



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2017, 9:15 am

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness.....Pages 94 - 96 ELW

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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. 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: *The presiding minister announces God's Forgiveness.*

The service continues with gathering song.

Gathering Hymn.....“Prepare the Royal Highway”.....#264

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let ev’ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!

God’s people, see him coming: your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!

God’s promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!

Your king, yet ev’ry nation its tribute too may bring.

All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!

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.

****Order of Service - Page 147 in the Hymnal****

Kyrie (Each petition will end with **P:** “Let us pray to the Lord”; please respond **C:** “**Lord, have mercy**”).

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up our hearts, Lord God...

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Someone’s shouting from the city.

I am young, I am cold.

Someone’s shouting from the country.

I am lonely, I am old.

Messiah, come and be our King.

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Sunday School Christmas Program

The Reading.....Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm.....Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

L: You have been gracious to your land, O Lord; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

C: You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

L: I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

C: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

L: The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Gospel Acclamation (to be sung)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson.....Mark 1:1-8

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SermonPastor Jonas

Hymn of the Day....."On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry".....#249

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

The Nicene Creed.....Page 104 ELW

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True
God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the
Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; 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, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and**

the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession (Each petition will end with P: "Lord in your mercy"; please respond C: "**Hear our prayer.**")

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn....."My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness".....#251

**My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim -
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.**

**To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.**

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.....Page 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer.....Page 154

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn....."My Lord, What a Morning".....#438

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn....."Hark, the Glad Sound!".....#239

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace to _en-rich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'ns eternal arches ring with your beloved name.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace...

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Poinsettias - Members of Our Saviour's may purchase and bring poinsettia plants to the basement prior to the Christmas Eve Services with a tag stating who donated the plant and for whom the plant is in honor or memory of. Poinsettia plants can also be ordered for \$10.00.

Orders need to be placed by today for delivery by Christmas Eve. We are hoping that selling poinsettia plants will make it easier for members to participate in decorating the church and make funds available for music for the Praise Team. Orders can be taken to the church office or collected in the narthex.

Senior Choir Cantata- The Senior Choir, along with guest performers, will be presenting the cantata, "A Great Light" on December 17 at the 9:15 service. Its narration and musical selections will certainly put you in the Christmas spirit!! We hope you will attend!!

Ushers are still needed for June and July of 2018. If you would be willing to help out, please let Sue Kohnert know at 715-538-4454.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship - On Christmas Eve, there will not be a morning worship service. Services will be held at 4:00 PM and at 10:00 PM. There will not be any worship service on Christmas Day.

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: Chris Foss, Verdell Helstad, Clarice Henrickson, Kaylin Metzler, Sandra Erickson, Barbara Johnson, Dennis Lyngen, Brynna Schneider, Mary Lou Beck, Adam Berg, Robert Byington and Clayton Densmore.

Please pray for the following: Paul Tjoflat, Beverly England, Barb Harms, Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, Claire Hanson, Nancy Martinovici, Shari Peters and Mary Harness. (**If you or someone you know would like to be added or removed from this list, please contact the church office.**)

Coming Up This Week:

Today - Worship (Sunday School Program) 9:15 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM
Youth & Family Team 10:15 AM

Monday - Transition Team 7:15 PM

Tuesday - Pastor's Text Study 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Sunrise Manor Service 2:00 PM

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:30 AM
Confirmation 5:30 PM
J Crew 6:30 PM
Choir 7:00 PM

Sunday - Worship 9:15 AM (Choir Cantata)
Sunday School 10:15 AM

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Accompanist: Sue Kohnert

Ushers: David & Marnie Anderson

Communion Servers: Karen Witte &
Paula Hentges

Videographer: 6th grade Confirmation
Students

Power Point: ???