

*Hosanna!
Blessed is He
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!*

First Sunday In Advent

St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:00 am & 10:30 am

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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.*

Prepare For His Coming

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Divine Service Setting Three

AS WE GATHER

The Church Year begins by taking us to the scene of our Lord's final entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week. Yes, Christmas is at hand. Surely the preparations for the celebration of His incarnation, His earthly birth of the Virgin Mary, are already well under way. But wait a moment. We enter this new year already knowing why He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit for us and for our salvation, which is only by way of His passion, death, and resurrection. We begin by continuing to "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" on the Last Day, sustained by Him now in the forgiveness of our sins, guiltless and ready. In readiness, we boldly pray that our Lord comes to rescue and save us.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE—"Love"

P For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

C **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him.** *John 3:17*

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" #343 vs. 1-4

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 O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily - sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P To you, O LORD,

C **I lift up my soul.**

P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C **let not my enemies exult over me.**

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

C **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

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 Behold, your king is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

KYRIE

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF ADVENT “The Advent of Our King” #331 vs. 1-6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 64:1–9*

(The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of Christ)

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

²as 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! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From 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. ⁵You 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? ⁶We 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.

⁷There 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. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be 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.

GRADUAL *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26*

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C Shout, 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 *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

(Paul speaks to the Church of God in Corinth and offers up this prayer of Thanksgiving)

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God 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.

ALLELUIA

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 11:1-10*

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Second Article *Redemption*

All: 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.

P What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"The Art of Waiting"*

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" #508 vs 1-4

MESSAGE *"The Advent Of Our King"*

HYMN "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" #508 vs 5-7

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 "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus" #338 vs, 1 & 2

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Go In Peace And Serve The Lord

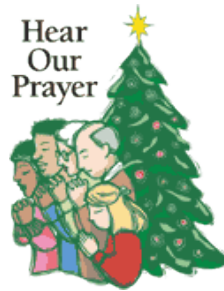
Youth Envelope Fundraiser: The youth are raising money to go to the next National Youth Gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas in July, 2022. Their envelope fundraiser is located in the hallway by the coat rack.

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.

In Our Prayers Renee Amborn, Nic Potthoff, Lois Anderson



Coping With Cancer: Brandon Krumwiede, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Nathan Behne, 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 Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Paul Anderson, Terri Ringnell, 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 Sydney Anderson, Nancy Bliesmer, Dennis Larson, Austin Harris, Miranda Stahn, Jill Swanson, Cody Potts, Whitney Hanson, Robert Anderson, Madison Thate, Lisa Rienhardt, Ryan Kahler, Judy Kleine, Tracie Schumann, Barret Olson, Swan Buchmeier, Jason Dorschner, Dan Meyer, David Klug

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Dave & Louise Janssen, Steve & Darla Runge, Robert & Lois Anderson

We Remember the family and friends of Richard Rochefort (father of Lisa Lange and Angela Lange). Richard was called to his eternal rest on November 23.

We remember the family and friends of Terri Ringnell. Terri was called to her eternal rest on November 25.