

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Advent – December 1st, 2024 (11:11 am)

(THE AL) MIGHTY WORK

Psalm 25:1-10

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 19:28-40

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “a righteous Branch” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “blameless in holiness before our God and Father” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “distress of nations in perplexity,” with “people fainting with fear.” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

WELCOME – (Cam)

GATHERING SONGS – THE MIGHTY ONE OF ISRAEL

He's the Mighty One of Israel

The Mighty One of Israel

His voice shall be heard

In the power of His Word

The Mighty One of Israel

The Lord shall cause

His glorious voice to be heard

And you shall have a song in the night

Come to the mountain of the Lord

See His glory and His might

The eyes of the blind

Shall be opened and they'll see

The ears of the deaf shall hear

The lame man shall jump

And shall leap as a hart

The tongue of the dumb shall sing
The Lord shall cause
His glorious beauty to be seen
The desert shall bloom and rejoice
Say to them that are fearful of heart
Be strong and listen to His voice

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)

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

PSALM 25:1-10 (Pastor)

P – To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C – O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P – Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C – Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

P – Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C – Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P – Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C – Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P – He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

TOGETHER – All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P – Friends in Christ, 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 – We confess to You, heavenly Father, that we are by nature truly sinful and deserve only Your divine judgment. Especially are we mindful of those sins whereby we offend members of our family – both within our homes, and within the church, our

household of faith. Forgive us our sin and give us a rich measure of Your Spirit that we may more and more walk in love and with a forgiving heart toward all our fellow human beings. Grant that by the Spirit's presence and power we may ever reflect the love of Christ in all of our thoughts, words, and actions toward those with whom we live. We ask this in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P – In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C – Amen.

KID'S SONG – COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS (HYFRYDOL)

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 every nation
Joy of every longing heart
 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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KID'S MESSAGE (Marilyn)

WORSHIP SONG – ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME (CORONATION)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
 Ye ransomed from the fall
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace
 And crown Him Lord of all
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace
 And crown Him Lord of all
Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all
Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all
 Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
 On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all
O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
 Crown Him ye morning stars of light
 Who fixed this earthly ball
 Now hail the strength of Israel's might
 And crown Him Lord of all
 Now hail the strength of Israel's might
 And crown Him Lord of all

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READING OF OLD TESTAMENT – JEREMIAH 33:14–16 (Terry)

¹⁴ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ 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.¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

READING OF EPISTLE – 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13 (Terry)

⁹For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

READING OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 19:28-40 (Terry)

²⁸And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,³⁰ saying, **"Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'"** ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, **"I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."**

WORSHIP SONG – JOYFUL JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE (ODE TO JOY)

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness

Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day
 All Thy works with joy surround Thee
 Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
 Stars and angels sing around Thee
 Center of unbroken praise
 Field and forest vale and mountain
 Flowery meadow flashing sea
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

 Mortals join the mighty chorus
 Which the morning stars began
 Father love is reigning o'er us
 Brother love binds man to man
 Ever singing march we onward
 Victors in the midst of strife
 Joyful music lifts us sunward
 In the triumph song of life

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SERMON – “(THE AL) MIGHTY WORKS” *(Luke 19:28-40)*

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 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.

WORSHIP SONG - ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
 Words of life words of hope
 Give us strength help us cope
 In this world where'er we roam
 Ancient words will guide us home

***Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart***

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ
 Martyr's blood stains each page
 They have died for this faith
 Hear them cry through the years
 Heed these words and hold them dear
 We have come with open hearts
 O let the ancient words impart
 O let the ancient words impart

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (Prayer)

**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.**

PREPARATION TO HOLY COMMUNION – YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

You are my strength When I am weak
You are the treasure That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God

Worthy is Your name

Jesus Lamb of God

Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

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'As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our

¹ "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink."
(<https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html>)

COMMUNION PREPARATION

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- **I know I am a sinner.**
- **I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.**
- **I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.**
- **I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.**
- **I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (**Pastor**)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" In the same way also, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "**Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**"

DISTRIBUTION - SONGS: "IN CHRIST ALONE"; "WORTHY IS THE LAMB" AND "YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL".

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (**Pastor**)

BENEDICTION (**Pastor**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG - ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

And all the people said amen whoa

And all the people said amen

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends

And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

*Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God*

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