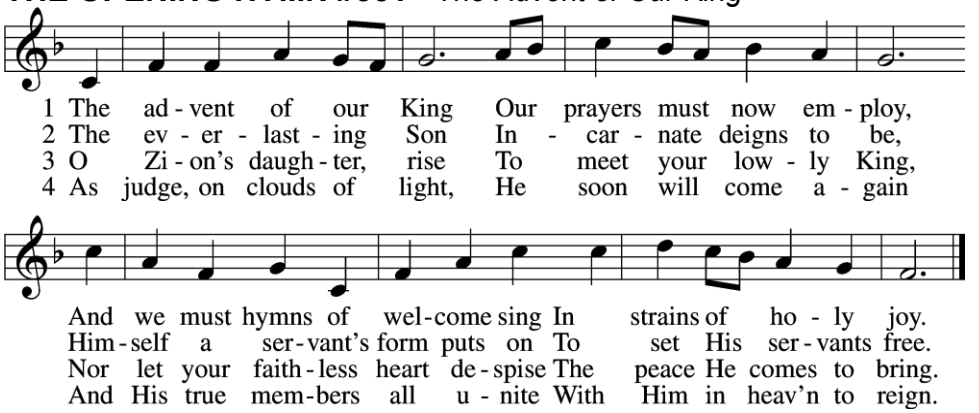
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
November 29, 2026
"The Potter and The Clay"

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN #331 *"The Advent of Our King"*



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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *(Sunday) (page 268 in the hymnal)*

The Baptism of Ryder Lee Andresen

THE INVOCATION *(Saturday)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.
P: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

P: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. *(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

C: Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(The first candle is lit.)*

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

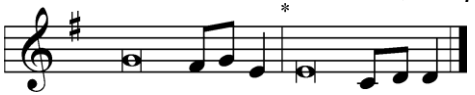
P: Let Your light scatter the darkness

C: and illumine Your Church.

THE HYMN *"We Light the Advent Candle"* (Tune of "Prepare the Royal Highway")

We light the Advent candle And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior Who wins for us God's favor.
We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

THE INTROIT *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*



Behold, your King is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
To You, | O Lord,*
I lift | up my soul.
O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1-9 (ESV)

Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at Your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make Your name known to Your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things that we did not look for, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (ESV)

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE GOSPEL VERSE #338 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (verse 1)*

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 11:1-10 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread

their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED *(Saturday only)*

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.

(please be seated)

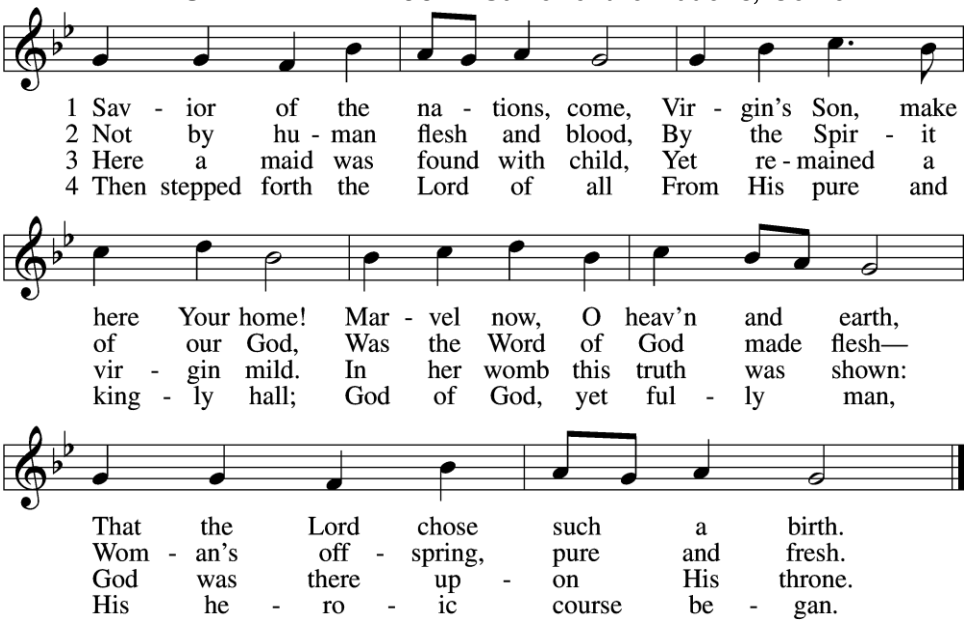
THE MEMORY VERSE ~ *The Close of the Commandments and Meaning*

