



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Traditional Worship Service

Saturday, November 28, 2020 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 29, 2020 8:30 a.m.

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



P: The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

C: The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

(Romans 13:11-12)

P: People of God, with the assurance of these promises, let us bring our praise and prayers to God.

PRAYER

A: Eternal God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully give him praise; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SONG OF PREPARATION

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

CONFESSION FOR THE FIRST WEEKEND OF ADVENT

P: O Holy God, who dwells in inaccessible light,

C: Come quickly and illuminate our darkness.

P: When the Lord comes, He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts.

C: So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

P: In preparation for Christ's coming, we confess our sins to God in silence.

(Silence for personal confession)

P: God of the past, present and future, you are coming in power to bring all peoples and nations under your rule. We confess

that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

C: You command us to live lives of obedience and holiness and we offer you excuses for our disobedience and sinfulness. You call us to love you with heart, soul, mind and strength and we praise you with our lips while our hearts are far from you. Lord God, have mercy on us, forgive us, grant us the grace of true repentance and prepare us for Your return in power and glory.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE HYMN OF ANTICIPATION

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” CEL #244

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 64:1-9

P: The Old Testament Reading for the First Sunday in Advent is from the 64th chapter of Isaiah.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

I Corinthians 1:3-9

P: The Epistle Reading is from the first chapter of First Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge - even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore, stay awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will

come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning - lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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 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 thence 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB#348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

MESSAGE "Power and Glory"

Pastor John Mitchell

OFFERING

As the offering is being received, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. The ushers will collect these cards during the offering. Thank you.

VOLUNTARY (5:30) “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Cathy Carson
(8:30) “Morning Has Broken” Bob Tanis,
Steve Bow, and Cathy Carson

“Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God’s recreation
of this new day.”

THE PRAYERS

P: Let us pray to the Lord ...

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

A: **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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past,

C: **You direct our journey into the future.**

P: We give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ,

C: **And we eagerly await his coming again**

P: That his rule may be complete

C: **And your righteousness reign over all the world.**

P: Then we will feast at his royal banquet,

C: **And sing his praises with the choirs in heaven.**

P: Until then fill us with a passionate love for you and each other

C: **Increase our resolve to obey you and strengthen us to live holy and blameless lives.**

P: Transform our lives by the work of the Holy Spirit so that we continue the ministry of Christ in this world

C: **So that all peoples will be prepared for Christ’s return in glory.**

BENEDICTION

HYMN “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” LSB#350



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!

POSTLUDE

“Go Tell it On the Mountain”

Hayes