



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

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

Please read in unison: Luke 2:8-10

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

P. Let us pray,

C. Dear God, we light the second candle of Advent, the Candle of the Shepherds. Please let us experience the awe and wonder, as they did, when we sense the Presence of Christ around us. Let us, with them, seek Him to worship Him. 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 3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P: Most merciful God,

C. Father God, 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 “In Christ Alone”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13:

R. ¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C. ² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

R. ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

C. ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

R. ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

C. ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

R. ¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C. ¹³ Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

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 1st chapter, verses 1-8:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his

paths straight,”⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

NICENE CREED

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

I 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Amazing Grace-My Chains are Gone”

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 "God is on the Move"

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!

THIS WEEK:

- **Dec. 6-4 PM Adult Ugly Sweater Christmas Potluck and Crazy Gift Exchange**, see newsletter for full info
- Dec. 9-8 AM Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
- **Dec. 9-6 PM Advent Mid-week Devotions**, bring soup, or other dish to share for a light meal before devotions. For the second week in Advent we will think about ways in which we can take more time during this season to communicate to God

through prayer as we wait for Christ. Zechariah, who went to the temple to pray, serves as an example for us of how hard that waiting in prayer can be.

- **Dec. 12-11-1 WOW Christmas Party** White Elephant gift exchange, potluck lunch
- **Dec. 13-Worship with AFLC President Rev. Lyndon Korhonen**

O Come O Come Emmanuel (verses 1 and 3)

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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God Is on The Move

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
I know I know I know I know

Chorus God is on the move on the move
hallelujah

God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
I know I know I know I know

Chorus

I see a generation standing on the truth
In each and ev'ry nation God is on the move

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul
And someone says send me here I go
I know I know I know I know

Chorus

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