(Luther’s Small Catechism)

He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20: 5–6)
What does this mean? **God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #332 *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*



5 **God the Father was His source,**
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 **For You are the Father's Son**
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 **From the manger newborn light**
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ **8** **Glory to the Father sing,**
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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THE SERMON *"The Potter and The Clay"* Text: Isaiah 64:1-9

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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Let us pray to the Lord," ***"Lord, have mercy."****)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Saturday only)*

**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 BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

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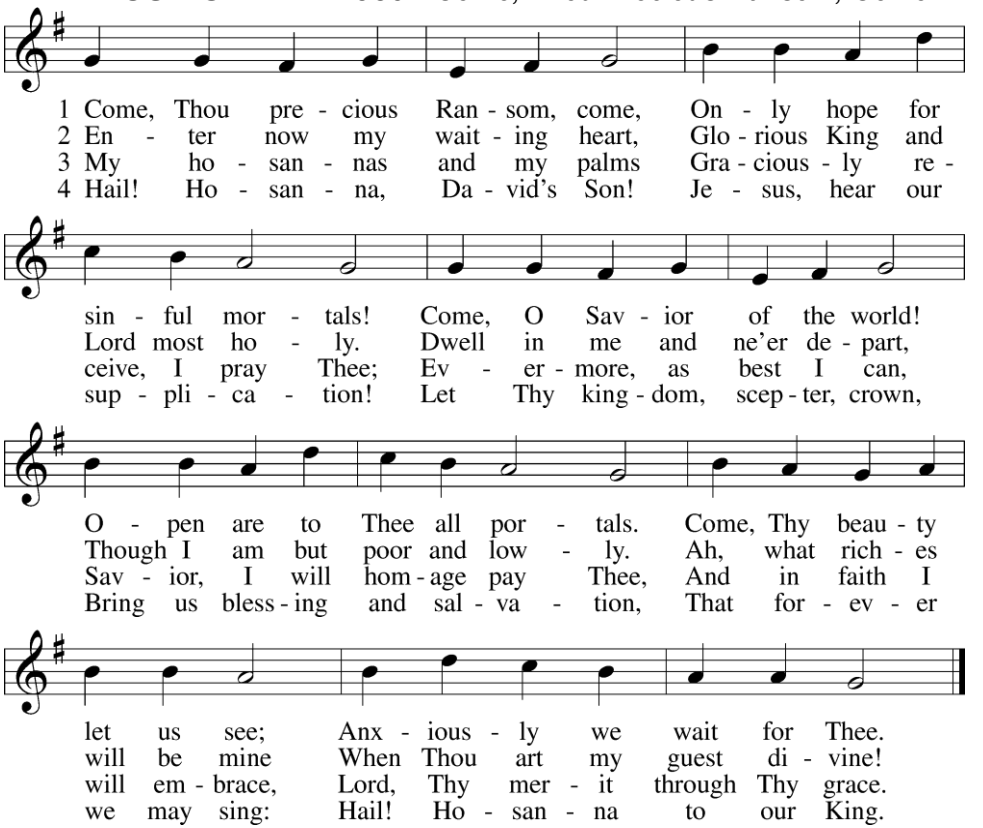
THE CLOSING HYMN #350 *"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"*



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