



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

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

Please read in unison: Mark 1:1-4

¹*"The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—³ "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" ⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."*

P. Let us pray, ***C. Dear God, we light the third candle of Advent, the John the Baptist candle. Through John the Baptist, God asks us to prepare the way of the Lord whom Isaiah calls "The Prince of Peace". We look with hope for the day that Christ's peace will reign in our world. Amen.***

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***C: Amen!***

P. Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming.

C. We wait filled with hope,

P. Knowing Your light will shine in the darkness.

C. We wait with joy,

P. Filling us in expectation of Your birth.

C. We wait anticipating Your peace,

P. Believing that one day it will fill our world.

C. We wait embracing Your love,

P. May we reach out to share it with our neighbors.

All: Lord, we wait. Come soon and fill us with Your life.

GATHERING SONG "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" verses 1 and 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P: Most merciful God, ***C. Father, it is never easy for us to confess our sins. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Look with grace upon us and prepare us for His return. May we open our hearts to Him and receive the gifts of hope, joy, peace, and love which You offer. Amen***

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS Congregational response: **AMEN**

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG “Draw Me Close to You”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24:

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

SECOND READING R. Our responsive Psalm is Psalm 126:

R. ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

C. ² *Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”*

R. ³ The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

C. ⁴ *Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!*

R. ⁵ Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

C. ⁶ *He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.*

R. Here ends our responsive reading. 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 3rd chapter, verses 1-6:

C. *Glory to you, O Lord*

¹ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.” ⁴ And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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 "For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart"

MESSAGE "Killing the Healer" Pastor Lyndon Korhonen

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 "You are My All in All"

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

****PLEASE JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH PASTOR LYNDON KORHONEN, PRESIDENT OF AFLC (ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS)**



COMING UP:

Dec. 20-4th Sunday of Advent Worship

December 24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 6:30 PM

Carols, Candlelight and Communion Bring a neighbor with you!

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 Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace
Chorus

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Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You
Chorus You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near

Repeat verse

Repeat chorus x2

Help me know You are near

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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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For Unto Us a Child Is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart

For unto us a child is born
A Son is given, A Son is given
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A Son is given, A Son is given
The Messiah oh to see Him

To see Him high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

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Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy
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(repeat last verse)

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