



**Good  
Shepherd  
Lutheran  
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**Welcome**

- We ask all worshipers to help us be a friendly church by signing the *Friendship Register*, a maroon book at the end of the pew.
- Please keep pews in the back of the church open for families with small children.
- If you need assistance of any kind, see an usher.
- Restrooms are located south of the main church lobby.
- Hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Live video of the service is available in the room at the end of the hallway, where parents may calm a child and still hear and see the service.
- Audio versions of the service are available upon request.
- If you would like to know more about Good Shepherd, visit our website at [www.gsdg.org](http://www.gsdg.org).
- Believing that Holy Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is intended for those who are truly one in faith, this congregation practices close Communion. That is, we share the supper with those who have confessed their close oneness in faith with us by registering personally with one of our pastors before worship.

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2013

## The Savior's Message:

The Church enters a new year of grace with the Season of Advent. We not only look forward to celebrating Christ's first coming as the baby born in Bethlehem, we also look forward to Christ's second coming when he will come to take his children home to be with him in heaven.

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### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

#### PERSONAL PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Hymn 7, Verse 1

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;

The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.

Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry. Amen.

### SERVING AT WORSHIP

#### PRESIDING PASTOR

Rev. Matthew Schwartz

#### ORGANIST

Karen D'Aversa

### WORSHIP NOTES

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – The altar flowers have been placed by Kathryn and Mark Froehlich in memory of Pastor Richard A. Froehlich, brother of Mark Froehlich.

#### USHERS –

Sunday 8:00 AM – E. Guldberg, M. Sharkey

Sunday 10:30 AM – Chuck Rhodes Sr., TBD

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

### THE PROPHECY CANDLE

**P:** Come, listen! Advent time is here.

Oh listen! For your hearts find cheer!

Hear what God long ago foretold

About the Christ he did unfold.

**C:** We listen Lord, Oh, help us see

How true your words of prophesy,

So that in patient faith we may

Trust all your promises each day.

## OPENING HYMN

*1 The Advent of Our King*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word and Sacrament

### *STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



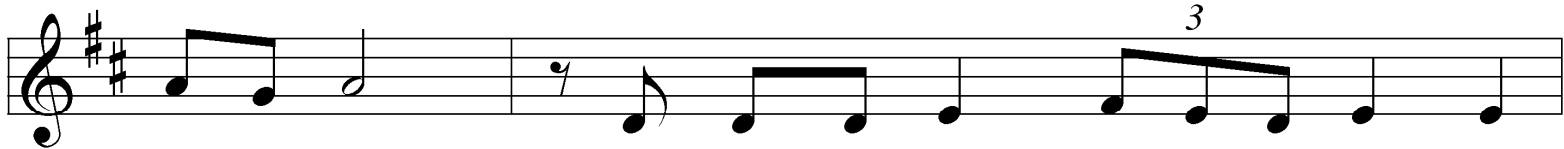
**C:** A - men.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

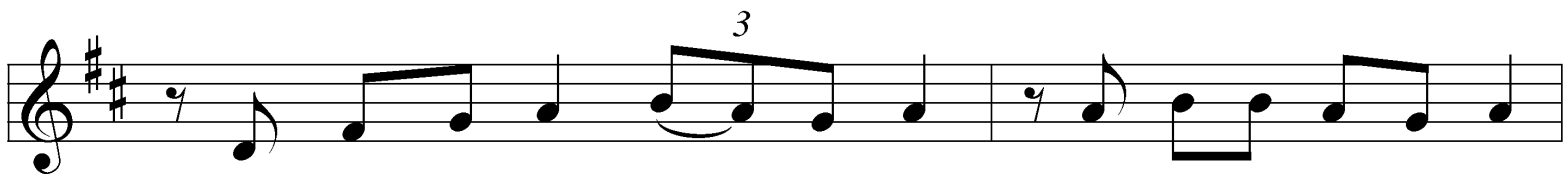
# O LORD, OUR LORD



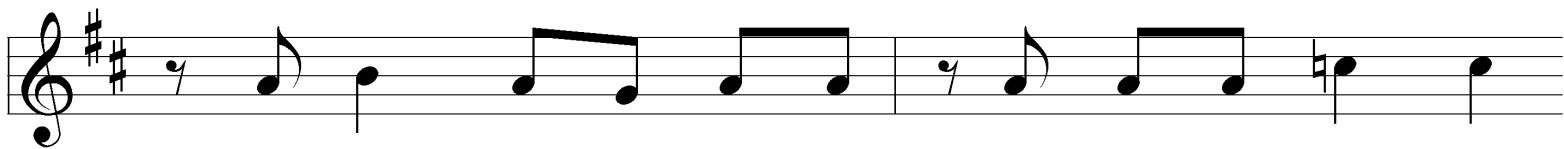
C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.



