



ADVENT MIDWEEK 3

DECEMBER 17, 2025 | 10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Our midweek Advent services and Christmas Day celebration will explore the themes of the hymn "Once He Came in Blessing" (*Lutheran Service Book* 333). We will focus on Christ's first coming in the Incarnation, His current coming to us through Word and Sacrament, and His final coming in glory to bring us to the full joy of eternal life.

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 348 *"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"*

OPENING SENTENCES *Genesis 3:15 NIV; Luke 4:18–19; 2 Peter 3:8–9, 13*

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

C Amen.

P The LORD God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

C **Christ has come. Christ is here. Christ will come again.**

P Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

C **Christ has come. Christ is here. Christ will come again.**

P Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. . . . According to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

C **Christ has come. Christ is here. Christ will come again.**

COLLECT FOR ADVENT

P Lord Jesus Christ, who once came among us in lowliness to bear our sin, who today strengthens and leads us in Word and Sacrament, and who will come again in power and glory on the Last Day, continually bless us with Your grace that we may believe and confess You in joyful expectation of Your full blessing of eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 22:1–6, 12–20; Hebrews 9:11–12, 24–28; John 5:25–40

After each reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THEME VERSE “Once He Came in Blessing” (Hymn 333, verse 3)

3 Soon will come that hour_____ When with might - y
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.

SERMON *Once He Came in Blessing: “Blessed on the Last Day”*

SERMON HYMN 336 *“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

PRAYER

After each petition:

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

P Taught by our Lord and trusting 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.**

ADVENT BENEDICTION *Romans 15:13*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 355 “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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