



**The Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 9-10, 2023 ~ 11:00 am**  
**Divine Service One, LSB p. 151**  
*Message: Pastor Doug Croucher*

**Prelude** *"Coventry Carol" and "Noel Nouvelet"* by Peter Crisafulli **Anna Snodgrass & Tim Taube**

**Hymn #354** *Arise, O Christian People*

**Confession and Absolution**

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.**

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.**

**Service of the Word**

**Kyrie**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **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.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**This Is the Feast**

**C** **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C♪ **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.

C♪ **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 40:1–11, p. 762-763

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

2 Peter 3:8–14, p. 1300

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

*“Mary, Did You Know?”* by Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

**Anna & Maria Snodgrass**

### **Common Alleluia and Verse**

C♪ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Gospel Reading**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C♪ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Mark 1:1–8, p. 1063

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C♪ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

C **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 sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will 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 in 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. Amen.

### Hymn #344 *On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry*

Message *Pastor Doug Croucher*

### Offering

Christmas Carol Medley arr. F. William Voetberg **Melanie Walter, Lisa Slack, Anna Snodgrass & Tim Taube**

### Prayers of God's People

### *Service of the Sacrament*

#### Preface *LSB 160*

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.**

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### Sanctus *LSB 161*

**C♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

#### 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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**    *LSB 162*

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."

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.**

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

P    The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C♪    Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

**C♪    Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution**

**Christmas Carol Medley**    by F. William Voetberg    **Melanie Walter, Lisa Slack, Anna Snodgrass, Tim Taube**

**Hymn #563 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***

**Post-Communion Canticle**    *LSB 164*

**C♪    Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

A    Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C♪    Amen.**

**Benediction**    *LSB 166*

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.**

**Hymn #348 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* with #331 *The Advent of Our King***

(see screens for verse instructions)

**Postlude "In dulci jubilo"** by Peter Crisafulli

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