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### THE WORD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.



Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

#### *The Judge of righteousness and justice*

- <sup>1</sup>A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
- <sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
- He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
- <sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.
- <sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.



<sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:4-13**

### *Hope in the face of judgment*

<sup>4</sup>For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup>so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed <sup>9</sup>and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;  
I will sing the praises of your name."

<sup>10</sup>Again, it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;  
let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again, Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

#### *John prepares people to meet the Judge*

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’ ”

<sup>4</sup>John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*All children are invited to join Pastor Troy at the front of the sanctuary for a message based on today’s sermon, specifically designed for them! If children would feel more comfortable, an adult is welcome to come up with them.*

### **CHILDREN’S CHURCH (10:30am Service)**

*Children ages 3-5 can be dismissed to the 3K/Kitchen classroom for Children’s Church. Children will return from Children’s Church to the sanctuary after the conclusion of the sermon.*



### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Comfort, Comfort All My People**

*Christian Worship 312*

**SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner**

**Text: Matthew 3:1-12**

**Rejoice to Meet the Judge**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### The Nicene Creed

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 believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING

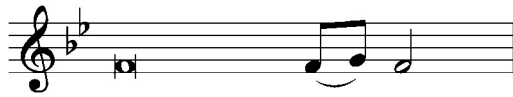
**Guests:** This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Victory Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work in the Jacksonville community and beyond. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to participate in this offering, but don't feel forced to! You can also give an online thank offering by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code.

Please also fill out the Connection Card found inside your worship folder, and drop it in the offering plate, or in the basket on the back table.



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE



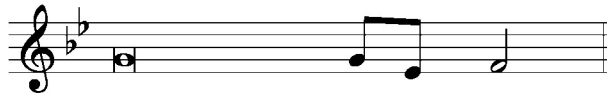
The Lord be with you.



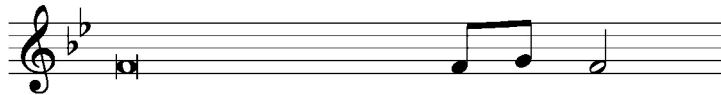
And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ. Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty.

He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you— the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **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.**

**C: Amen.**



## JESUS, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

### DISTRIBUTION

**Guests please note:** Scripture teaches that when Christians partake of the Lord's Supper together, they are expressing their unity of faith. Through this act they are confessing that they agree on all the teachings of Scripture. We do not wish to put our guests in the position of making such a confession without knowing our teachings. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Victory or another WELS or ELS congregation come to receive communion at this time.

If you desire communion fellowship with us, please speak to our pastor. We are eager to help anyone take this step!



**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**

*Christian Worship 313*

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: His mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: We proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

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: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**The King Will Come at Age’s End**

*Christian Worship 489*

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Organist.....**Ms. Anne Marquardt**

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# MY WORSHIP NOTES



*For children to use during worship.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name of the church season or special day today? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue   White   Purple   Red   Green

The Sermon Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

This is in the:    Old Testament    New Testament



What was the sermon about? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



My favorite song today was:



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
- No



Communion?

- Yes
- No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Sermon Notes**



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