

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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November 29, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
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Rev. Nathan Widener, Associate Pastor & Director of Community of Care
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Tim Degen, Director of Music & Organist
Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

"The Advent of Our King" arr. Sherri Hansen

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" #515

(We rise.)

INVOCATION

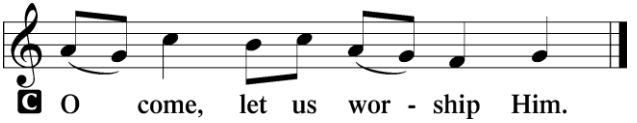
P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P We praise you, O God, for this Advent wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when He comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with Your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome Him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
C **Amen.**

✢ THE ORDER OF MORNING PRAYER ✢
✢ PSALMODY ✢

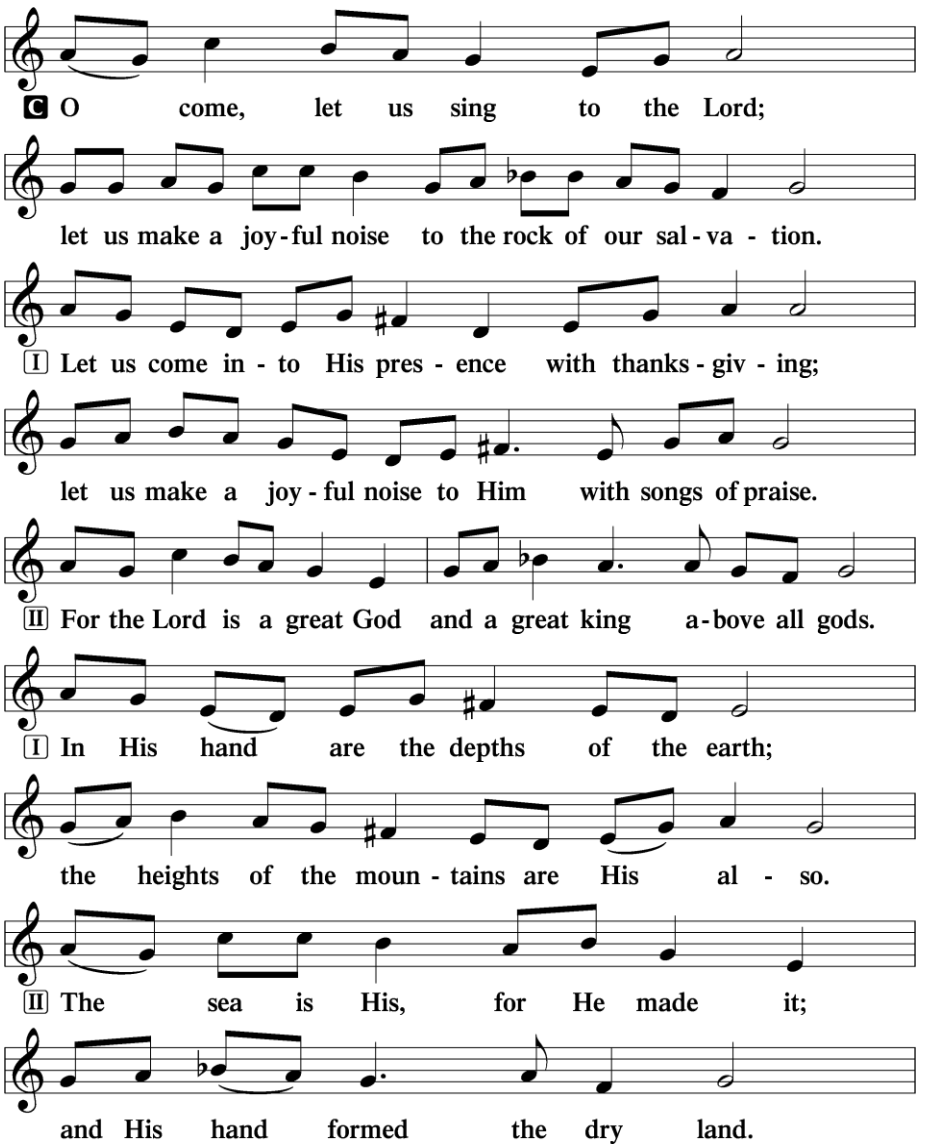
P Behold the Lord comes to save us.

