



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Worship  
December 3, 2023 9:30am

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,  
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, READ THROUGH YOUR WORSHIP  
FOLDER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.**



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**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

**OFFERING** – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS** – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Available from an usher.

**Listening Assistance Devices** – Available at the Sound Booth.

**Parent Room** – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

**For Children** – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

**As We Gather** – Welcome to the season of waiting! Not only is Advent a period of preparation for Jesus’ first coming at Christmas, but this sacred season readies our hearts for Jesus’ ultimate coming: when He, as King of kings and Lord of lords, returns in power on the Last Day, when every knee will bow before Him and every eye will see Him as the One who reigns in sovereign majesty over all things. Until the arrival of that glorious Day, we wait for Him in confident faith, strengthened by His Word and Meal, trusting that He has redeemed us by His cross and resurrection. With the expectant people of old, may our worship together lead us to say: “Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield” (Psalm 33:20).

**Preservice and Postlude Music** *by Wenzel Schwarz*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### 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.

### Opening Sentences *Psalm 33:20–22*

- Ⓟ Our soul waits for the LORD; **☩** He is our help and our shield.
- Ⓟ For our heart is glad in Him, **☩** because we trust in His holy name.
- Ⓟ Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, **☩** even as we hope in You.

### All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep  
(We sing)

***Chorus 1: Holy Spirit come***  
***Holy Spirit come***  
***(REPEAT)***

***CHORUS 2: Come Lord Jesus come***  
***Come Lord Jesus come***  
***(REPEAT)***

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### Confession and Absolution

- Ⓟ Confident in His steadfast love, let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- ☩ **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we fail to do. Instead of waiting on You and clinging to Your promises, we impatiently go our own way. Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we put our wants first and serve our interests instead of Yours, O God. For the sake of our Savior and King, have mercy on us. Forgive us and restore us. Guide us and renew us. Help us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;

**G righteous and having salvation.**

**P** To You, O LORD,

**G I lift up my soul.**

**P** O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;

**G let not my enemies exult over me.**

**P** Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;

**G they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
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;

**G righteous and having salvation.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you. **G And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us

**G as we wait for Your arrival.**

**P** Protect us by Your hand that we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins

**G and saved by Your mighty deliverance;**

**P** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 80:1–7; antiphon: v. 7*

**L** Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C** **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**L** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

**C** **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

**L** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

**C** **stir up Your might and come to save us!**

**L** Restore us, O God;

**C** **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**L** O LORD God of hosts,

**C** **how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?**

**L** You have fed them with the bread of tears

**C** **and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

**L** You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

**C** **and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

**L** Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C** **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**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.**

**L** Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C** **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## Hosanna

I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes, The whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing, The people sing  
***Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest***

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith, With selfless faith

I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees, We're on our knees  
***Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest***

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

***Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest (Repeat)***

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### Verse

*Psalms 24:7*

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

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 13:24–37*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

<sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon – “Stay Awake... Keep Watch” *based on Mark 13:24–37*

### 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.**

### Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** As we wait in hope for the coming of our Lord, let us together, as His Advent people, bring our prayers before Him.

Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your goodness and mercy that follow us all the days of our lives. You are our God; we are Your people. You have purchased and won us from sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son upon the cross and by His rising from the grave. As He now sits at Your right hand, exalted over all things, we wait expectantly for the Day of His revealing. We wait in hope for the Lord!      **C** **He is our help and our shield.**

**P** Mighty King and loving Savior, we thank You for the authority You have over all things in heaven and on earth. To a world in disarray and for a people filled with despair, You alone offer hope, peace, and certainty that all things are in Your hands. Help us to trust in You, Lord Jesus, even as we wait for the redemption You will provide on the Day You come again to judge the living and the dead. Bless the land in which we live and all those who serve for the benefit of us all. Be present in our homes, our schools, and our workplaces that Your provision be known to all. We wait in hope for the Lord!

**C** **He is our help and our shield.**

**P** Healer of the broken and sustainer of the weary, grant the comfort of Your Holy Spirit to all who are suffering in heart, body, mind, and spirit. Remind those who are downtrodden that they are never alone, and use us as Your people to reach out in care and compassion to those in our family, our community, and within this congregation who need Your healing mercies, [*especially...*]. We wait in hope for the Lord! **C** **He is our help and our shield.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we are Your waiting, expectant, hope-filled people. We anticipate the Day of Your revealing when Your saving work will be fully complete and when You renew and restore all things in heaven and on earth. Until that glorious Day, help us to rely upon Your grace alone, which declares us guiltless in Your sight through faith in Your promises. Stir up our hearts to make known to all the wonders You have done, so that more souls may be brought to saving faith and many would join with us in saying, "We wait in hope for the Lord!" **C** **He is our help and our shield.**

**P** Confident in our coming King and Savior, we entrust our prayers into Your merciful hands, for You, O Father, live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.**

### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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