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

Psalm 24:7

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Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O Lord, in the lights of your face,

who exult in your name all the day

and in your righteousness are exalted.

For our shield belongs to the Lord,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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righteous and having salvation.

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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.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (ESV)

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Holy Gospel: St. Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)

And when [Jesus] had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, "*Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on*

has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' " So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!". And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." He answered, "*I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.*"

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Lamoine Beling (brother of Gayleen Briggs), Cami Hafner (wife of Wes Hafner), Donald Kuch (brother-in-law of Leeta Aanderud), Luella Lagmack (sister of Walter Morast), Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), & Avery Sukut (cousin of Amy Bieber);

† Orion, baptized today;

† Tamara Bogo & Family, as they mourn Robi's death.



Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 131 Offerings: \$2,934.00

"If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it" - and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

Welcome to worship this morning as we begin a new Church year on this 1st Sunday in Advent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to welcome our King Jesus who first came to us at His birth at Christmas. As we live in the time between His first and second coming, we rejoice that Jesus comes to us through His Word and Sacraments to forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. Alive in Christ, we are ready to welcome our King at His final coming. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

At the Font: We rejoice that Orion Wilhelm, the son of Adam & Krystal Bornemann, is born again for all eternity in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In



obedience to Christ's most gracious promise, Orion is baptized so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, his sins are forgiven, he is delivered from death and the devil, and given the gift of eternal

life. "[God] has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

Church Decorating: Please join us after Sunday School and Bible class to help decorate the Church for Advent and Christmas.



Christmas cards will be on sale before and after church services. They are \$4.00 per box. Please give the money to Tina Heller. Checks may be made out to LWML.

Homemade crafts are available for purchase in the social hall this morning. One-half of the proceeds of the sales will go towards the roof fund.

The Vesper/Naomi Guild will meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, December 3rd at the Knife River Care Center.

LWML Advent Brunch is Sunday, December 6th, 10:30 am. A special offering for mites and seminary students will be taken. Everyone is invited to join us!

The Children's Christmas program will be on Christmas Eve this year. If you would like your child(ren) to have a part of the program, please let Anne Rosenow know so that she can make sure that they have a part. The practice schedule is included on your December calendar but time of the program will come out later. Thanks!

Greeters are needed for the month of December. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall.

The December calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and October council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall this morning.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our beloved sister in the faith, Robi Ann Bogo. Christian Burial was Monday, November 23. *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die"* (John 11:25-26).

We are the North Dakota District – Advent starts today. Advent is a part of the "Christmas Cycle," which includes Advent-Christmas-Epiphany. Advent means "coming," as we prepare for the coming of Christ. This coming is three-fold. We prepare for the celebration of His birth, coming to us daily in Word and Sacrament, and His promise to come on the Last Day to take us home forever in our body and soul. Dear Lutherans, a blessed Advent to you all!

President Baneck

