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HOPE

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.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING SENTENCES

Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.

- 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!**

332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME



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.

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.

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.

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

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

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One Advent candle is lit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Psalm 25:6–7

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

KYRIE FOR THE FOUR SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

st. 1



1 For-give us, Lord, for times when hope was lost, And
 mo - ments when we nev - er thought to trust, For
 times when we de - spair and for - get That
 You are where all joy and truth have met.
 For - give, for - give, for - give us all our
 sins And help us hope and trust You with - out end.

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- 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.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 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** Blessed 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.

**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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection

C **we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins**

P and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

C **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

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.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 6

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

C **To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

P O my God, in You I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

C **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;
teach me Your paths.

L **Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all the day long.**

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

C **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

- P** Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
C **He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble His way.**

- P** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
C **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**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.**

GRADUAL

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

- P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
C **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

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

- P** Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

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

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

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VERSE

Psalm 24:7

- P** Alleluia! Alleluia!
C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- P** Lift up your heads, O gates!
C **And be lifted up, O ancient doors,**

- P** that the King of glory may come in.
C **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.**

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He 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.**

331 THE ADVENT OF OUR KING



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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SERMON

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 † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

A brief time of silence may be observed.

P 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,

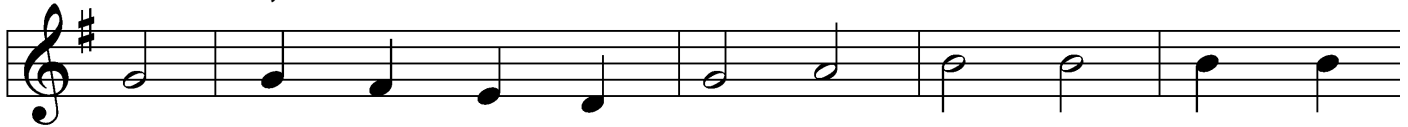
C hear us, coming Lord.

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.

OFFERING

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



△ 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.

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+ 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.

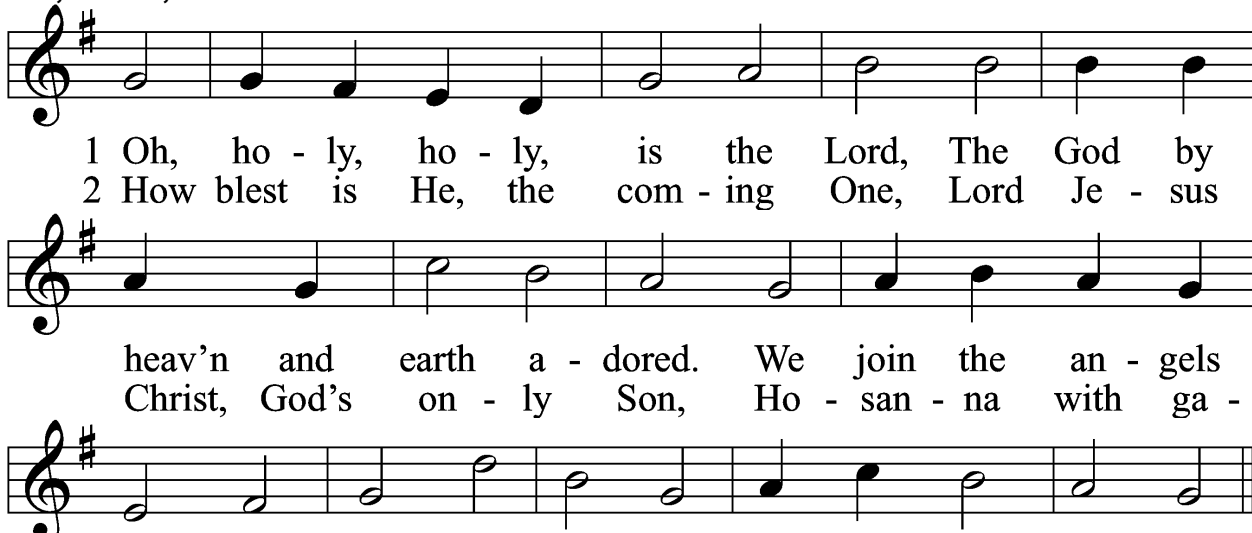
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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:

OH, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD



1 Oh, ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord, The God by
2 How blest is He, the com - ing One, Lord Je - sus

heav'n and earth a - dored. We join the an - gels
Christ, God's on - ly Son, Ho - san - na with ga -

in their song, Their glo - rious prais - es to pro - long.
lac - tic space, Sing we, saved on - ly by His grace.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P You, O God, bring hope into this broken and desperate world. When Adam and Eve were ashamed, You clothed them and promised a Savior. As Abraham and Sarah waited on Your promise to them, You gave them Isaac and blessed the world through him. When the Israelites faced sure death at the banks of the Red Sea, You delivered them and sustained their hope for the Promised Land. When many kings of Israel and Judah rejected Your ways, You sent the prophets to warn them and to keep alive the hope for restoration. At just the right time, You sent Your Son, Jesus, whose miracles were a sign of the world to come, a glimpse of the restoration of all creation. We thank You, praise You, and adore You for the hope You alone bring into our lives.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

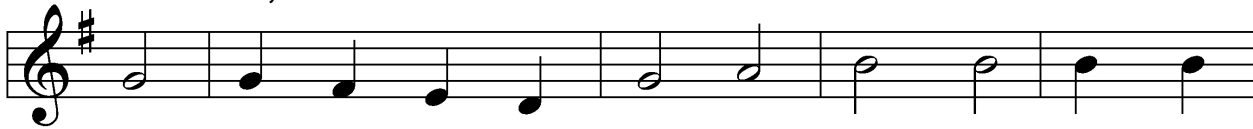
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

O LAMB OF GOD, THE ONLY SON



1 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, Who for us
2 You with the Fa - ther ev - er reign, With Ho - ly



our sal - va - tion won, The sins of all You
Spir - it to or - dain By grace our fail - ings



take a - way. Give ear, O Sav - ior, as we pray.
to for - give. Grant us Your peace that we may live.

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357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

350 COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME

348 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Grant that His presence with us in the Meal fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Numbers 6:24–26

P 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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

(All v. 1, Women v. 2, Men v. 3, All v. 4)

621 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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Prayers

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for **Ruby Church, Terri Guenther, Kasey Schertenleib, Rosemary Waldrop** who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from **anxiety and depression.**

For all who suffer from Covid 19.

Prayers for comfort and understanding for **all those who are battling cancer.**

For **Shay Connell** who is in Seattle undergoing tests before going on the transplant list.

For **Jordan** as he awaits results of his biopsy.

For **Karen Hartley** the wife of Pastor Bill Hartley at St Johns in Spokane.

Other Prayers

Safety for **all who are traveling.**

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families.**

*Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at office@concordiapullman.org
or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.*