**BE SEATED**

## THE WORD

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### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 6: 9 – 22; 7: 11 – 23

In the middle of judgment, God came in grace to rescue Noah and his family. As Noah worked and walked in the light, he heeded God’s warnings and trusted God’s promises. He watched; he waited; he prepared.

This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an



end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

Noah did everything just as God commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the LORD shut him in. For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. The waters rose and covered the mountains to a

depth of more than twenty feet. Every living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

# PSALM OF THE DAY

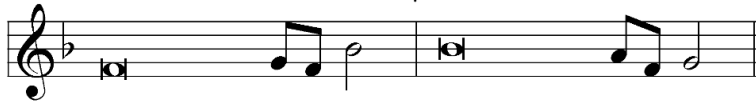
Psalm 18

## *Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

## *Psalm tone*



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;\*  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;\*  
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;\*  
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

## ***Refrain***

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;\*  
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble\*  
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,\*  
and your right hand sustains me.

**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.**

## ***Refrain***

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

Understanding the present time means working and walking in love. We do this because the coming of our Lord is near.

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia

C: (♩): Alleluia

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First Sunday in Advent\*  
Ps. 85:7  
D.C. al Fine

Show us your stead-fast love O Lord, and give us your sal - va - tion.

II: *p*  
D.C. al Fine  
Ped.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a treble clef and contains the lyrics: "Show us your stead-fast love O Lord, and give us your sal - va - tion." The piano accompaniment begins with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and includes a piano dynamic marking (*p*) and a pedal marking (*Ped.*). Both staves conclude with a double bar line and the instruction "D.C. al Fine".

P: Alleluia

C: (♩): Alleluia

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**STAND**

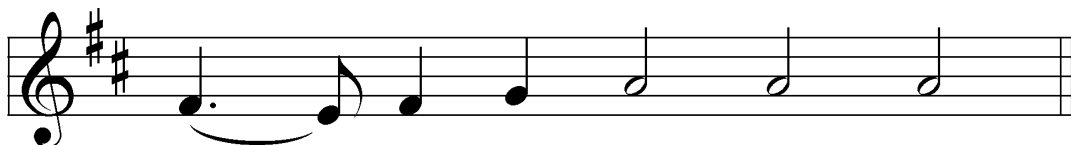
## GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The certainty of Christ's coming is never in question. Only the timing is in question as no one knows the day or the hour. Therefore, Jesus tells us to keep watch and be ready.

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**BE SEATED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

19 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

## **SERMON**

Another Flood Is Coming! – Genesis 6:9-22; 7:11-23

- I. Get on the boat.
- II. Stay on the boat.

## **STAND**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

## **OFFERING**

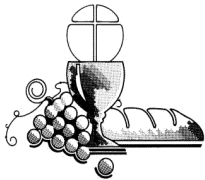
**STAND**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**



*This congregation practices close Communion.*

*We ask that only members and those who have registered with our pastors before the service partake of the Sacrament.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.



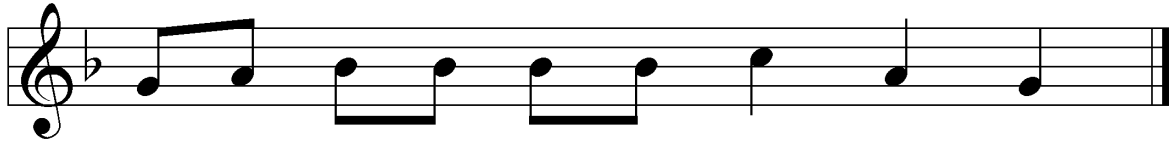
**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

