

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Second Sunday of Advent ✠

December 6, 2020



John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, See, your God is coming! We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Veni, Veni ("Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel")

Chip Davis b. 1947

Welcome

Penitential Rite

Please stand as you are able.

✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

P: Throughout the season of Advent we prepare ourselves to receive the King of glory anew. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

Kyrie

1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.
Chris - te e - le i - son.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has two lines of lyrics. The second staff has two lines of lyrics. A double bar line is at the end of the second staff.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Words of Absolution

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW # 256



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, **Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle



Advent Song

Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. The Lord will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for his sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of the Lord.

On the First Sunday of Advent we lit a candle of Hope. Today we light the candle of Peace. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” — Isaiah 9:6-7

Let us pray:

Gracious God, **Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.**

*Dear Jesus lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.
A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.*

*Our Father, you have sent your son From your unbounded grace.
A second candle we now light To honor you with praise.*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: 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. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall 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 grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon 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 tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Advent Gradual



Gospel

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Mark 1:1–8

*The Gospel of Mark
does not begin with a
story of Jesus' birth
but with the voice of
one crying out in the
wilderness: Prepare the
way of the Lord.*

Sermon

Please be seated.

Savior of the Nations Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Following the sermon, we will observe a moment of silence to reflect on today's
gospel message.*



Hymn of the Day

*Please stand
as you are able.*



Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

EW # 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Prayers of the Church

P: God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need..

(A brief silence.)

A: We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice,...Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with those around you.

✠ Offering ✠

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Anthem

Please be seated.

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

arranged by Jeremy Young

Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, Oh Israel.

Oh come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily;
To us the past of knowledge show And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh come, oh, come thou Lord of might who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save and give them vict'r'y o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Offertory

Please stand
as you are able.



Create In Me a Clean Heart

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 your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Offertory Prayer

A: Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



Words of Institution

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

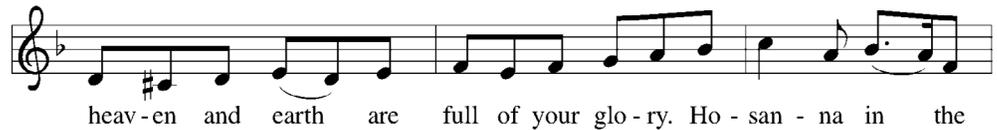
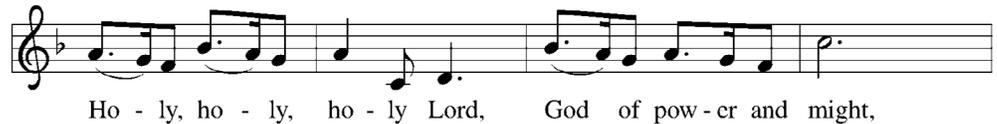
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



Music: Per Harling, b. 1948
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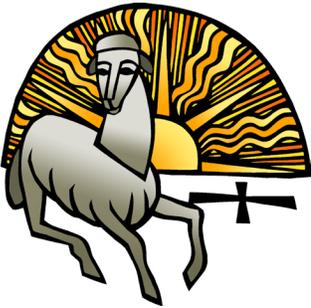
*In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you...*

The Lord's Prayer

During the season of Advent and Christmas, we will use the traditional words for the Lord's Prayer.

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.



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.

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - - - - - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr: unknown
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

Sending Hymn

*Please stand
as you are able*

Hark the Glad Sound!

ELW #239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song,
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Hawcis, 1734-1820

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Op. 8, N° 1 **(“Veni, redemptor gentium”)**

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

*You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.
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WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again — for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled. We hope the message of God’s grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>..... Sanctuary
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i> Patio/Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8	9:15 AM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i> Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>Men’s AA Group</i> Sunday School Rooms
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i> Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i> Zoom
	4:00 PM	<i>Confirmation</i> Christy Room
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10	12:00 PM	<i>Al-Anon</i> Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	<i>Growlers & Theology</i> Zoom
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>..... Sanctuary <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



the family of **Delores Aagaard, Brian Krinke**, son of Jean Krinke, **Duane Behrens**, father of Diane LaMere, **Jim Jodie**, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne & Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; the family of **Lynn Williamson, Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell, **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe; Peggy Wagner, friend of the congregation; **Heidi Chadwick**, sister of Cindy Huttner.

The National Lutheran Choir Christmas Festival

The pandemic of 2020 has swept around the globe – a virus that knows no geographic limits! We may feel like we need healing now more than ever, but the world has always been in need of healing – in need of the peace of Christ.

The incarnation has no geographic limits either. How do various world cultures understand and receive the Christ child as their own? How does music and visual art reflect and celebrate these understandings?

Don't miss the National Lutheran choir's signature Christmas Festival program of music, scripture, poetry and faith. Filmed in the glorious Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, and drawing on five years of live-streamed programs plus multi-media videography, the program celebrates a global nativity; Christ incarnate; being born in each of us, in every time and place.

Nothing – not even our pandemic year – can separate us from God's love and the music that conveys the peace and joy of Christ's birth!

Friday, December 11, 2020 – 8pm (CST) @
NLCA.com

Special Thanks to Lee Wilson

for his contribution of spruce-top planters for our 21st St entrance & wreaths for the front doors of the Church.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



Happy Birthday



David Brost 12.7 Steve Hoyt 12.8
Carol Kuehn 12.11 Natalya Haug 12.12

Our Saviour's Housing Meals in 2021

For many years, *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* has provided a meal for 40 on the first Friday of every month. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, our monthly meals are provided by donation via check, money order, or online. The shelter orders and serves the meal. Suggested donation is \$250. Thrivent members may apply for a Thrivent Action grant which will cover the cost of the meal, and often much needed supplies, in addition.

Thank you to everyone who has provided a meal for the shelter in 2020!

Dave & Mary Goplen have reserved JAN 1, 2021
Please consider providing on...

	MAY 1	SEP 3
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MAR 5	JUL 2	NOV 5
APR 2	AUG 6	DEC 3

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