



# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

*December 24, 2017 – Pastor Mark Voss*

## *Morning Praise*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(Spoken together)*

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – “Lift Up Your Head, You Mighty Gates”

CW 3 vv 1-3

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

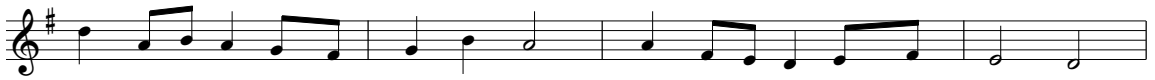
C: **The spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.**

**SING:**

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Come oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our sav-ing Rock;



come, en-ter in with our songs of praise, come, en-ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



**VERSES**  
You are a great and a won-drous God, cup-ping in your hands all the  
Come, let us wor-ship and bow - ing low, kneel be-fore the One who has



depths of earth. You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
made us all. You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep-herd.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: We light four Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary.  
He came to share our humanity.

**C: We remember Jesus, whose name means Savior. He came to save his people from their sins.**

P: We hear his call to give him a place in our hearts.

**C: We light four Advent candles as a sign of our joy and hope.**

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*Four Advent candles are lit.*

# God's Word

## **2 Corinthians 4:5-12 – *Serve the Lord***

<sup>5</sup>For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup>We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup>For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup>So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

## **PSALM 96 on page 102 in Christian Worship**

### **Luke 1:26-38 – *The virgin birth***

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,  
<sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David.

The virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said,

"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words

and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

<sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.

<sup>31</sup>You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

<sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

<sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup>"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month.

<sup>37</sup>For nothing is impossible with God."

<sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

Then the angel left her.

#### SEASONAL RESPONSE

**ALL: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus. Come.**

#### SERMON HYMN

*"Oh, Blest the House, What'er Befall"*

CW 506

## SERMON

*based on 2 Corinthians 4:5-12*

# *Serve God's People Like Paul*



# YOU ARE GOD WE PRAISE YOU

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**REFRAIN**  
You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

With the an - gels in heav - en, We praise you, we praise you! With the  
Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we praise you! O  
O Christ, King of glo - ry, We praise you, we praise you! You be -

cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, We praise you, we praise you! With a -  
Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We praise you, we praise you! O  
- came a man to set us free; We praise you, we praise you! You have

- pos - tles and proph - ets, We praise you, we praise you! With the  
Spir - it, most ho - ly, We praise you, we praise you! To the  
ris - en to free us; We praise you, we praise you! And with

mar - tyr - s and your holy Church, We sing in end - less praise!  
Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise!  
all your saints in glo - ry, We sing in end - less praise!

**Refrain**  
**Refrain**  
**Refrain**

## OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us praise the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Lift Up Your Head, You Mighty Gates"

CW 3 vv 4-5



Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple  
Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide My heart to you; here,  
set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -  
Lord, a - bide! Oh, en - ter with your sav - ing grace; Show  
- dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - 'reign  
me your kind and friend - ly face. Your Ho - ly Spir - it  
en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin To God a - lone be  
guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won. E - ter - nal praise and  
praise For word and deed and grace!  
fame We of - fer to your name.

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**Christmas Eve Worship tonight at 5p and 7p**

**Christmas Day Worship at 9a**

**Sunday, December 31, New Year Worship at 9a**

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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