

Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2020

THE COMMON SERVICE

HYMN #1 “The Advent of Our King”

The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on To set his servants free.

O Zion’s Daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
Nor let a faithless heart despise The peace he comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And his true members all unite With him in heav’n to reign.

Before the dawning Day Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

- C:** Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

The liturgical song “Gloria in excelsis” is omitted during Advent as a season of repentance and preparation. This song of the angels will return on Christmas morning.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M:** The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
M: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 4:1-6: “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says the LORD Almighty. “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. “See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

- M:** The Word of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm 85

Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

You showed favor to your land, O LORD,* you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people* and covered all their sins.
Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,* and grant us your salvation.

Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;* he promises peace to his people, his
saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,* that his glory may dwell in our land.
Love and faithfulness meet together;* righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4-13: For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

M: The Word of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36: [Jesus said] “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. “I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY #704 “Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending”

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ reveals his endless reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who ridiculed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshipers.
With what wonder, With what wonder, With what wonder,
Gaze we on those glorious scars.

Yea, Amen, let all adore you High on your eternal throne.
Ev'ry knee shall bow before you; Come and take your people home!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! You shall reign and you alone!

SERMON

STAND

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

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN #22 "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"

O Savior, rend the heavens wide; Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down; Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

O Morning Star, O radiant Dawn, When will we sing your morning song?
Come, Son of God! Without your light We grope in dread and gloom of night.

Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
Oh, come, lead us with mighty hand From exile to our promised land.

There shall we all our praises bring And sing to you, our Savior-King;
There shall we laud you and adore Forever and forevermore.

STAND

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN #26 “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.

Jesus comes again in mercy When our hearts are worn with care;
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heartfelt prayer,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.

Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes with words of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant When the heav'ns shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory; Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing Till the dawn of endless day.

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Vacancy: Pastor Johann Caauwe from Wood Lake is serving as our vacancy pastor. If you need to contact him please email him at pastor@stjohnswoodlake.com or call 507-828-5136.

Budget/Election: This meeting will be held tonight at 7:00 PM at church.

Advent Vespers: We will have a midweek Advent service this Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM. If you plan to attend please register on our website.

Christmas Eve Children's Service: We will not hold an in-person Children's Christmas Eve Service. Instead, we will be taping the service to be aired on our church's YouTube page on Christmas Eve. Our first practice will be on Saturday, December 12th AT CHURCH. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will begin at 9:00 AM. Pre-K students are asked to be there at 10:00. The following Saturday, December 19th **students are asked to dress up** as we will record the program from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM. This will be aired on Christmas Eve at 5:30 PM.

Candy Bags: There will be a free will offering taken today as you leave. This collection will help off-set the cost of the items used in the children's Christmas bags. Donations can also be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

Light Up the Night: Our church has sponsored a tree again this year for Prairie Home Hospice's Light Up the Night event at Independence Park. Our tree is located near the park entrance on Lyon Street. Be sure to check it out!

Christmas Greenery: The Christmas Greenery is in the parsonage garage. You can let yourself in through the side door. If you need to arrange a different time to pick up your greenery order, please email Mrs. Onken at the church office, lonken@christlutheran-marshallmn.org.

Congregational Caroling: Singers and noise makers of all ages, please, mark your calendars and come bring God's Word in song to our Jesus Cares participants here in town. Many of these individuals have been isolated in their homes for months and would benefit greatly from the Good News brought to them with Christmas carols. Sunday afternoon, December 20th at 2:00 P.M., we will meet at the Church and divide into two or three groups. The more carolers the better, so that we can sing outside of more homes- following CDC guidelines. Watch for more information in the bulletin and Cougar Chronicle, or for more information, please, contact Melanie Werner at mel.werner21@gmail.com or 507-828-3798.

Offering: Just a reminder that we will not be passing the offering plate. You can leave your offering in the plate on the table as you leave church.

Take Home: Be sure you take your service folder home with you, to recycle. Do not leave it in church.

