

**I** have baptized you  
with **WATER;**  
but he  
will baptize you  
with the  
**HOLY  
SPIRIT.**

**Mark 1:8**



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# Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:15 am

Second Sunday in Advent

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*(When the music of the prelude begins, please lower your voice; but, after worship raise your voice with joy!)*

## SOLO *Lift Up Your Eyes*

### Lift Up Your Eyes

Congregational part:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: Lift up your eyes and see the light sur-round you; with ra-diant hope, il-lu-mi-nate the night. Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav-en ring, lift up your eyes and see the ev-er-last-ing light.

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## LITANY

L: During Advent, God's promise illuminates a weary world.  
For any who have grown weary of waiting:

**C: God speaks, "Peace, be still."**

L: For any who are anxious about the worries of tomorrow:

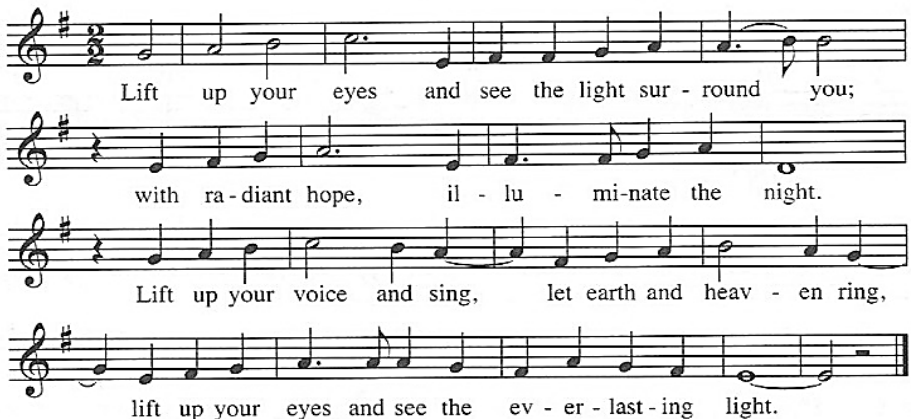
**C: God speaks, "Peace, be still."**

L: For any whose lips have been silenced:

**C: God speaks, "Peace, be still."**

L: This morning we light two candles. The first candle reminds us in a dark and weary world, that our hope lies securely in the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. The second candle radiates God's perfect peace to calm our restless souls. As we continue our journey, let us be encouraged with hope, comforted with peace, and guided in truth.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



Lift up your eyes and see the light sur - round you;  
with ra - diant hope, il - lu - mi - nate the night.  
Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav - en ring,  
lift up your eyes and see the ev - er - last - ing light.

L: 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.**

# GATHERING SONG (vs. 1 and 2)

## Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 40: 1-11**

L: The first reading is from Isaiah, the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her

that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling:

"In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the LORD;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out."

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass,  
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.  
Surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures forever.”

<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.

You who bring good news to Jerusalem,  
lift up your voice with a shout,

lift it up, do not be afraid;

say to the towns of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him,

and his recompense accompanies him.

<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms

and carries them close to his heart;

he gently leads those that have young.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 85

L: Please let us read together Psalm 85.

- <sup>1</sup> You, LORD, showed favor to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people  
and covered all their sins.
- <sup>3</sup> You set aside all your wrath  
and turned from your fierce anger.
- <sup>4</sup> Restore us again, God our Savior,  
and put away your displeasure toward us.
- <sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
- <sup>6</sup> Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- <sup>7</sup> Show us your unfailing love, LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what God the LORD says;  
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—  
but let them not turn to folly.
- <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup> Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed give what is good,  
and our land will yield its harvest.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3: 8-14**

L: The second reading is from Second Peter, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<sup>8</sup> But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

<sup>11</sup> Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup> as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup> But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

### ***Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah***

**Light two candles to watch for Messiah  
let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
gently lead them homeward.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 1: 1-8**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way"—

<sup>3</sup> "a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

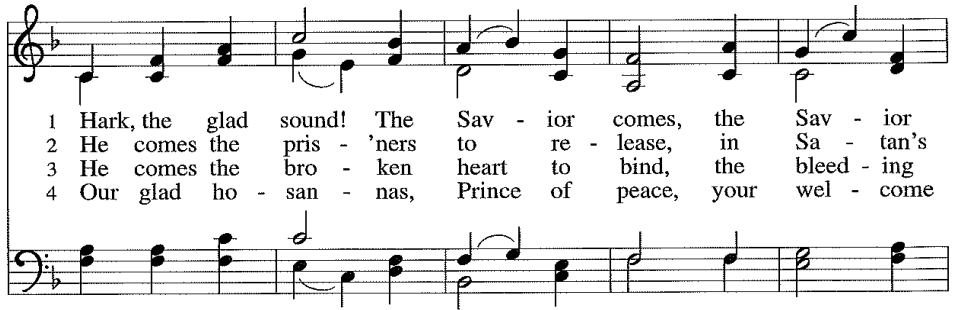
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

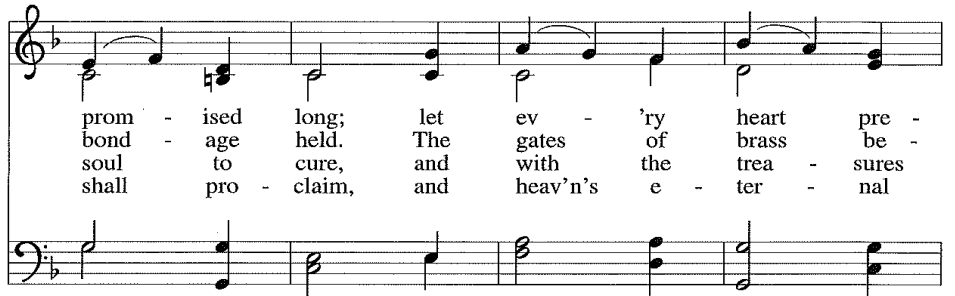
# HYMN OF THE DAY (vs. 1 and 2)

