

LISTEN to the WORD

Advent 2 December 10, 2017

Welcome to Worship

How wonderful it is to gather with fellow Christians! May our praises proclaim God's glory, and may our souls be comforted and refreshed as we hear God's Word today.

GUESTS

- You're our guest, so if there's anything we can help you with, ask any of our friendly members.
- We love having children in our worship services! If your child becomes restless and you need to regroup, you are welcome to use any part of the building.
- Finally, everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin, and hymns are in the red hymnal.

TODAY'S FOCUS

Jesus is so important, God sent prophet after prophet to tell of his coming, concluding with John the Baptizer who was the forerunner of Jesus. God continues to send messengers today – be sure to listen to them and the message from God that they bring.

SEASON'S FOCUS

Advent means "coming." This is the season of the Church Year when we remember that Christ will come again. He came once as a baby in Bethlehem and will return as King of kings and Lord of lords. The emphasis of the season is on preparation and watchfulness. The expectancy of Advent is fulfilled on Christmas.

The blue paraments point us to the sky, reminding us that Jesus will return in the same way he left 40 days after his resurrection.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Musician - Martin Shirley Hahn
Head Usher - Martin Casey Cummings Sr

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The Divine Service

HYMN

As Angels Joyed | 5

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19 These are the words spoken at your baptism, through which you were connected to Christ and made a member of his Church.

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

M In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

“Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.”

Small Catechism

*The Kyrie
Eleison (Lord,
Have Mercy)
asks God to help
us and to hear
our prayers.*

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

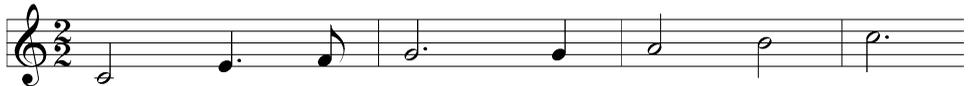
M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria*

Tune 84 (1-2)

M In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

*The
announcement of
Jesus' forgiveness
establishes peace
in the heart, and
peace-filled
hearts long to
praise the God
who forgives.*



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day is a short, concisely-worded prayer that asks for a single blessing. It is based on the Scriptures readings for the day.

The Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Isaiah the prophet shares God's message that comfort is coming.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call out to her.

Her warfare really is over.

Her guilt is fully paid for.

Yes, she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice is calling out:

In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD.

In the wasteland make a level highway for our God.

⁴Every valley will be raised up,

and every mountain and hill will be made low.

The rugged ground will become level,

and the rough places will become a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,

and all flesh together will see it.

Yes, the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

⁶A voice was saying, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry out?"

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like a wildflower in the countryside.

⁷Grass withers, flowers fade,

when the breath of the LORD blows on them.

Yes, the people are grass.

⁸Grass withers, flowers fade,
but the Word of our God endures forever.

⁹Get up on a high mountain,
O Zion, you herald of good news.

Lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, you herald of good news.

Lift it up! Do not be afraid!

Say to the cities of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

¹⁰Look, God the LORD will come with strength,
and his arm is ruling for him.

Look, his reward is with him.

The result of his work is in front of him.

¹¹Like a shepherd he will care for his flock.

With his arm he will gather the lambs.

He will lift them up on his lap.

He will gently lead the nursing mothers.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway | 702

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

God’s patience is grace, giving many opportunities to repent, but the end is coming; don’t waste your opportunity.

⁸But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: For the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to do what he promised, as some consider slowness. Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass away with a roar, the elements will be dissolved as they burn with great heat, and the earth and what was done on it will be burned up. ¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be destroyed, what kind of people ought you to be, living in holiness and godliness, ¹²as you look forward to and hasten the coming of the day of God? That day will cause the heavens to be set on fire and destroyed, and the elements to melt as they burn with

Following each lesson, the pastor announces, “The Word of the Lord.” God gives us his life-giving Gospel in his word. In response to God’s gracious revelation, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God.”

great heat. ¹³But according to his promise we look forward to new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, dear friends, as you look forward to these things, make every effort to be found in peace, spotless and blameless in his sight.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

As the responses are spoken, two Advent candles are lit.

M We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C **We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.**

M We hear his call to repent.

C **We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.**

M Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

The general symbolism of the Advent Wreath lies in the growing light of the wreath, increasing each week as we approach the birthday of Jesus, the Light of the world.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptizer's message is simple: get ready for Jesus!

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²This is how it is written in the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare the way for you. ³A voice of one calling out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight." ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁶John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! ⁸I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Christ – his life, his words of law and gospel, his suffering, his death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to his Church, his promise to return – is the center of the Gospel. We stand in reverence.

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED *Credo*

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The congregation confesses its faith in the triune God, who has been proclaimed in the Scripture readings.

Traditionally called the Hauptlied (German for "main song" or "chief hymn"), this hymn reinforces the theme of the Gospel reading.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hauptlied*

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SERMON

2 Peter 3:8-14

"Don't Miss Out"

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Based on Psalm 51, we pray that God would use his word from the Scripture readings and sermon to renew our hearts.

OFFERING

Praise to God, Immortal Praise | 612 (1,4)

We bring our offerings to the Lord to thank and praise him. These offering support Our Redeemer's and Rock of Ages as well as our synod's mission efforts around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to give, but are welcome to do so.

**Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.
 Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.
 All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.**

**As your prosp'ring hand has blest, May we give you of our best
 And by deeds of kindly love For your mercies grateful prove,
 Singing thus through all our days: "Praise to God, immortal praise."**

The congregation's offerings are gathered and placed on the Lord's altar to be used for his work in the community through the local congregation and throughout the world by the church at large.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,

*We can be sure
that these
petitions are
acceptable to our
Father in heaven
and are heard by
him, for he
himself has
commanded us to
pray in this way
and has promised
to hear us.*

*Therefore we say,
“Amen. Yes, it
shall be so.”*

Small Catechism

**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.**

HYMN

Hosanna to the Coming Lord | 21

DEPARTING PRAYER

M Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

*As we began the
service with the
Lord’s name, so
we are sent out
in his name.*

M 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.

C Amen.

*Worshippers are
encouraged to
live each day in
baptismal
confidence,
knowing that
they have the
Lord’s blessing
and presence
with them.*

HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord | 28





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