

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - 8:00 - “*Savior of the Nations Come*” tune *Non Komm*; setting *Freudenburg*  
10:30 - Bell Choir plays “*The King Shall Come*” tune *Consolation et all*

**HYMN 340 vs 1, 4, 5** - we sing, standing

### ADVENT WREATH ~ 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. It is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. The Advent wreath reminds us of our yearning for God. Its circular shape tells us of God’s everlasting love and faithfulness. The four candles remind us of the passing of time, our human history into which God has entered through His Son, Jesus. On this First Sunday of Advent, we remember how our Lord was first hailed as the coming king, and we look forward to the day when our King will come again. As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, may its flame bid us always to be ready for the coming of the Lord.

Lord Jesus, You came into the world to reveal Your Father’s love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, by Your dying and rising You have given us the promise of eternal life. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You ask us to be ready, watching and waiting for Your coming. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

### **GREETING, followed by PRAYER**

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

Let us pray. **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.**

*(please be seated)*

### **FIRST LESSON** *(bulletin back page)*

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

### **PSALM 122**

*Pulpit side reads odd numbered verses  
Font side reads even numbered verses*

### **SECOND LESSON** *(bulletin back page)*

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### page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE**

*we sing, standing*

### **GOSPEL** *(bulletin back page)*

*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!  
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

**HYMN 332 vs 1, 2, 4, 5, 8** - we sing, seated

### **SERMON**

**APOSTLES’ CREED** - *hymnal, back cover*

### **OFFERTORY**

*During the gathering (8:00) the Bell Choir plays “The King Shall Come” tune Consolation et all (10:30) “Savior of the Nations Come” tune Non Komm; setting Freudenburg*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Altar Flowers** this morning are from Ed and Nancy Schweizer in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary and their thankfulness for their bountiful blessings.

### **Last Sunday Here**

Attending: 103      Offering: \$8,668

### **This Week Here**

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study  
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir  
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir  
Thur -10:00 AM- Bulletin Pick Up

**Pledge Packets** - If you have not already done so, please pick up your packet this morning and return your pledge to the church by December 11. Your pledge will assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations. Thank you!

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now** - The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem “*humble, and mounted on a donkey,*” riding on “*a beast of burden*” (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*” (Matt. 21:9). For we are called “*to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,*” His Holy Church, “*that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths*” (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we “*walk in the light of the LORD*” (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which “*does no wrong to a neighbor*” (Rom. 13:10). We “*cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,*” for “*salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*” (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, “*for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming*” (Matt. 24:42).

## LORD’S PRAYER

### **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 903 vs 1, 3, 4, 5** - we sing, standing

**POSTLUDE** - “*From Heaven Above*” by David Schack