

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent

12/11/2022

WE PRAY: Lord of the end-time testing, grant patience to Your church and to all of us its people against Your announced arrival time to judge the world; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, 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 - Pour L'Advent - J.P. Benoit

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

TLH 68

The Advent of Our King

- 1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be;
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's Daughter, rise
To meet thy lowly King,
Nor let thy faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The old man all be put away,

The new man now put on.

- 6** All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One
Through all eternity.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

A: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT

P: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. I will hope continually and will praise You yet more and more. My mouth will tell of

Your righteous acts, of Your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of Your righteousness, Yours alone. O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim Your might to another generation, Your power to all those to come.

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory to be 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: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 35:1–10

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The excellency of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For

waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

EPISTLE

James 5: 7-11

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

L: Here ends the Epistle.

Hallelujah Response omitted for Advent

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the 2nd verse.

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

Matthew 11: 2-15

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” As they departed, Jesus began to say to the

multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED (*In Unison*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM - Advent Call to Worship - F. Fredrick

OFFERTORY

A: 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.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING PRAYER (*Pastor*)

THE PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 58 (First tune) vv. 1,4,5,9

O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet Thee,
How welcome Thee aright?
Thy people long to greet Thee,
My Hope, my heart’s Delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy
Thy lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please Thee best.

- 4 Love caused Thy incarnation,
Love brought Thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling,
That led Thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race!

5 Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed
And tremble at your doom.
Despair not, He is near you,
Yea, standing at the door.
Who best can help and cheer you,
And bids you weep no more.

9 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A Light of consolations
And blessed Hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Thy beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home!

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C And His mercy endureth forever.

P We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 60

Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

- 1 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is nigh!" we hear it say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiven.
- 4 That, when next He comes with glory
And the world is wraped in fear
He may shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit
While eternal ages run!

BENEDICTION

ALL: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

SILENT PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE - The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came - L. Smith

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Mark Gade

Music Director: Bruce Sininger

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DECEMBER 2022

Sunday, December 11th

Good morning and welcome to worship today! God's people have always grown weary at the difficult task of awaiting the Lord's return in the face of grief, illness, despair and injury. To remain steadfast in the faith is often difficult, because our hearts are anxious, and anguish thrives in our hearts, minds and bodies in this fallen world. But followers of Jesus confess and believe the truth that Jesus Who has come to make the blind see the lame walk, the deaf hear and maimed to be made whole is coming again. In Jesus, compassion and mercy prevail as we wait for His return, Today in Word and Sacrament, Jesus sends His Holy Spirit to come to us to create faith and strengthen faith in us so that we are equipped with all we need to wait...in hope...for His glorious appearing! A blessed Advent to you and your family!

Remember in Your Prayers:

Kathy Geffert- in St. Anthony Care Center in Warren for physical rehabilitation.

Faith Bowen and Jim Geffert – continuing recovery from surgery

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 Koeppe, Shiela Rice, Keith Josefiak, Bob Davis and Eric Hingst.

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

Pastor Jim Elsner: who was injured in a fall

Life Quotes

“As sure as Christmas will come again on December 25, our Lord will come again. As we look forward to the Last Day, let's dress for

the occasion, putting on godliness and repentance. Let's celebrate everything He did the first time He came to assure us of our home of righteousness. Let's be spiritually awake and alert for His coming again, knowing that we will enjoy God's perfect paradise, our eternal home." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – 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 18th**. 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 rehearsal:

Saturday, December 17th – 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 16th 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 Dinner will be held Wednesday evening in our Library on Dec 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: 46

Communion: 43

10:45 Service: 43

Bible Classes: 14

Wednesday: 40

Join us for worship this next Wednesday morning (11:15 AM) or evening (7:00 PM) as we gather one final time for our 3rd Advent Midweek Service. Our preaching theme for this final service is "Be Born in Us Today: Bringing Guidance." Based on Isaiah 35:5-10, we remember that in Jesus Christ, we have a clear path to the promised land of heaven because Jesus IS the Way. Jesus is the Way, and by the power of His Word and Spirit, He is born in us today, guiding us!

Next Sunday...we will worship with our normal Sunday Liturgy at our 8:15 AM Service. Holy Communion will be

celebrated. At the 10:45 A.M. Service however, we will join our Sunday School Children and their Teachers for our Sunday School Christmas Worship Service!

Reminder: Christmas Eve: 5 PM (With Holy Communion) and 10 PM (No Communion) Both candlelight services.

Christmas Day ONE SERVICE at 10:45 A.M. with Holy Communion.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS AT CHRIST THE KING



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 Service

December 14th

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

Advent Dinner 5:30 p.m.