



November 29, 2020
1st Sunday in Advent

He comes both to destroy and to save. Get ready!



Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the Good News of Christ to all.

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Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of
 2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His char - iot is hu -
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the rul - er
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple

glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The
 mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His
 is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes To
 set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -

Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
 scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
 whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of
 dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - 'reign

he will bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To
 woe he brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To
 joy is he Who comes to set his peo - ple free. To
 en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin. To

God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come! I open wide
 My heart to you; here, Lord, abide!
 Oh, enter with your saving grace;
 Show me your kind and friendly face.
 Your Holy Spirit guide us on
 Until our glorious goal is won.
 Eternal praise and fame
 We offer to your name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
 Tune: August Lemke, 1820-1913

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OPENING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates

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STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

M: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

C: We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.

M: We hear his call to watch.

C: We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 6:1-3, 5-14, 17-22 (NIV84)

When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. ¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." ²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

PSALM 24 *read responsively by the pastor and congregation*

The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,*

the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*

and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*

he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*

**The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**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.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22 (NIV84)

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)

STAND

M: The Gospel is from Mark, chapter 13, beginning at verse 32.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL

Mark 13:32-37 (NIV84)

“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’ ”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

BE SEATED

SERMON

Advent of Water

Genesis 6:1-3, 5-14, 17-22

OFFERING

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

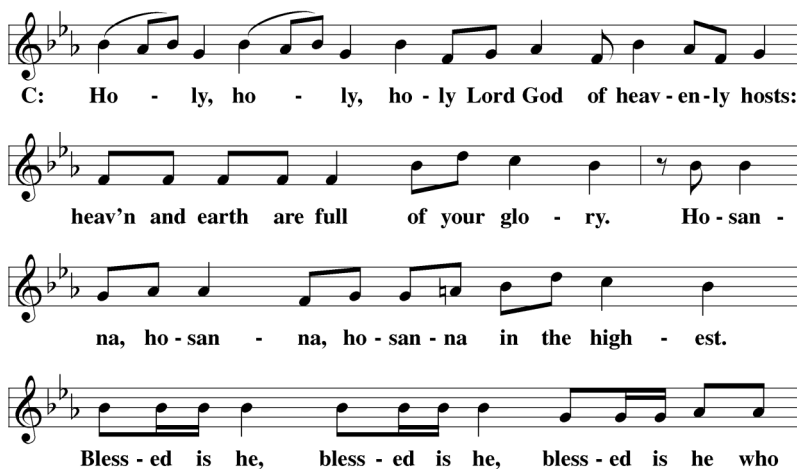
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

We will commune by families or individuals. Come forward in the center aisle. Return by the side. Please stand directly in front of the front pews. Pastor will bring Communion to you. Only touch one individual cup. A basket is available for empty cups as you return.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

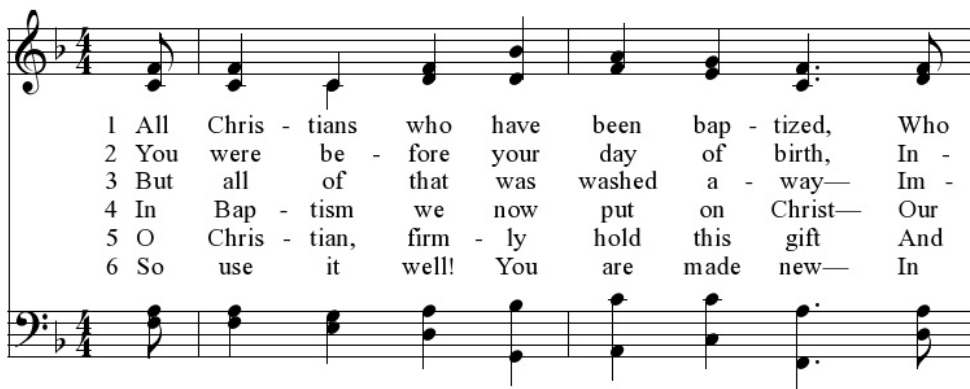
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

