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The Order of Service: Divine Service Setting One,

LSB 151

Opening Hymn: The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

- 1 The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
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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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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.

**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.

Stand

## Introit

*Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”**

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

**O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!**

I am the LORD your God, Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

**Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

But My people did not listen to My voice;

**Israel would not submit to Me.**

Oh, that My people would listen to Me,

**that Israel would walk in My ways!**

**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.**

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mercy.

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

**G** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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.

**G** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**G** Amen.

**Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis**

**“Omitted during Advent”**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

**The Old Testament Reading**

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

**<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord Whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the Covenant in Whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a Refiner and Purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear Me, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup>For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My Statutes and have not kept them.”**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm:**

*Psalm 66:1–12; antiphon: v. 12b*

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup>sing the glory of His Name; give to Him glorious praise!

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

**<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your Name."**

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what God has done: He is Awesome in His Deeds toward the children of man.

**<sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in Him,**

<sup>7</sup>Who rules by His Might forever, Whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,**

<sup>9</sup>Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**<sup>10</sup>For You, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried.**

<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net; You laid a crushing burden on our backs;

**<sup>12</sup>You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

**The Epistle Lesson:**

***Philippians 1:2–11***

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that He Who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my Witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

**C** **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Holy Gospel:**

***Luke 3:1–20***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the Word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the Book of the Words of Isaiah the prophet, "**The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'**" <sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "**You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."** <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "**What then shall we do?"** <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "**Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.**" <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "**Teacher, what shall we do?"** <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "**Collect no more than you are authorized to do.**" <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "**And we, what shall we do?"** And he said to them, "**Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.**" <sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "**I baptize you with water, but He Who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.**" <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day:** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- △ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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**Sermon:** Glad, Thrilling Repentance!

**Luke 3:1–20**

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**The Apostles' Creed**

- ☐ **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**

*Sit*

**Offering:** Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

- 1 Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.
- 2 Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.

3 Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.

4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing,  
That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.

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*Stand*

### Offertory

LSB 159

**☩ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

### Closing Collect

**℟** Let us pray.

O God, from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your Commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

### Benediction

LSB 166

**℟** 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.

**☩ Amen.**

### Hymn to Depart: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

**LSB 334**

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,  
How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You,  
My hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,  
Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please You best.

- 2 Your Zion strews before You  
 Green boughs and fairest palms;  
 And I too will adore You  
 With joyous songs and psalms.  
 My heart shall bloom forever  
 For You with praises new  
 And from Your name shall never  
 Withhold the honor due.
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;  
 You came to set me free.  
 I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
 You came to honor me.  
 A glorious crown You give me,  
 A treasure safe on high  
 That will not fail or leave me  
 As earthly riches fly.
- 4 Love caused Your incarnation;  
 Love brought You down to me.  
 Your thirst for my salvation  
 Procured my liberty.  
 Oh, love beyond all telling,  
 That led You to embrace  
 In love, all love excelling,  
 Our lost and fallen race.
- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
 Cannot His love erase;  
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
 And cover by His grace.  
 He comes, for you procuring  
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
 His children thus securing  
 Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,  
 A terror to His foes,  
 A light of consolations  
 And blessed hope to those  
 Who love the Lord's appearing.  
 O glorious Sun, now come,  
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
 And guide us safely home.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bible Study:** Wednesday's @ 10:00 a.m. in the Church basement.

**Confirmation Instruction:** Thursday's @ 4:00 p.m. in Oakbank.

**Mid-Week Advent Services** will be available on-line for everyone to view.

**CHRISTmas Eve and CHRISTmas Day Services:** Please remember to register whether you will be attending or not, as we need to know numbers.

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