

The Voice Of
One Crying
In The
Wilderness

*Second Sunday
In Advent*

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

Sunday, December 6, 2020

9:00 am (Livestreamed)

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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Divine Service Setting Three

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE—"Hope"

P How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

C And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

P Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

C But we know that when he appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

P Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

C Until that day, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" LSB #352

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto 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,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God's Word

P 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. Wherefore

we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and implored Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has 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.

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

C Amen.

INTROIT Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v3

P Restore us, O God;

C let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P You brought a vine out of Egypt;

C it took deep root and filled the land.

P Restore us, O God of hosts;

C let your face shine, that we may be saved!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Restore us, O God;

C let your face shine, that we may be saved!

KYRIE

C Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF ADVENT "Hark the Glad Sound" LSB #349

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-11

(The prophet Isaiah reminds the Israelites that they are still His covenant people)

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem,

P See, your King comes to you,

C righteous and having salvation.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C From the house of the Lord we bless You.

EPISTLE 2 Peter 3:8-14

(Peter uses an ancient prayer of Moses to speak of the Last Day, when the Lord returns to judge and redeem)

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Who Do You Think"

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

(John the Baptist preaches about the coming of Christ)

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea

and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

All: 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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 OF THE DAY "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB #344

MESSAGE "A Time Of Hope"

HYMN "When All the World Was Cursed" LSB #346

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Christ Be My Leader" LSB 861

Go In Peace And Serve The Lord

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Upcoming Services: Please continue to watch your emails, church website page and Facebook for announcements on upcoming worship services. Thank you.

Youth Envelope Fundraiser: The youth are raising money to go to the next National Youth Gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas in July, 2022. Their envelope fundraiser is located in the hallway by the coat rack.

Remember our Shut Ins This Christmas: Christmas stationery has been left in the church office for LWML members and anyone else that would like to write Christmas greetings on for our shut ins. The greetings will be mailed to them for Christmas. Deadline to write on the stationery is December 8.

Poinsettias We will display poinsettias in the church for Christmas. If you would like to place one in memory of a loved one please order by December 14. Cost is \$19.00. These poinsettia memorials will be printed in the Christmas bulletin, posted on the website at Christmas and published in the January newsletter.

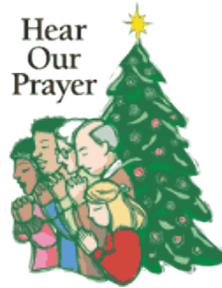
Sunday School Christmas Program for this year has been cancelled.

Confirmation Classes for 7th & 8th grade will be held at the church on Wednesday at 3:45. Please remember to wear your masks and bring all your material with you. If you cannot attend, please contact us at the church office.

Thank You to the parish service board for decorating the church for Christmas.

LWML will not meet this month.

In Our Prayers Karen Brolsma, Connie Markquart, Dennis Cook (brother of Margo Ballard), Renee Amborn, Nic Potthoff, Lois Anderson



Coping With Cancer: Brandon Krumwiede, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegelger, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Paul Anderson, Norma Brolsma, Joanne Sathoff, Sue Nelson, Korrie Crouch, Kurt Jans, Mary Kay Schultz, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Reinold Hagen, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Taylor Antony, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, Bob Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Mavis Morris, Dylan Peters, Carol Scheff, Damon Vanden Berg, Gwen Lingle, Liz Fisher, Renee Amis, Greg Jacobsen, Makaylee Freking, Payten Crosby, Marv Garbers, Andy Nolte, Gordy Preuss

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Tyler & Mikaela Morris, Chad & Mandi Kosbab, Matt & Jennifer Madden

We Remember the family and friends of Terri Ringnell. Terri was called to her eternal rest on November 25 and her funeral was held at St. John's on December 1.

We remember the family and friends of Nathan Behne. Nathan was called to his eternal rest on November 28 and his funeral was held at St. John's on December 5.