

## THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** - "Awake, the Voice is Calling"  
*tune Wacket auf; setting by Karow*

**HYMN 340 vs 1, 2, 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 25:1-10** - *we read in unison*

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

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page 156 - **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, 3, 4, 8** - *we sing, seated*

### **SERMON**

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

### **OFFERTORY**

8:00 - *Bruce Emerick sings "O Jesus so Sweet"*

10:30 - *we sing* **HYMN 546**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

## NEWS AND NOTES

### **Last Sunday Here**

Attending: 95      Offering: \$3,409

### **This Week Here**

Wed - 1:30PM - Bible Study

- 7:15PM - Bell Choir

- 8:00PM - Parish Choir

Thur - 10:00AM - Bulletin Pick-Up

**Attn Council!** There is a meeting scheduled to be held here on Tuesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge Packets** - please pick up your packet from the hallway this morning and return your pledge to the church by December 5. Your pledge will assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations. Thank you!

## A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

**The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us** - The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, "a righteous Branch" descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts "blameless in holiness before our God and Father" (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be "distress of nations in perplexity," with "people fainting with fear." Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: "Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 348** - *we sing, standing*

**POSTLUDE** - "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" by F. W. Marburg

**Advent Jubilee Lunch** will be held here after the 10:30 service next Sunday, **December 5!** Everyone is welcome to join us. *Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.*

**Two Presentations** will be given this morning: 8:00 Quilt of Valor will present a quilt to our church in honor of the veterans of CLC; 10:30 a CLC scholarship will be given to one of two recipients.

**Video camera operators** for church services needed. If you have an interest in helping broadcast our church services to the internet, this is for you. Flexible schedule and learn how to operate a mini TV studio. Please contact Bill Juul for a hands on demonstration.