

**Divine Service Setting Three (LSB p. 184)**  
**First Sunday in Advent – November 27, 2022**  
**St. John Lutheran Church, Crete (Kramer), NE**  
**Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus**

Announcements

Bells

**900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love**



1 Je - sus! Name of won - drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,  
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."  
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved  
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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**Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit** *See Insert*

## Kyrie

- C** **♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C**  **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

**C**  **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Isaiah 2:1-5

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## Gradual *See Insert*

## Epistle Romans 13:11-14

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia

**C**  **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1-11 *See Insert*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C**  **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C**  **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

## Children's Message

### Hymn of the Day

#### 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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## Sermon "The Mountain is Christ" Isaiah 2:1-5

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

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### Offertory

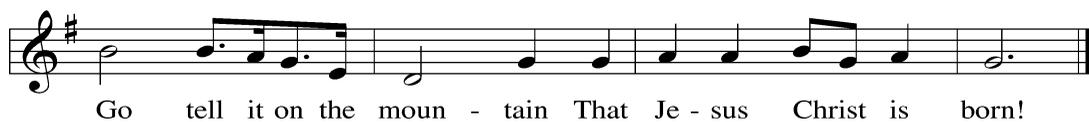
**C**  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**C** Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### Gathering of our Thank Offerings

#### 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
Rang out the an-gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*At the end of each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## Benedicamus

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** ♪ Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** ♪ Amen, amen, amen.



## Hymn to Depart

### 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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# Advent. Sermon Series

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## Family Life: Midweek Advent Services and Christmas Eve

Family life. It can be the best of times and—let’s be honest—it can be the worst of times. Consider these family facts:

- You don’t need remote control for your TV. If you have children, the chances of controlling anything are already remote.
- More ominous than the sound of an approaching riot is the sound of children suddenly quiet.
- A survey of marriage counselors has uncovered this bit of data: no marriage can survive white carpeting.

Everyone needs godly wisdom when it comes to family relationships. That’s why, as we begin a new church year, we plan to learn from the families connected with our Lord’s birth. This includes Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, along with Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John. These families faced infertility, frustration, loss, misunderstandings, death, and so much more. Sermon plans are as follows:

Advent 1 – **Two Families** (Luke 1:5–25) **Nov. 30**, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Advent 2 – **Our Way** (Luke 1:57–66) **Dec 7**, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Advent 3 – **A List!** (Matthew 1:1–17) **Dec 14**, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Advent 4 – **Open the Door** (Matthew 1:18–20) **Dec 21**, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve – **Whoever Takes the Son Gets It All** (Matthew 1:21–25)

You are encouraged to be a part of these worship services. *Your family is worth time and investment in God’s word!*

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

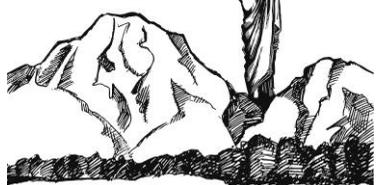
**WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**TODAY. *The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now.*** The

**JESUS CHRIST**

IS THE SAME YESTERDAY  
AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

HEBREWS 13:8



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). The readings today are as follows: the Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 2:1-5, the Epistle Reading is Romans 13:11-14 and the Holy Gospel Reading is Matthew 21:1-11. The mountain theme from the Old Testament lesson is the theme for today’s message, “*The Mountain is Christ*”.

**TODAY’S LIFE QUOTE...** “These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand.” *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**PRAYERS OF THE FAMILY OF GOD....**

**In our prayer today:** *The family of Virginia Parks Teal (Julie Reetz’s mother)*

**For God’s continued care:** *All who have been infected with COVID-19, Leah (friend of Les and Judi Korte, Mark Albrecht (Liz [Eggert] Albrecht’s father-in-law), Arlin Bleich (Ray Bleich’s brother), Roger Brunelle, Gwen Dewey, AnnaBella Heckmann (daughter of Rev. Michael and Rebecca Heckmann), Norman Johnson (Linda Lee’s father), Ken Kahle, Titus Kotas (friend of Heath Dewey), Diane Kouba, Linda Lee, Gene Muff, Gary Peace (Deanna Eggert’s cousin), Jolene Reetz, Michelle Reetz, Del Reiss, Anita Stougard, Fred Weidner*

**Those in our congregation who are home bound:** *Fran Sieck, Albert Vosika, August Wendelin*

**Those in the Military:** *Elliott Reitz*

**For our adopted Missionaries:** *Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul...please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for the October Newsletter; also, it has been posted on our website.*

**PARISH NEWS AND NOTES...**

**TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** and a new church year. Welcome to this rich season of worship. Midweek Advent Worship Services will begin this week also on Wednesday, November 30 with 10:30 am and 6:30 pm services. More information on this Midweek Advent Series is located on the back page of your Sunday Worship Service. We hope you will join us for the coming weeks to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Christ our Savior.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK... Ladies Aid** will meet Wednesday, November 30 at 2 pm... There will be **no Midweek Class** this Advent Season

**THANK YOU** for all of your thoughts and prayers for my father over the course of his cancer these last seven months. We are at peace knowing that he is now at rest in heaven. God says in Psalm 116:15, “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” When we can arrange it, our family will gather together in Illinois next year for a memorial service. Thank you for all your love and compassion. Pastor and Shelley and family

**ST. JOHN’S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUND** has been established. If you would like to give toward this fund, please mark your offering envelopes accordingly.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS...** Christmas program practice is in full swing! The program will take place **December 11th at the 9am church service.** Christmas cookies and punch to follow in the basement.

\*\*\*See back page for more information\*\*\*

**COOKBOOKS...**The Ladies Aid Cookbooks are available for purchase. The price is \$15.00. Cookbook Order Forms are available in the narthex, or you may contact us by phone or text. (Diane Kahle @ 402-641-0922 or Marianne Tesar @ 402-418-0449)

**BIBLES...**Please bring your old and **not being used** Bibles and Christian books to be sent overseas for mission work. A tote is in the entry way. For more information, go to [lovepackages.org](http://lovepackages.org) Thank you for your generosity.

**WORSHIP SERVICE** attendance for Sunday, November 20, 2022 was 88 with 75 joining in Holy Communion. The Thanksgiving Worship Service attendance was 61 with 54 joining in Holy Communion. Worship Services, barring technical difficulties, are Live Streamed here: [www.youtube.com/@stjohnkramer](http://www.youtube.com/@stjohnkramer). Additional information can be found at [www.stjohnkramer.org](http://www.stjohnkramer.org).

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER, 2022:**

General Budget	\$19,654.31	Building Fund:	\$ 37.50
Anniversary Fund	\$ 25.00	Fence Fund:	\$1,000.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 25.00	Special Projects:	\$ 62.50
Missions & Russian Mission	\$ 492.50		
Lambs of Christ	\$ 25.00		
Evangelism	\$ 10.00		

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**OUR MISSION...**Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions and mission outreach.

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**About the cover: Behold** (Christ Incarnate was able to be seen with human eyes and will be seen again, God in the flesh!), **your king** (Jesus is King of kings, who reigns over all, and at the same time is *our* king!) **is coming** (Jesus came on that first Christmas, He came into His Holy City to die and rise, and He will come again!) **to you** (He has done it all for you for your forgiveness and eternal life!).