

Midweek Advent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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December 16, 2015

The Advent of Our King


WELCOME

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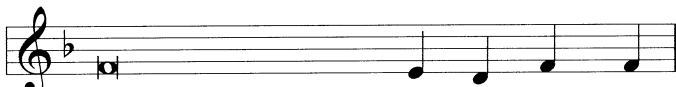
M: Minister C: Congregation



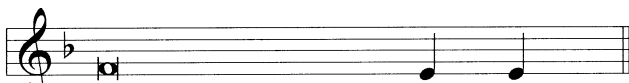
M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



C: the light no darkness can o - ver - come.




M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C: and the day is almost o - ver.



M: Be our light and scat - ter the dark - ness,




C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it: God
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through all the earth



And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU *Psalm 141*



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



O Lord, I call to you come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending *Christian Worship #29*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 6:11-16 (NIV)

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good

confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

PSALM 96

M: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

C: **proclaim his salvation day after day.**

M: Declare his glory among the nations,

C: **his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

M: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

C: **tremble before him, all the earth.**

M: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

C: **let the sea resound, and all that is in it;**

M: let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

C: **Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;**

M: for he comes to judge the world in righteousness

C: **and the peoples in his truth.**

All: **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.**

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Word of the Father, when you became flesh and made your home among us, the heavens were glad and the earth rejoiced. In hope and love we await your return. Help us to proclaim your glory to those who do not know you, until the whole earth sings a new song to you and the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-32 (NIV)

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will

be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

HYMN

The Advent of Our King
Christian Worship #1

SERMON

Daniel 7:13-14
The Returning King

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign

power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

Please remain seated after the sermon

SONG OF MARY

Magnificat



C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-joic-es in God my Sav-ior,



for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser-vant.



From this day all gen-er-a-tions will call me bless-ed.



The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.



He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the proud in their con-keit.



He has cast down the might-y from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.



He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.



He has come to the help of his ser-vant Is-ra-el,



for he has re-mem-bered his prom-ise of mer-cy,



the prom-ise made to our fa-thers, to A-bra-ham, and to his chil-dren for-ev-er. A-men.

OFFERING

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Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank You!



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OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word.



For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler
Accompanist..... Elaine Goldie
Bell Ringer Dylan Guenther
Acolyte Naomi Kassulke
Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein

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HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<p>Christmas Eve Services</p> <p>Thursday, December 24 4:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Vail 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson</p>	<p>Christmas Day Services</p> <p>Friday, December 25 10:00 AM at Grace-Benson 10:00 AM at Grace-Tucson</p>
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New Year's Eve Worship

Thursday, December 31
 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

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