



## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING**

#### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** *(please rise as you are able)*

*Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*

P. Let us pray,

***C. Dear God, as we light this first candle this season, we light a Candle of Prophecy. It will remind us of our need to search the ages past and remember the great prophecies that brought us into the light of the long-anticipated Birth of Jesus. With prophets of old who look to the future, so we now look to our present and God's fulfillment in us now.***

#### **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. Amen.**

P. Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

***C. Be strong and courageous, be careful to live according to everything Moses commanded.***

P. Do not let God's Word depart from your mouth.

***C. But meditate on it day and night.***

P. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

***C. Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts because nothing is impossible with our God!***

**GATHERING SONG** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *verses 1 and 2*

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P. Almighty God, because nothing is impossible with you, we come into your presence confessing our sin, confident of your mercy and forgiveness. For lack of reverence; for calculating minds; for going along with the majority-

***C. O Christ, forgive us.***

P. For selfishness that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; for artificial life and worship—

***C. O Christ, forgive us.***

P. For self-indulgence; for being pompous and puffed up with self-importance—

***C. O Christ, forgive us.***

P. For cynicism about our fellow Christians; for cruel indifference; for being satisfied with things as they are and failing to trust that with you nothing is impossible—

**C. O Christ, forgive us.**

P. For token concern for the poor, the lonely and the loveless people; for confusing faith with good feelings—

**C. O Christ, forgive us.**

P. For everything in us that hides your divine power—

**C. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

P. Hear the good news! Because of his death and resurrection, Jesus is our Savior. The Lord God has given to him the throne of his father David. Jesus reigns over the house of Jacob - forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Therefore, you are fully and forever forgiven in Jesus' name.

**C. Nothing is impossible with our God!**

**WORSHIP SONG** "You Are My All in All"

**(Please be seated)**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS    FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of 1 Corinthians chapter 1, verses 3-9:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,<sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

R. This is the word of the Lord    **C. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**    R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19:

R. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**C. <sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!**

R. <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**C. <sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

R. <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**C. <sup>6</sup> You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

R. <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**C. <sup>17</sup> But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

R. <sup>18</sup> Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**C. <sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**GOSPEL LESSON** (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter, verses 24-37:

**C. *Glory to you, O Lord***

<sup>24</sup> “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. *Praise to you, O Christ.***

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen.*

(Please be seated)

**SERMON SONG** “It is Well With My Soul”

**MESSAGE** Pastor Michael Birnbaum

**OFFERING PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray.....**C. God of Grace, in the midst of a season so focused on shopping and finding the right gift, we give our gifts now to You. May what we give today, and in the days to come, be bathed in the knowledge that Yours is the most perfect gift and the one we need the most. We pray in the holy name of the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace.**

*Following general prayers you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with "Lord in your mercy".*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation: **C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,**

***My heart, my heart adores you!***

***My heart is glad to say the words:***

***You are holy, Lord!***

**Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer**

**(Please be seated during distribution of communion)**

We welcome everyone to the Lord's Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** *(please rise as you are able)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise  
tell ev-ery-one what He has done  
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice  
and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is-es  
and leads His pe-ople forth in joy  
With shouts of thanks-giv-ing  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG** "My Life is in You Lord"

P. Watch out! Be alert! **C. Christ comes when you least expect it!**

**God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!**



**COMING UP:**

- December 2-8 AM Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
- December 2-6 PM Advent Mid-week Devotions, bring soup, or other dish to share for a light meal before devotions. *Welcome to our Advent worship series, Prepare Ye. Each week in this series we will contemplate the many ways we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas.*
- December 3-Council Meeting 1:30
- December 6-Annual Church Christmas Party 4 pm Adult Ugly Sweater Pot Luck and crazy gift exchange
- December 13-AFLC President Rev. Lyndon Korhonen worship with us. Q & A to follow worship

**O Come O Come Emmanuel**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Chorus

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**You Are My All in All**

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

Taking my sin my cross my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

Chorus: Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name

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### **It Is Well with My Soul**

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul

Chorus It is well with my soul

It is well

It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet tho' trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

Chorus

My sin O the bliss of this glorious tho't  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul

Chorus

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

Chorus

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### **My Life Is in You**

Chorus: My life is in You Lord

My strength is in You Lord

My hope is in You Lord

In You it's in You

My life is in You Lord

My strength is in You Lord

My hope is in You Lord

In You it's in You

I will praise You with all of my life

I will praise You with all of my strength

With all of my life

With all of my strength

All of my hope is in You

Chorus

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