

THE BENEDICAMUS & THE BENEDICTION

M: Bless we the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

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



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People | 61

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:

SATURDAY	Church Christmas Decorations, 8:00 a.m.
SUNDAY (12/4)	Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.
MONDAY	Confirmation Class, 3:15 p.m.
TUESDAY	Tuesday Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m. Advent Supper, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service, 6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	Board of Elders, 6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	ELS Circuit 6 Pastors' Winkel, 9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY (12/11)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.

**ADVENT/
CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**
**2nd Midweek Advent
Service -**
Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.
**3rd Midweek Advent
Service -**
Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.
**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service -**
Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.
**Christmas Day Service
(Comm.) -**
Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m.
**New Year's Eve Service
(Comm.) -**
Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m.



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This Is My Son



NOVEMBER 30, 2022 | *First Midweek Advent Service*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for our Advent worship tonight! This Advent season, during our midweek services, we will take a look at three different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers. But each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son, the Son who never disappointed His Father, Jesus Christ, the Son of God –and Son of Man. During this midweek services, you will hear again that your heavenly Father is not disappointed in you. Rather, through Jesus, He considers you to be His beloved child, with whom He is well pleased.

SERVICE NOTES FOR TONIGHT

The very first murderer. That's how Cain will be known for all time. Imagine Adam and Eve's pain. Not only did they lose their son, Abel, to death, but another son, his brother, was his murderer. As sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, we are all murderers in our words and thoughts, rebelling against our heavenly Father. Yet out of His great love for us, God sent forth His Son Jesus, the true Son of Adam, and through His death we have been given the gift of life!

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages. The Order of Vespers is found on p. 41ff in the front of the red hymnal.

The Order of Vespers

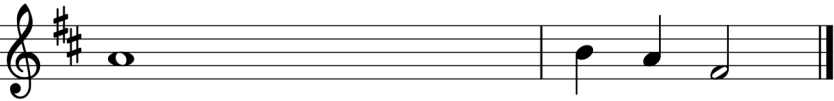
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HYMN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee | 58 v. 1, 4-7

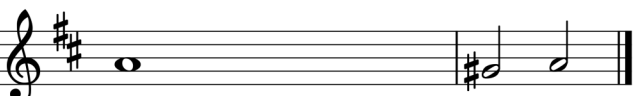
VERSICLES

M: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

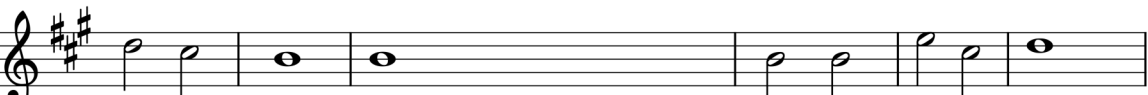
M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with - out end. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

You may be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 9 (selected verses); Antiphon: Psalm 146:3, 5

M: Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

C: **Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

M: I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

C: **I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

M: When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence.

C: **But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment.**

M: The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

C: **And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.**

M: Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

C: **Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Please stand.

THE KYRIE & THE LORD'S PRAYER



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

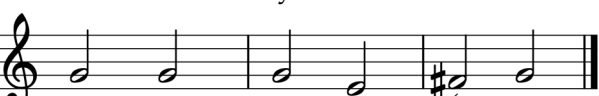


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

C: **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 SALUTATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed, give Your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments, and also that we, being defended by You from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by Your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

VERSICLE

M: Let my prayer rise before You as incense:

Musical notation for the Versicle. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a half note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a whole note E. The lyrics are: C: And the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Musical notation for the Nunc Dimittis. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace accord - ing to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Sal - va - tion, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple; A Light to light - en the Gen-tiles, and the Glory of Thy peo - ple Isra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 40:1-11

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God.
2 "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD's hand Double for all her sins."
3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;
5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
6 The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?"
"All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.
8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."
9 O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.
11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Musical notation for the response. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a half note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a whole note E. The lyrics are: C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

CHOIR

The King Shall Come

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 1:5-25

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."

¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. ²⁰ "But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

²¹ And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. ²² But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless. ²³ And so it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. ²⁴ Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵ "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



You may be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Glory Be to Jesus | 158

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - Genesis 4:1-16

This Is My Son—Cain, the Son of Adam

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." ² Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³ And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. ⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, ⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

⁶ So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

⁸ Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"

He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰ And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. ¹¹ "So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² "When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

¹³ And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! ¹⁴ "Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me."

¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

OFFERING