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ADVENT ADVERBS: TRUSTINGLY

AS WE GATHER

“In God We Trust” is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God’s people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist confidently stated, “In God I trust; I shall not be afraid” (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God’s grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–5, 21; Proverbs 3:5–6

- P** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.
- C** **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**
- P** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.
- C** **May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.**
- P** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
- C** **In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

(We'll process the scriptures in.)

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.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

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

MEN: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the Lord.

WOMEN: The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

C You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. 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. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

KYRIE

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

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C 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.

(During the singing of the hymn, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lighted.)

357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

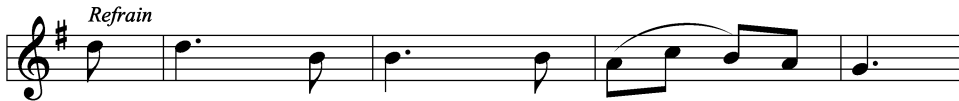
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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 122

P I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

MEN: *Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

WOMEN: *Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.*

MEN: *There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.*

WOMEN: *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!*

MEN: *Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!”*

WOMEN: *For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”*

C For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.
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.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:7; 118:26, alt.

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

MEN: **Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.**

WOMEN: **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

C Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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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SERMON

CREED

The First Article

P As we begin a new Church Year and reflect on how Jesus' coming fulfilled the Father's plan for our salvation, we speak the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning. It relates the loving work of God the Father for us. He has created and still preserves us, and in His grace, He has brought us to the beginning of a new Church Year.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, the community of God's forgiven people, asking that God's messengers continue to speak with power among us and that the Word may come to us today with its message of forgiveness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
- P** We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that we be enabled to gather for worship throughout the new Church Year with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us in this place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
- P** We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness, that we be of support and encouragement to them, and that together we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
- P** As a household of faith, we make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day need our prayers, [*especially* . . .], that their prayers be answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
- P** We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas is sad or challenging in some way. Help us to reach out to them with compassion, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
- P** We remember before You those many faithful Christians who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly kingdom. Direct our ways on earth as we complete this life in faith, that we may rejoice with them eternally together with all the saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and grant our petition.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ SACRAMENT +

(Announce the tune for Agnus Dei)

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. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises.

SANCTUS

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

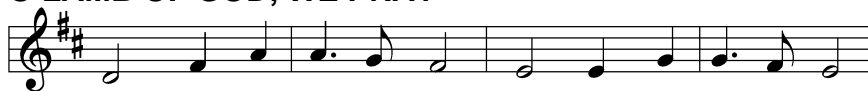
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O LAMB OF GOD, WE PRAY



O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins a-way—



Our faith in - crease. Have mer - cy on us all,



Strength - en us when we fall, An - swer our
fer - vent call And grant us peace.

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LW 15 LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

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341 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

352 LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

350 COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Grant that we live trustingly and victoriously, enlightened by the working of Your Holy Spirit. As we await Your coming, direct us to do the good works that You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

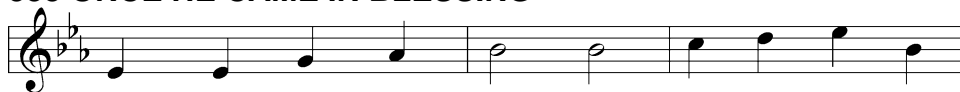
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

333 ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
3 Soon will come that hour ——— When with might - y
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Prayers

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for **Steffen & Kerin Ludwig, Ruby Church Kasey Schertenleib and Rosemary Waldrop** who are celebrating their birthdays.

Thanksgiving for **Bob & Carol Thornton** as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.

Thanksgiving for Ann Summerson's new Granddaughter **Hilde**

Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from **mental health concerns**.

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

Healing for **Bill Gratz** as he heads to Seattle for more testing.

Baby **Griffin and his sibling** who has kidney problems.

Continued Healing for Julie Denison.

Healing for **Sally Manion**.

For **Shauna Lee Geigle** as she recovers from surgery.

Comfort for the friends and families of the murder victims in Moscow.

Healing for Sally's mom Sue who has eye problems.

For **Sharon**, Rod Geigle sister, who has pneumonia

Healing for **Marlene** who was in a car accident.

For Maria dealing with an adverse medication reaction.

Healing for Linda Sitze who has a decline in strength and health for unknow reason along with a Kidney failure.

Other Prayers

Safety for **all who are traveling**.

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

Blessings on the recipients of operation Christmas child boxes.

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.