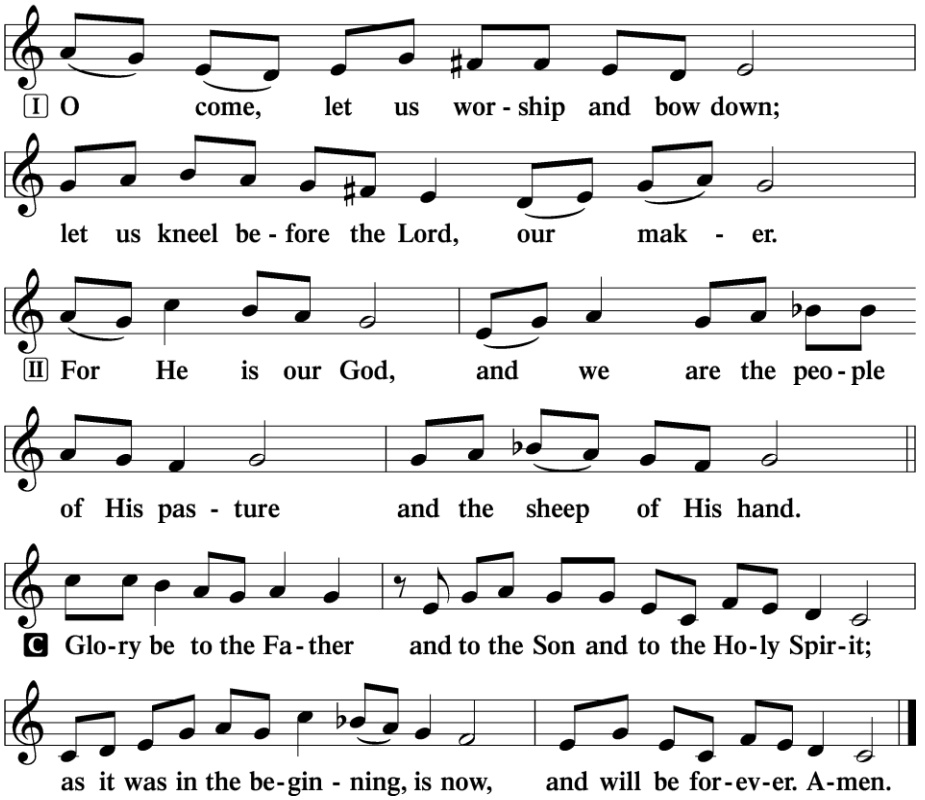


VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

C – Congregation / I – Congregation / II – Soloist





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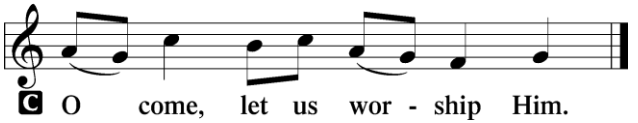


✢ SCRIPTURE ✢

(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Isaiah 64:1-9

[1] Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—[2] 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!

[3] When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] 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. [5] 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? [6] 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. [7] 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. [8] 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. [9] Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY — Psalm 80:1-7

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
C **Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,**
stir up your might and come to save us!

P Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
C **O LORD God of hosts,**
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

P You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
C **You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
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.

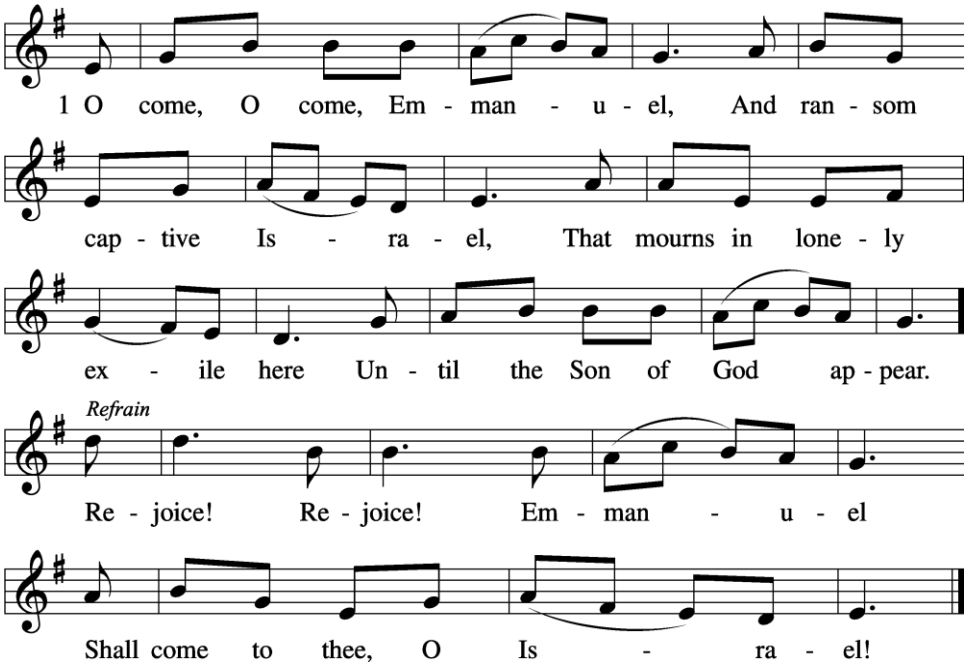
EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4] I give thanks to
my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5] that
in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— [6] even as the testimony
about Christ was confirmed among you— [7] so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait
for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8] who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day
of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(We rise.)

VERSE TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL



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HOLY GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

[24][Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25]and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26]And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. [27]And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. [28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. [35]Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— [36]lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend "Kids of the Kingdom" children's church. They will return following the sermon.)

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" #516

SERMON "When God Breaks In"

Text: Mark 13:24-37 – Pastor Danny Eggold

✢ CANTICLE ✢

(We rise.)

MAGNIFICAT **"My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"** **#934**

(We are seated.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY

"Savior of the Nations, Come" arr. Michael Burkhardt

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

✢ PRAYER ✢

(We rise.)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C **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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

(A brief silence.)

P Strengthen Your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that You are always near. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive, especially in Ukraine, Iran, Gaza, and Sudan. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry *(especially those we have named and those we name silently before you…)*. Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Inspire preachers, elders, musicians, greeters, altar guild, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home *(especially…)*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to You, most holy Father, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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 and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(We are seated.)

CLOSING HYMN **"The Advent of Our King"** **#331**

(We rise for stanza 6.)

POSTLUDE

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" arr. Johann Gottfried Walther