



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION:

TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

TO MAKE DISCIPLES

TO EMBODY GOD'S LOVE

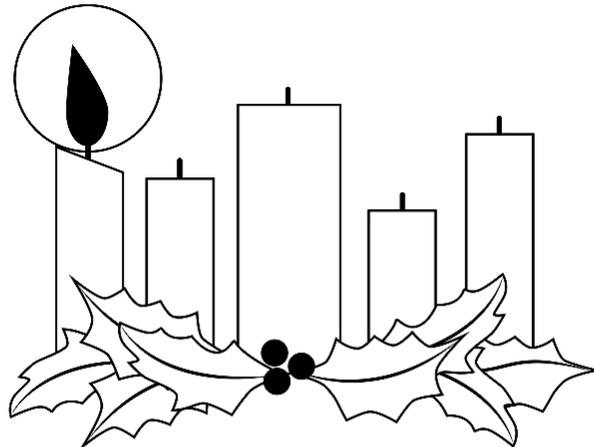
INTRODUCTION

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

DECEMBER 2, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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10:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 2, 2018

**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

(ELW—Red Book)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Magnificat”

Frescobaldi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

*LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(v.1) ELW #257

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 116-118

*SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

ELW #853

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE

“In peace, let us pray to the Lord...”

ELW p. 120-121

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Frank Waugh

LESSONS

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Kermit Nash

*HOLY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia, Alleluia ...”

ELW p. 124

*GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 21:25-36

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Frank Waugh

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

ELW #254

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 127

*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Kermit Nash

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Emily Schuttenberg

*OFFERING PRESENTATION/RESPONSE

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Kermit Nash

A: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

ELW p. 65-66

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

ELW p. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“What Feast of Love”

ELW #487

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Kermit Nash

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you ... **C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Lift Up Your Heads”

Emily Schuttenberg

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD, and in honor of David & Lisa Tucker's first anniversary and in memory of our loved ones who are no longer with us.

LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Preacher: Vicar Frank Waugh

Assisting Minister: Kermit Nash

Communion Assistants: David & Lisa Tucker

Organist: Emily Schuttenberg

Acolyte: Quentin Caudill

Deacons: Tiffany Caudill, Tanya Stephenson

Altar Guild: Dotty & Ken Isenhour

Tabulators: Dotty Isenhour, Chris Cloninger, Vanessa Arndt

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

PSALM 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day, we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

LUKE 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."