THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - *"My Jesus Is My Delight" tune by Beethoven, setting by Simone.*

HYMN 343 - *we sing, standing*

ADVENT WREATH – 1st 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 faith-fulness. 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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 80:1-7 - *Font side speaks the odd verses, and Pulpit side speaks the even verses.*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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

page 205 – **ALLELUIA -** *we sing, standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page) - all standing*

Before, all say: **Glory to You, O Lord!**
After, all say: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN 332 - *we sing as indicated, seated*

1 – All **2 – All** **3 – Women**
4 – Men **7 – All** **8 – All**

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, back cover all standing*

RITE OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
for Sophia Kingsley and Brynne Mann

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
all may kneel
Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY - *Bruce Emerick, soloist, sings "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" tune Picardy [LSB 621] (8:00).*

page 208 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 208 - **SANCTUS**

LORD'S PRAYER

page 210 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

PEACE OF THE LORD

page 210 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
During the Distribution we sing **HYMN 333 and 350.**

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - where He gives forgiveness and Christian unity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf next to our Guest Register.

page 211 - **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 212 - **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 212 – **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

HYMN 340 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" tune Wie Soll Ich Dich, setting by Patterson.*

NEWS AND NOTES

Join us between the services in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. Thank you, Terri Daly, for hosting coffee hour this morning.

The Thanksgiving Cornucopia on the altar is a special offering from Arta Dobbs and is intended as a visual aid to remind us how blessed we are. We should always remember God's generous nature towards humanity and respond with praise and thanksgiving.

Last Sunday Here
Attending: 108 Offering: $1,530

THIS WEEK HERE
Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study
Sat - 9:00 AM - Advent Luncheon Setup

Please pick up your pledge packet if you haven't already and kindly return your pledge to the Church promptly. Your pledge will assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations. Thank you!

Advent Jubilee Luncheon (and Celebration of CLC's 70th Anniversary!) is on December 6th, after the Late Service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Although we pray that God *"would rend the heavens and come down"* (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves *"have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment"* (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for *"a long time, and shall we be saved?"* (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are *"enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,"* and so He will *"sustain you to the end"* (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although *"heaven and earth will pass away,"* His words *"will not pass away"* (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He *"send out the angels"* to gather us and all of His elect *"from the ends of the earth"* to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).