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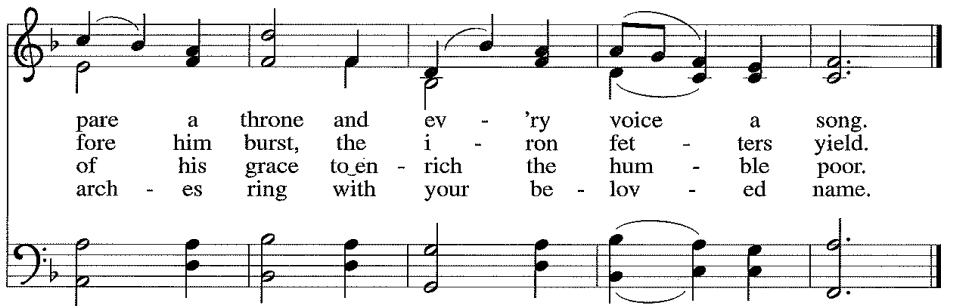
## Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751  
 Music: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**L: Lord in your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

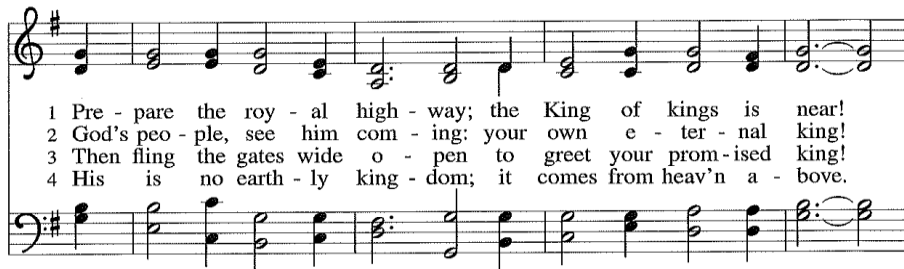
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

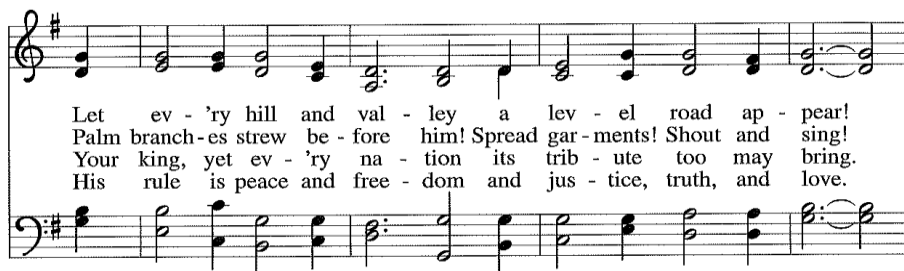
# SENDING SONG (vs. 1 and 2)

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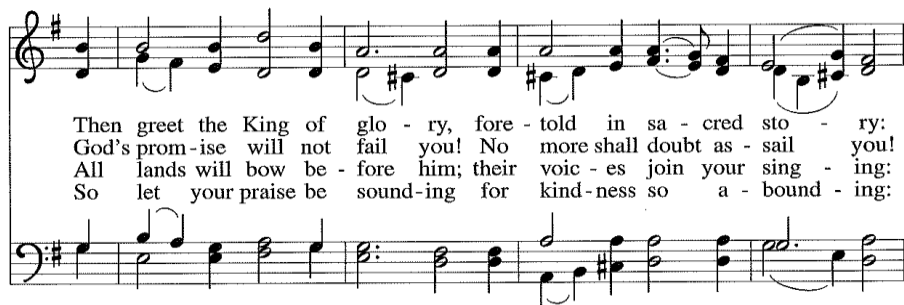
## Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Third S. in Advent

Is. 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thess. 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28



Altar Flowers

*The altar flowers this morning are given to  
the Glory of God and in memory of the  
beautiful Kathleen Minehart.*

## Glade Run Christmas Tree



All tags and gift cards are due by Wed. December 9<sup>th</sup> and can be dropped off at the church during office hours (Mon. – Thurs. from 8:30 – 2:30).

## Salvation Army Ringers



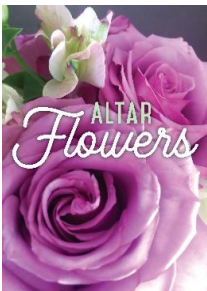
The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to stand inside the lobby at Sprankles in Saxonburg to 'ring the bell.' The funds raised in Saxonburg will be used for low-income families who reside in Saxonburg, Cabot, and Sarver.

Volunteers should call Karen Boltz at 724-816-0522



A prayer & carol service for those experiencing grief and loss will be held at 7:30 pm on December 16<sup>th</sup>, in Centennial Hall

## 2021 Altar Flowers



As we continue to worship in Centennial Hall, we will have one bouquet of fresh flowers placed on the altar each Sunday at a cost is \$25.00.

Once we move back to the sanctuary we will resume having 2 bouquets at a cost of \$40.00.

To reserve a Sunday sign up on [stlks.com](http://stlks.com) or contact the church office (724-352-2333 or [stlukessaxonburg@gmail.com](mailto:stlukessaxonburg@gmail.com)). When signing up online, please select a date and complete the

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Flower donations can be placed in the offering plate (labeled as such) or sent via mail to the office; PO Box 187, Saxonburg 16056.