

**The First Sunday In Advent  
December 3, 2023  
Heritage Lutheran Church  
Apple Valley, MN  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**



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**1. Welcome**

**2. Opening Prayer**

**Pastor** O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

**3. Opening Hymn #81 "O Splendor Of God's Glory Bright" (verses 1,2,5,6,9)**

*Please stand at the last verse*

1 O Splendor of God's glory bright,  
Who bringest forth the light from Light;  
O Light of light, light's Fountain-spring;  
O Day, our days enlightening.

2 Come, very Sun of truth and love,  
Come in Thy radiance from above  
And shed the Holy Spirit's ray  
On all we think or do today.

5 Direct and govern heart and mind,  
With body chaste and disciplined;  
Let faith her eager fires renew  
And hate the false and love the true.

6 On Christ, the true Bread, let us feed,  
Let Him to us be drink indeed,  
And let us taste with joyfulness  
The Holy Spirit's plenteousness.

9 All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

#### 4. Confession of Sins

**Pastor** Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins:

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congregation** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### 5. The Kyrie Eleison

♪ **Congregation** O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God, the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

#### 6. The Absolution

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

#### 7. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (*Omitted during Advent*)

**Pastor** Glory be to God in the highest

♪ **Congregation** And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

#### 8. The Salutation

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

#### 9. The Collect

**Pastor** Let us pray: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may worship You with pure minds, through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

#### 10. The Lesson – *Isaiah 63:16b-64:8*

<sup>63:16b</sup> you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. <sup>17</sup> O LORD, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. <sup>18</sup> Your holy people held possession for a little while; our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary.

<sup>19</sup> We have become like those over whom you have never ruled, like those who are not called by your name. <sup>64:1</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.

#### **11. The 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— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any 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.

#### **12. Psalm 98 (read responsively by whole verse)**

<sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.  
<sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!  
<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!  
<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together  
<sup>9</sup> before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

#### **13. The Holy Gospel – Matthew 13:33-37**

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." <sup>34</sup> All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. <sup>35</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." <sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

**Pastor** This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

**♪ Congregation** God be praised for His glad tidings.

#### **14. The Nicene Creed**

**Congregation** I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were

made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

#### **15. Chief Hymn #105 “Rise, Children Of The Kingdom”**

1 Rise, children of the kingdom!  
The King is drawing nigh.  
Arise, and hail with gladness  
The Ruler from on high.  
Ye Christians, hasten forth!  
Your praise and homage bring Him  
and glad Hosannas sing Him;  
Naught else your love is worth.

2 Arise, ye drooping mourners!  
The King is very near.  
Away with grief and sorrow,  
For lo! your help is here.  
Behold, in many a place--  
O blessed consolation--  
We find Him, our salvation,  
In His pure means of grace.

3 Arise, ye much afflicted!  
The King is not afar.  
Rejoice, ye long dejected!  
Behold the Morning Star.  
The Lord will give you joy,  
Though troubles now distress you,  
With comfort He will bless you,  
E'en death He will destroy.

4 Arise, ye poor and needy!  
The King provides for you.  
He comes with succor speedy,  
With mercy ever new.  
Receive your gracious King,  
The giver of all blessing.  
Hail Him, His name confessing,  
And glad Hosannas sing.

5 O rich the gifts Thou bring'st us,  
Thyself made poor and weak;  
O love beyond expression,  
That thus can sinners seek!  
For this, O Lord, will we  
Our joyous tribute bring Thee,  
And glad Hosannas sing Thee,  
And ever grateful be.

## **16. Sermon “God Has Supplied You” 1 Corinthians 1:7-9**

### **17. The Prayers and The Apostolic Benediction**

**Pastor** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **18. The Offering**

#### ***The Service Of Holy Communion***

*Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.*

### **19. The Preface (Introduction to the Holy Communion)**

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

**Pastor** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

**Pastor** 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, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **20. The Sanctus (Latin, “Holy”)**

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **21. The Lord's Prayer (sung by all)**

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.

### **22. The Words of Institution**

**Pastor** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **23. The Agnus Dei (Latin, “Lamb of God”)**

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

### **24. The Distribution**

### **25. The Collect**

**Pastor** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through

them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**26. Hymn of Thanksgiving #65 “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty” (verses 1,5)**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation!  
Join the full throng;  
Wake, harp and psalter and song;  
Sound forth in glad adoration!

5 Praise to the Lord! Oh let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**27. The Benediction**

**Pastor** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, Amen, Amen.

**28. Closing Hymn #90 “Savior Of The Nations Come” (verses 1,4,5,7)**

1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's son, make here Thy home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

4 From the Father forth He came  
And returneth to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell--  
High the song of triumph swell!

5 Thou the Father's only Son,  
Hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;  
When shall we its glories see?

7 Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally.

**29. The Closing Prayer**

**Pastor** O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

## **Announcements**

**Board of Elders** – The Board of Elders will meet on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Congregational Meeting** – Please join us for a congregation meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**Call Meeting** – We will have a call meeting on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> between services.

**TLC Christmas Gathering** – Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at Jane Fahning's home (16242 Dutch Barn Drive) at 5:30 p.m. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. All women of the congregation are welcome.

**Women's Bible Study** – The Monday Evening Bible Class is studying Ecclesiastes. They meet at church at 6:30 pm. Contact Ruth Braun if you would like more information. We will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of December and then reconvene on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's Bible Study** – Men's Bible study will reconvene after the New Year.

**Meditations** – The new meditations are available on the welcome stand.

**Fellowship** - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

**Choir** – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. New members are always welcome!

### **Communion Prayers**

#### **Before**

We do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the Lord who desires always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Body of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

#### **After**

Lord Jesus Christ, even as You rose triumphant from the grave, I beseech You to grant me grace to rise from the bondage of sin, to walk in the newness of life, that when You appear as my Judge and Redeemer, I shall greet You in peace and joy, and may throughout eternity enjoy the bliss of Your unveiled Presence. Amen

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### **The Exhortation**

Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ; "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.