

DECEMBER 10, 2023 | *Second Sunday in Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

The true Light comes to a world of darkness. The joy of Christ's coming is near—in fact, it's right around the corner. He came into the world as the Savior. His still comes as we bear witness to the good news of His coming. And He is coming again in glory. May His Light shine brightly in this darkened world as we joyfully and faithfully bear witness to Him!

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the black binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.

If you have small children, please note there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child, but we are caring, loving and happy to hear your child/children. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Morning Service, found on p. 5ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Michael Dietz
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Sunday: Rod Meves
Ushers on Duty	Dennis Barlament, Daniel Meves, Brian Busse
Altar Guild	Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson

The Order of Morning Service

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

The Advent of Our King | 68

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



M: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

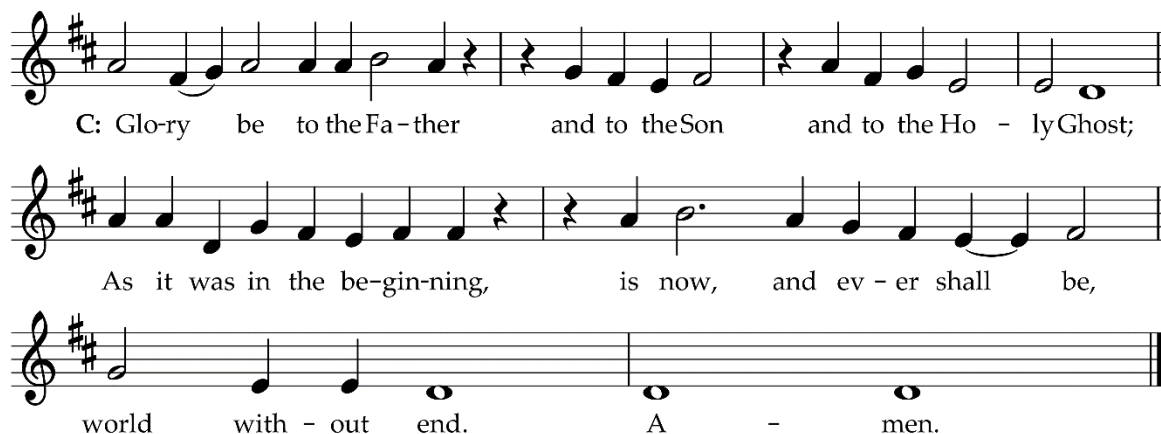
M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!



You may be seated.

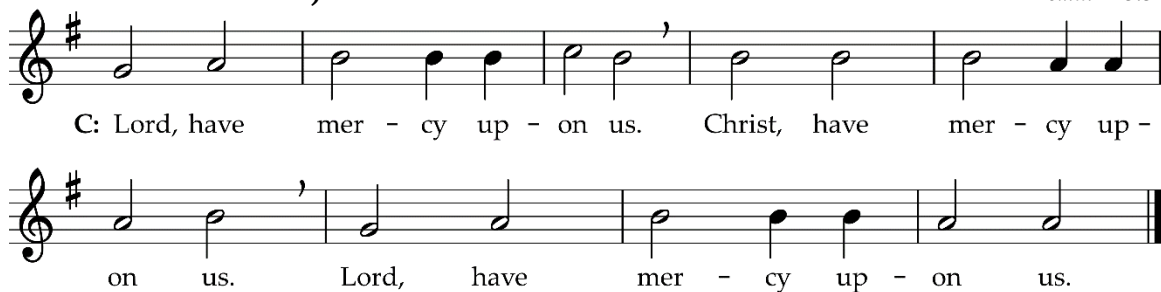
THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

M: Daughter of Zion, surely your Salvation is coming. The Lord will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; Stir up Your strength, and come and save us.



THE KYRIE—*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Psalms 123:3



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

C: A - men.

M: Let us pray: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak 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. ³A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD^[a]; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.^[b] ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A 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. ⁷The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

⁹You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem,^[c] lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹He 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.

SECOND LESSON: 2 PETER 3:8-14

⁸But 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. ⁹The 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.

¹⁰But 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.^[a]

¹¹Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹²as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.^[b] That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. ¹⁴So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

GRADUAL

M: Alleluia. Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies: for they have been from of old. Alleluia!



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 1:1-8



¹The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,^[a] the Son of God,^[b] ²as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”^[c]—
³“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”^[d]

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The 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. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I baptize you with^[e] water, but he will baptize you with^[f] the Holy Spirit.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