**C:** **Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

**M:** Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.





You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

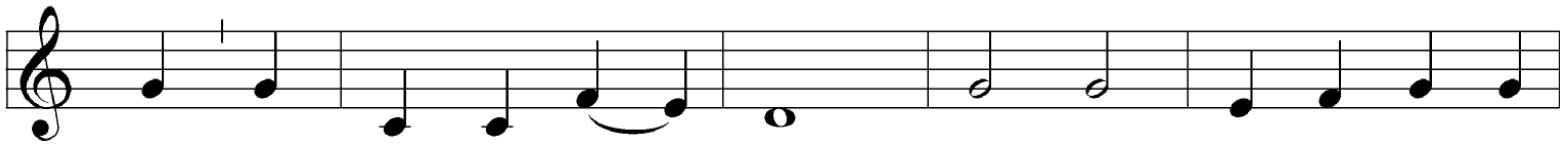


**C:** A - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**



**C:** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

9 *Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes*

32 *When Sinners See Their Lost condition*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

**STAND**

### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

### **PERSONAL PRAYER AS THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED**

Hymn 7, Verse 4

Arise, Desire of nations; O Jesus, now appear,  
The Hope and Expectation Of ev'ry Christian here.  
With hearts and hands uplifted We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption That sets your people free. Amen.

## **MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES**

Midweek Advent Services begin on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Our theme for this year is, "My Soul In Stillness Waits." I. Wait for Jesus in Stillness. II. Wait for Jesus in Seriousness. III. Wait for Jesus in Sureness. Food for the body will be served starting at 5:30 pm. Food for the soul will be served starting at 7 pm. Join us for these extra opportunities this Advent season to spend time in God's house to worship and praise our Savior!

## THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a contribution of German and Scandinavian traditions. It developed out of the simple use of an evergreen spray of fir, spruce, balsam, or pine placed near the hearth. The evergreen of the wreath represents the life that is found in Christ. The greens are in contrast to the outdoors, where nature has begun its winter sleep. Midst the drabness of nature the evergreen branch symbolizes the continuation of life. In the home it is placed on a central table. In the church it is usually suspended above the altar or set on a pedestal. The light of the candles reminds us of Christ, the light of the world, so it is not at all strange that the Christian church has given the candle a prominent place in the observance of Advent. It is the living light, the living flame, that gives the candle its meaning, because the gospel light of Christ is itself a living power. This is what makes it more symbolic than artificial lights. Jesus is the light that broke forth on the world on the first Christmas when he was born as Prince of Peace. He is the light that gradually penetrated into all the world. The traditional act of lighting one more candle each week tells of the increasingly brighter light of the Messiah's coming and leads gradually to the blaze of light at the dawning of Christmas.

1st Sunday in Advent Jeremiah 33: 14 16 ( Blue )

The Prophecy Candle honors those who spoke His promises

2nd Sunday in Advent Malachi 3: 1 4 ( Blue )

The Bethlehem Candle symbolizes the preparations made for Him.

3rd Sunday in Advent Zephaniah 3: 14 17 ( Pink )

The Shepherds Candle honors the first to spread the good news.

4th Sunday in Advent Micah 5: 2 5a ( Blue )

The Angels Candle celebrates the joy of Gods grace to mankind.

## ADVENT PARAMENTS

Advent comes from a Latin word which means coming.

Paraments are the fabric hangings on the altar, pulpit and lectern.

The paraments are blue, which symbolizes two things: 1) the sky and heaven, from which Jesus came the first time and to which he will take all who believe in him when he comes again; and 2) That Jesus is of royal - yes, heavenly - lineage.

Jesus' royalty is also symbolized by a crown on the altar paraments.

Beneath each crown is a cross. If you look at it up close, you will see it is a cross made from three spikes. That reminds us of why Jesus came to earth: to be pierced for our sins and to give up his life in death in our place. For coming to earth on that awful and yet also awesome mission, we hail, honor, and praise Jesus (actions symbolized by the raised palm branches at the foot of each cross.)

The lectern parament reminds us that honoring and praising Jesus isn't merely a thing between him and us. Trumpets suggest that it is sometimes used to announce that someone great is coming or something great is about to be proclaimed. "Who" and "what" are symbolized behind the trumpets. Again, we see a manger, but growing from it are branches with buds or leaves. They symbolize Jesus' own words (John 10:10) that he entered earthly life so that we *may have life and have it to the full* (i.e., the life of faith, the life of heaven, and being alive to and for God and his Christ here and now).

The pulpit parament reminds Advent Christians to be outward thinking and working. It does that by means of a "square" cross, sometimes called the Jerusalem cross. Between the arms are four burning lamps, shining light and wisdom in all directions. To the right are the letters IHS, the first three letters of the Greek words for "Jesus our Savior." That light and wisdom of God, which we see and hear proclaimed from the pulpit, are to be shared by us with all the world, as Jesus himself said: *You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth* (Acts 1:8).