

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

December 3, 2017 – Pastor Mark Voss



Messengers of the King Speak for God Like Moses

OPENING HYMN – *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

CW 2

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

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD HAVE MERCY

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life with your love.



You take a - way our sin; you com - fort our spir - it;



you make us pure and ho - ly in your sight.



You did not spare your on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all.



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us;
 you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood.
 You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!
 O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

C: We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.

P: We hear his call to watch.

C: We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

One Advent candle is lit.

THE WORD

Exodus 14:19-29 – God’s mighty deliverance

¹⁹Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²²and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen--the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are writ-ten that



we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Mark 13:32-37 – We watch for our final deliverance

³²"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: `Watch!'"

P: This is the gospel of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN – *“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*

CW 206

Speak for God Like Moses

SERMON – *Exodus 15:11-13*

¹¹"Who among the gods is like you, O LORD?
Who is like you-- majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory, working wonders?

¹²You stretched out your right hand and the earth swallowed them.

¹³"In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed.
In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – *(The Meaning of the Second Article)*

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.

He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, 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.

All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND 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.

THE SACRAMENT

Our church practices membership communion. We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod partake of the sacrament.

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your



glo-ry. You are my God, and I will ex-alt you. I will give you thanks, for



you have be-come my sal-va-tion. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



C: **A - men.**



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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THANKSGIVING



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN - "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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Come, Thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple
Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a Child and yet a



free. From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our
King, Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious



rest in Thee. Is-rael's Strength and Con-so-la-tion, Hope of
king-dom bring, By Thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it, Rule in



all the earth Thou art; Dear De-sire of ev-ery na-tion,
all our hearts a-lone; By Thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it,



Joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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