

**1<sup>st</sup> Midweek Advent Service**  
**St. Peter and St. Luke Lutheran Churches**  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**VESPERS**

*LSB 229*

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.**

**Once He Came in Blessing**

*LSB 333*

- 1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.
- 2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.
- 3 Soon will come that hour When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.
- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

+ PSALMODY +

**PSALM 40**

- P**<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- C**<sup>2</sup> **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**
- P**<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- C**<sup>4</sup> **Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**
- P**<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
- C**<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**
- P**<sup>7</sup> Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C**<sup>8</sup> **I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”**
- P**<sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
- C**<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**
- P**<sup>11</sup> As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
- C**<sup>12</sup> **For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.**
- P**<sup>13</sup> Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

**C** <sup>14</sup>Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

**P** <sup>15</sup>Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, “Aha, Aha!”

**C** <sup>16</sup>But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

**P** <sup>17</sup>As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

+ READINGS +

READING

*John 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.

<sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” <sup>9</sup>And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup>So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” <sup>11</sup>But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORY** (Advent)

*LSB 230*

- P** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- P** In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

**SERMON**

**+ CANTICLE +**

- P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**MAGNIFICAT** (Spoken Together)

*LSB 230*

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;  
for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;  
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**

**He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **KYRIE**

*LSB 233*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### **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.**

**☩ O Lord, hear my prayer.**

**☩ And let my cry come to You.**

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**☩ 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.**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES***LSB 602*

- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved, and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
- 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.  
Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
- 3 The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow;  
The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.
- 4 The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them  
life,  
Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.
- 5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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**P** Go In Peace and Serve The Lord

**C** **Thanks Be to God**

## Advent Service Times

**Midweek Advent services** will be November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>. The times are 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter and 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke. St. Luke also will feature a meal starting at 5:30 until service time. Please join us!!!

**Christmas Eve** services are 5:00 p.m. at St. Peter and 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke. No communion at either service.

**Christmas Day** will be normal service times due to Christmas Day being on a Sunday. No communion at either service.

**New Year's Eve** will be at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peter. New Year's Day will be normal service times due to New Year's Day being on a Sunday.

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