

P: Christ is coming soon. Alleluia!

C: We await His return and look for His coming.

Hymn 68:

“The Advent of Our King”

The Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, You remembered our greatest need by fulfilling Your promise to send us Your Son, who died and rose to deliver us from all sin, death, and the power of the devil. Comfort us with the preaching of the Gospel and fill us with the unshakable hope in Your precious promises, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

A Responsive Psalmody ... from Psalm 42

P: Why are you downcast, O my soul?

C: Why so disturbed within me?

P: Put your hope in God,

C: for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

P: By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me—

C: a prayer to the God of my life.

P: I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me?”

C: Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?”

P: My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long,

C: “Where is your God?”

P: Why are you downcast, O my soul?

C: Why so disturbed within me?

P: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,

C: my Savior and my God.

Scripture lesson...Luke 1:1-25

Confession of Faith

(Explanation of Second Article)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 56: “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

Sermon ... 1 John 4:7-12

**Come, Lord Jesus:
“With Your Love”**

Hymn 351: “Love Divine, All Love Excelling

**Offering, Prayer, Lord’s Prayer
The Benediction**

**Hymn 558: “All Praise to Thee, My God, This
Night”**



**Come,
Lord Jesus!**

A Series of Special Services
for Advent

December 5, 2018

—With Your Love—

**“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”
(WS 705:1)**

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Your people free;
From our sins and fears release us
By Your death on Calvary.



Opening:

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

P: Christ is coming soon. Alleluia!

C: We await His return and look for His coming.

P: God calls us to cast off the works of darkness

C: and put on the armor of light.

P: The light of Christ shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness cannot overcome it.

P: Awake from sleep and walk in the light.

C: We walk in the light of the Lord.

