

# FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Advent

12/4/2022

**WE PRAY:** For the hope burning in us, for the joy and peace You have given us in Christ by the power of the Spirit, O God, we rejoice in You, we praise You, we sing Your Name before all the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen

*(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)*

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**PRELUDE - O Come, O Come Immanuel – M. Hayes**

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN**

**TLH 63**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

- 1 On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come, then, and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every Christian breast  
And furnished for so great a Guest.  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.  
Without Thy grace our souls must fade  
And wither like a flow'r decayed.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face

Till beauty springs in every place.

- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.

## INVOCATION

**P:** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C:** And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**P:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**A:** O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C:** Amen.

## INTROIT

**P:** In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

## GLORIA PATRI

**A:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE KYRIE

**A:** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*(THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS omitted for the Advent Season)*

## SALUTATION

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

**C:** And with thy spirit.

## COLLECT

**P:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## LESSONS

### O.T. LESSON

#### *Isaiah 11: 1-10*

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might,

The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

## **EPISTLE**

### ***Romans 15: 4-13***

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" And again: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**⬮:** Here ends the Epistle

*Hallelujah Response omitted for Advent*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 3: 1-12**

**L:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**C:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

**L:** Here ends the Gospel.

**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

### **APOSTLES' CREED** *(In Unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM – There Shall Come Forth, A Shoot from Jesse – H. Hopson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**TLH 74**

**One He Came in Blessing**

- 1 Once He came in blessing,  
All our ills redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us,  
Hope and freedom gave us.
  
- 2 Still He comes within us;  
Still His voice would win us  
From the sins that hurt us;  
Would to Truth convert us  
From our foolish errors  
Ere He comes in terrors.
  
- 3 Thus, if thou hast known Him,  
Not ashamed to own Him,  
But wilt trust Him boldly  
Nor dost love Him coldly,  
He will then receive thee,  
Heal thee, and forgive thee.
  
- 4 He who thus endureth  
Bright reward secureth.  
Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us;  
Let us here confess Thee  
Till in heav'n we bless Thee.

**OFFERTORY** *(In Unison)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS****OFFERING****OFFERING PRAYER** *(Sung)***TLH 441 vv1-2**

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive and gladly, as Thou blestest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

**PRAYERS****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

**CLOSING HYMN****TLH 72**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
And soon He draweth nigh;  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle!  
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go meet Him as He cometh,  
With hallelujahs clear.

The marriage-feast is waiting,  
The gates wide open stand;  
Up, up, ye heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand!

**3** Ye saints, who here in patience  
Your cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb ye shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
Your diadems of gold!

**4** Our Hope and Expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, Desire of nations,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption,  
That brings us unto Thee!

## **BENEDICTION**

**ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."**

## **POSTLUDE - Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers – L. Smith**

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Jean Azar

Organist: Bruce Sininger

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# DECEMBER 2022

**Sunday, December 4th**

**Good morning** and welcome to worship. Hope seems to be in incredibly short supply in our chaotic world! Wisdom, understanding, counsel and might are revealed in Jesus of Nazareth. St Paul proclaims the truth that Jesus embraces both the Jews and Gentiles with divine hope through His birth, death and resurrection. Today, Jesus comes in Word and Sacrament to fill us with divine, lasting grace and hope that we need...and He comes to give us needed strength and power to share the hope He brings with all people! A blessed Advent as we live in Christ's hope!

## **Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Kathy Geffert-** transferred this week to St. Anthony Care Center in Warren for physical rehabilitation.

**Karen Besler-** who continues to make a good recovery after heart surgery last week.

**Faith Bowen-** who had successful surgery at Ascension-Oakland Hospital in Madison Heights.

**Jim Geffert-** who had successful hip surgery at Grosse Pointe Beaumont Hospital this past week.

**Meg Oster and Julie Hingst-** for daily strength and health.

**For those continuing to live with and be treated for cancer:** Tom Harms, Lisa Zimmermann, Roy Koeppel, Shiela Rice, Keith Josefiak, Bob Davis and Eric Hingst.

**For others in care facilities:** Clifford Popp and Judy Piche.

## **Life Quotes**

“Christmas is also a time to contemplate the gift of mortal LIFE through the miracle of birth. Christmas is the gift of LOVE that moms and dads shower on their children by saying yes to life—sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Regardless of the

challenges, God has a perfect plan for each life that He brings into the world, and His will for them is to out-sparkle and out-shine any ornament.” *Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## **2022 Children’s Christmas Service**

It’s time to start preparing for the holidays! This year’s Children’s Christmas service will be held during the 10:45 am service on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. ALL CHILDREN are invited to participate – from pre-K through Middle School. There are many opportunities for the children to get involved and share their talents. Please mark your calendars now for the following rehearsals:

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 11:00 am**

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 11:00 am**

We also welcome any others including parents or siblings who would like to get involved. Even if only singing with us and sharing your support, we welcome your participation. If you have questions or wish to volunteer your talents, please call **Deann Newman** at **313.919.3434** or email **denewman@comcast.net**.

**Cookies Needed** with the Judealire performance scheduled for Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and the afterglow which follows, we are in need some Christmas cookies to share with our guests. If you can help, please call the church office, and let us know you will help! Please... contributions of cookies are desired, not cake items that break apart and are more difficult to serve....and to manage for people at a “standing” reception. Thank you!

**Advent Dinners** will be held Wednesday evenings in our Library on Dec 7 and 14 from 5:30-6:45. Come and enjoy a good meal with your church family and worship with us at 7 PM! A free

will offering will be taken to help those who are preparing the meal with the cost of providing it.

## **Altar Guild**

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Pam Zimmer and Betty Gade

## **Cold Weather Clothing Donations**

As the winter season is approaching and you start to pull out the cold weather gear, would you please consider donating any unused jackets, coats, hats and gloves to a few local non-profits in the area? Near the stairwell in the middle of the church, there are several boxes to leave the items. We plan on dropping items off as the boxes fill. Any questions, please reach out to Doug Bohannon at 586-703-6133. Thank you!

## **One Week Ago Today:**

8:15 Service: 32

10:45 Service: 37

Communion: 36

Bible Classes: 13

Wednesday: 48

## **Our Second Advent Midweek Services**

are held this next Wednesday at 11:15 and 7:00 P.M. Our Sermon is entitled: "Born in Us: Bringing us Renewal" based on Isaiah 40:31. God's great Prophet Isaiah foretold that a Holy One coming from God would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and to the weary. Christ's birth indeed restores our strength that we may serve Him. Come and join us for our 45-minute midweek services, which will renew your heart, mind, and spirit as you prepare to receive Jesus again this Christmastide and at His Second Appearing.

# DECEMBER HAPPENINGS AT CHRIST THE KING



4th - Living Nativity - 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

16th - Judelaires - 7:00 p.m.

15th & 17th - Grosse Pointe North Christmas  
Concert. Tickets for sale at door.

18th - Children's program during 10:45 a.m.  
worship service

24th - Christmas Eve Services 5:00 p.m. (will  
be streamed) 10:00 p.m.

25th - Christmas Day Service - 10:45 a.m.  
(will be streamed)



## Advent Services

November 30th, December  
7th, 14th

11:15 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

Advent Dinner 5:30 p.m.