



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

December 16, 2020

4:30 & 7:15 PM

WELCOME (ONLINE AND IN-PERSON)/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound”

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| 1 | Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song. | 3 | He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor. |
| 2 | He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield. | 4 | Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name. |

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Jesus is the Son of David.

C: **Our coming King!**

P: Jesus is the Son of Abraham.

C: **Our sacrifice for sin!**

P: Jesus is the Son of Solomon.

C: **He finished the course!**

P: Jesus is the Son of Mary.

C: **Immanuel—God with us!**

P: Jesus is the Son of Sinners.

C: **He forever loves us!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[We reflect on God's Word and our need for His forgiveness]

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, and come and help us by your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by your grace and mercy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"

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| 1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy. | 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. |
| 2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free. | 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on. |
| 3 O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring. | 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity. |

FIRST READING*Isaiah 7:1-4*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.****EPISTLE READING***Galatians 4:4-6*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.****HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 1:18-25*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

SERMON HYMN

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

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| 1 | Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend. | 4 | As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally. |
| 2 | What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here. | 5 | Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death. |
| 3 | Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord--
Him of twofold race behold--
Truly came, as long foretold. | 6 | Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace. |

SERMON “Jesus is the Son of Mary”

PRAYER

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Finally, for these and all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OFFERING

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.

BENEDICTION

P: Because Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

C: **We will go and make disciples of all nations—**

P: Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **And teaching them to obey everything he has commanded us.**

P: And surely Christ is with us always—

C: **To the very end of the age!**

HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#338

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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