

**"... wash me,
and I shall be
whiter than snow."**

Psalm 51:7 (NRSV)

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1ST 2019

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

December 1st, 2019

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Pamela Schulz

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD." ² Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem! ³ Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact together, ⁴ Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the LORD. ⁵ For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David. ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. ⁷ Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces." ⁸ For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace *be* within you." ⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 609 - Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



c A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: 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.

all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

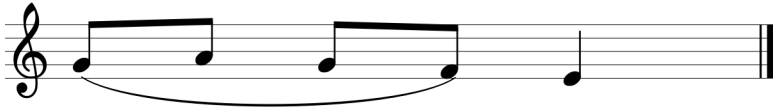


c Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mer -



cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



c A - - men.

p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



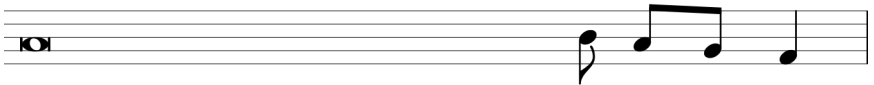
c Glory be to God on high,



and on earth peace, good will toward men,



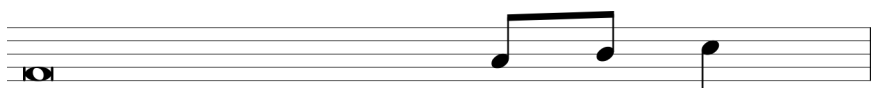
We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,



we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory



O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; re-cieve our prayer.



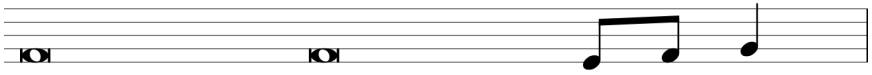
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



c And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . . Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your almighty deliverance; for You Live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



c A - men.

THE WORD

Isaiah 2:1-5 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the LORD'S house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. ³ Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.

Romans 13:8-14 ⁸ Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery,"

"You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if *there* is any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it* is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we *first* believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



c Al-le - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated 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.

Hymn 62 - Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel(MFH 42)

SERMON

Luke 1:1-17 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. ⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. ⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at

the hour of incense. ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ "And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ "He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

IF THE LORD WASHES US WE SHALL BE CLEAN

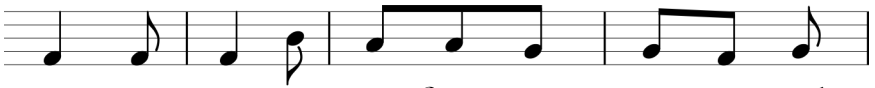
Zacharias and Elizabeth are called righteous only by God's grace. God is hidden from us because of our sin but revealed by His grace. God sends His word to make ready a people prepared for Christ.



c Create in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to



me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-



hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Hymn 95-Savior Of The Nations, Come (MFH 40)

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 572 VS. 4



As Thy prospering hand hath blest,



May we give Thee of our best And by deeds of



kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove,



Sing - ing thus through all our days



Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



c A - men. A - men. A - men.

Hymn 645 - Behold, A Branch Is Growing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12 / 1

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15 Bible Class

Tuesday 12 / 3

7pm School Board

Wednesday 12 / 4

4pm Confirmation

7pm Advent Services

Saturday 12/7

9am Church Decorating

Sunday 12 / 8

9am Worship Service

10am Christmas Eve Practice

10:15 Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance - 86

Communion- 54

Sunday School - 6

Bible Class- 7

General:- \$3134.75

Missions- \$530.00

Building Fund- \$15.00

Memorials:

\$30 School Fund

-Audrey Kornowski

UPCOMING:

December 7th

- Christmas Decorating

December 4, 11, 18

- 7pm Advent Service

December 14th -

2pm Christmas Caroling

December 21st - Christmas VBS

December 24th

- 6pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25th

- 10am Christmas Day Service

December 31st

- 7pm New Year's Eve Service

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #4

Russ Denson, Gary Quade

Next Week: Team #5

Bill Jenkins, Wayne Draeger

DECEMBER USHERS

SUNDAYS AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Gary Brown, Paul Eserhut,
Darwin Kelm, Kent Quade

DECEMBER USHERS ADVENT, CHRISTMAS EVE, NEW YEAR'S EVE

Matt Dumke, Jim Brown,
Blaine Kempenaar, Bob Kirst

CHRISTMAS VBS

December 21st 9am to 3pm. Sign up if your kids are coming. Separate signup sheet to donate money or pizza for the kids.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL DOORS

Members who are having trouble with the fingerprint readers on the church and school door can purchase a fob for \$20. A fob is a little thing that hangs on your key chain and will unlock the door for you if you wave it in front of the finger print reader. Talk to Pastor if you would like one.

There is also a sheet on the table in the hallway explaining various way of getting access to the church.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Christmas Caroling December 14th. Meet at church at 2pm. Chili supper at the church following the caroling. Chili will be provided people should bring crackers, cheese, salami, or desert etc.

SCHOOL CLEANING

More help is needed cleaning the school. We are looking for someone to clean once or twice a month. It takes about 5 -6 hours and pay the is \$12 an hour. Contact Pastor Ude or Marsha Brown if interested.

CALL NEWS

Mr. Steve Sydow has returned the call extended to him by Berea, Sioux Falls, SD.

Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr., Messiah, Eau Claire, has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

2020 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP TO NEPAL

The CLC Mission Helper Program is now accepting applications for the 2020 Trip to Nepal in July. This trip will be limited to eight volunteers so please apply early. An online application and more information can be found

at: MHT.LutheranMissions.org



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