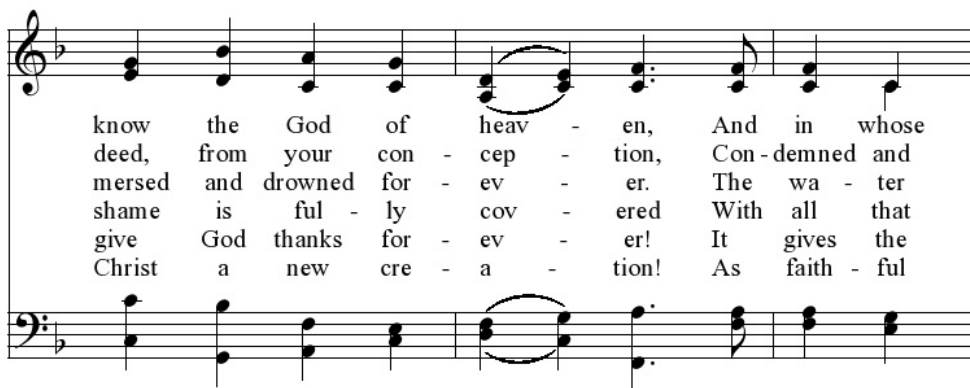
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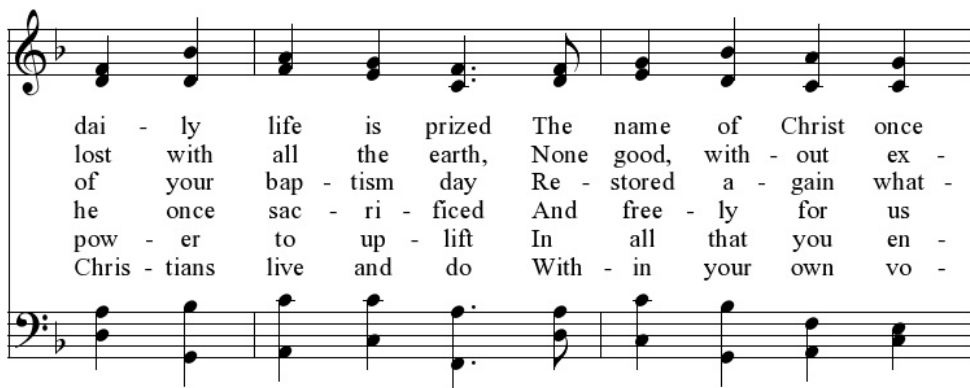
736 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our
 5 O Chris - tian, firm - ly hold this gift And
 6 So use it well! You are made new— In



know the God of heav - en, And in whose
 deed, from your con - cep - tion, Con - demned and
 mersed and drowned for - ev - er. The wa - ter
 shame is ful - ly cov - ered With all that
 give God thanks for - ev - er! It gives the
 Christ a new cre - a - tion! As faith - ful



dai - ly life is prized The name of Christ once
 lost with all the earth, None good, with - out ex -
 of your bap - tism day Re - stored a - gain what -
 he once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly for us
 pow - er to up - lift In all that you en -
 Chris - tians live and do With - in your own vo -

giv - en: Con - si - der now what God has
cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and
ev - er Old A - dam and his sin de -
suf - fered. For here the flood of his own
deav - or. When noth - ing else re - vives your
ca - tion, Un - til that day when you pos -

done, The gifts he gives to ev - 'ry - one
blood, Turned in - ward from the high - est good,
stroyed And all our sin - ful selves em - ployed
blood Now makes us ho - ly, right, and good
soul, Your bap - tism stands and makes you whole
sess His glo - rious robe of right - eous - ness

Bap - tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
You con - stant - ly de - nied him.
Ac - cord - ing to our na - ture.
Be - fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.
And then in death com - pletes you.
Be - stowed on you for - ev - er!

This hymn calls to mind the gifts of Holy Baptism—new life, forgiveness, and the divine inspiration to offer our lives in service to God and others.

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Tune: *Etlich Christlich liden*, Wittenburg, 1524
Setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Announcements

In Our Prayers

The Lord is eager to hear the prayers of thanks and petitions for help from his people. Please keep these members and families in your prayers. Contact Pastor to add someone to this list.

Ashley Covell - expecting in May

Joyce Russell - recovery from knee surgery

Anne Marie Hansl - recovering from covid

Peg, mother of Jay Pender - hospitalized

Sue, mother of Abbey Norton - recovery

Baptism

Gideon Albino, son of Aster Angelico, will be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, today at the 1:30 pm service. We give thanks to the Lord for adopting Gideon into his family.

Poinsettias

Our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or to give thanks for something, please contact the church office at secretary@lhelc.org or 515-288-3013 to do so. Cost is \$9 per plant. The plants may be taken home anytime after the Christmas services.

Musicians and Vocalists Wanted

We would like to add more music to worship services in December. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact Pastor Pfeifer.

Building Fund Update

\$5305 donated as of 11/22/2020 out of \$55,000 Goal

The money will be used for church window replacement in classrooms and offices.

Church Library Book Delivery

The church library materials are now available to be delivered to your door. If you would like a book or DVD, contact Pastor or the church office. There are many book choices such as devotions, Martin Luther, books of the Bible, Christian fiction and children's books.

Prepare for Next Sunday

For a simple devotional reading plan, review the reading for this week on Monday - Wednesday. Then read the Scripture for next Sunday on Thursday - Saturday. The Word for next Sunday: *Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8*

THIS WEEK AT LINCOLN HEIGHTS

November 29 - December 6		
Today	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Nuer Worship
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship
	4:00 pm	Advent Worship
	5:30 pm	Catechism Class
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship
Saturday	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Preparation
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship—Livestream
	8:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	8:45 am	Homeless Meal Delivery
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Worship
	1:30 pm	Kunama Worship

Thank You

Thanks to all who decorated the church for Christmas.

Thanks to Kris Olson for playing the organ at the 8:00 and 9:30 services.

Join Us In Person or Online for Advent

Nothing can stop the Advent of Christ

Sundays (8, 9:30 & 10:30 am)

Nov 29 - Advent of Water

Dec 6 - Advent of Fire

Dec 13 - Advent of Joy

Dec 20 - Advent of Christ

8:00 am Live stream

Wednesdays (4 & 7 pm)

Christ in Genesis

Dec 2—The Savior from the Woman

Dec 9—The Blessing from Abraham

Dec 16—The Ruler from Judah

7:00 pm Live stream

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