CHOIR

The King Shall Come

HYMN

Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken | 75

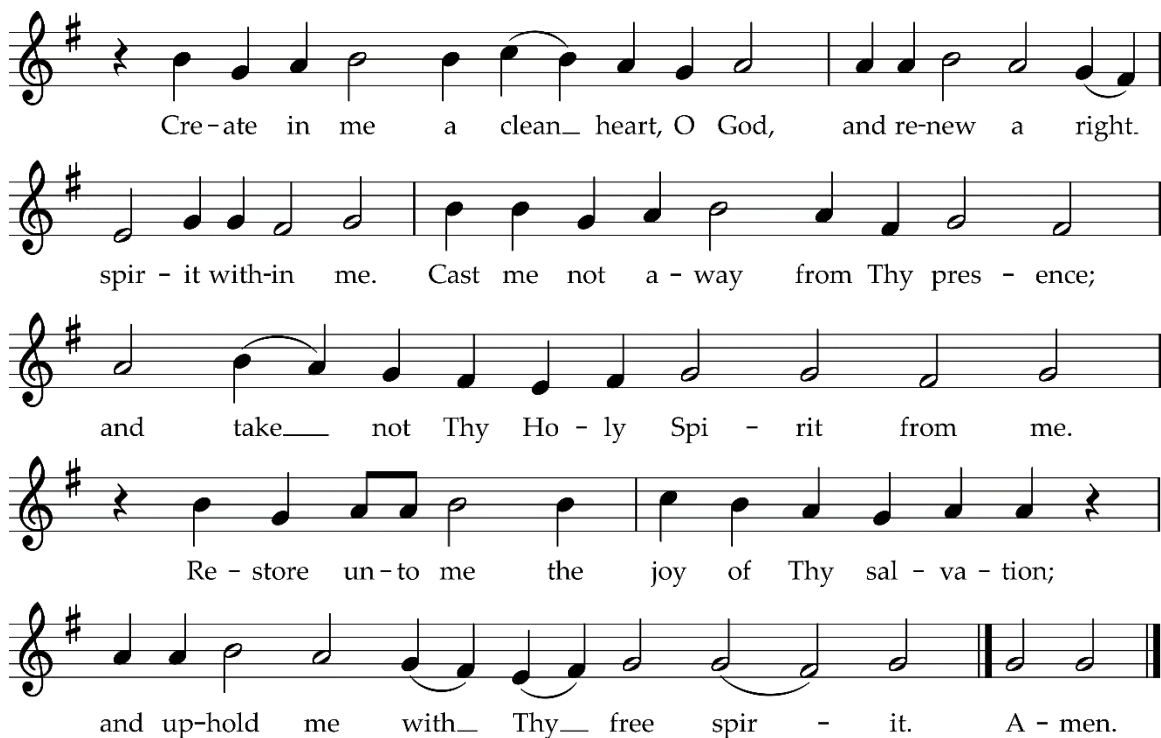
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SERMON – 2 PETER 3:8-14

We Really Need Christmas!

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean_ heart, O God, and re - new a right.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence;

and take___ not Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;

and up - hold me with___ Thy___ free spir - it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & 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.

You may be seated.

HYMN

When All the World was Cursed | 272

Please stand.

COLLECT OF THE WORD

M: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People | 61

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - Thanks to Jan Johnson for sponsoring the altar flowers this morning. If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the fellowship hall.

SNACK SPONSORS – Thanks to Women on a Mission for sponsoring and serving snacks during our fellowship time this morning! If you're interested in sponsoring and serving snacks, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall!

THANK YOU – Thank you, Pastor Dietz, for conducting our service today.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING – Pastor Bobbie Oberg returned the call to Christ the King and will remain in Campbellsport, WI (letter is posted in Fellowship Hall). A Call Meeting is scheduled for TODAY, Sunday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR MEMBERS (& NEW VOICES) – Choir practice is scheduled after each of the Advent Services for 45-60 minutes. We are preparing for Advent, Christmas and New Year's services. This is a great time to join.

ADVENT SUPPERS – Thanks to those who provided the supper Wednesday evening. The last Advent Supper on December 20 needs a group of volunteers. If you are able to contribute to this meal, please sign up to plan, serve, and do clean-up for that week.

THANK YOU FROM PARENT AT TRUNK OR TREAT – We received an email from a parent who brought her daughter to our Trunk or Treat event. She writes, "I couldn't get my daughter to read. She hated reading! No matter what we did to build her confidence in reading, nothing worked!!!! On Halloween she got a children's book of Bible stories from you guys and she's been reading it b4 bed and waiting for the bus!!!! I just wanted you guys to know how thankful we are!!! 🙏" She also sent a video of her reading.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH – The Kitchen Committee has planned a congregational Christmas Brunch after the Sunday worship service on 12-17. Please mark your calendar. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to donate a dish and also to mark that you will attend and how many people.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Midweek Advent Services—Wednesday at 6:30 pm on Dec. 13 and 20. Supper at 5:00 pm
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service—Sunday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 pm
- Christmas Day Festival Service—Monday, Dec. 25, at 9:00 a.m.
- New Year’s Eve Service - Sunday, Dec. 31, at 5:30 pm

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING	
SUNDAY (12/10)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 10:05 a.m. Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY (12/13)	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m. Advent Soup Supper, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service, 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice after Service
THURSDAY (12/14)	Elders Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY (12/17)	Divine Service w/Comm., 9:00 a.m. Congregation Christmas Brunch, 11:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev.
Lutheran Church gives all
praise and thanks to the
Triune God for His grace
received through Word and
Sacrament by sharing the
saving Gospel of Christ
with the people of this
community and the world.*