

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evansville  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma**

**Joint Midweek Advent Services**

**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

**6:30 p.m.**

**December 4, 2024**

**Vespers, LSB p. 229**

**Hymn Sing**

**Opening Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Verses 1-3**

*Stand*

**Advent Versicles**

*LSB 229*

***Psalmody***

**Introit**

*Psalm 25:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

**I lift up my soul.**

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;

**let me not be put to shame;**

**let not my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

**teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**for you are the God of my salvation;**

**for you I wait all the day long.**

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

**for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**according to your steadfast love remember me,**

**for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,

**and teaches the humble his way.**

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

*Sit*

## Readings

### Reading

*John 1:1–14*

**P** A reading from John, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*Matthew 2:1–8*

**P** A reading from Matthew, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Advent Responsory

*LSB 230*

*Sit*

### Sermon Hymn: 387 Joy to the World

### Sermon: Let God's People Receive Their King!

*Matthew 2:3; John 1:10-12*

## *Canticle*

*Stand*

**Antiphon (Advent)**

*LSB 231*

**Magnificat Hymn: 933 My Soul Rejoices**

## *Prayer*

**Kyrie**

*LSB 233*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 233*

**Collect of the Day**

**℟** 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.

**Additional Collects**

**Collect for Peace**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 234*

**Hymn to Depart: 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**

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