



Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Advent Two - December 9, 2018

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**“I will send my messenger,
who will prepare the way
before me.”**

Malachi 3:1a

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“Sunday Mornings with the Prophets”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

C: Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long.

P: Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the people.

C: Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.

OPENING CAROL – “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

CW 12

Tone Chimes will accompany

PSALM OF CONFESSION – PSALM 6

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

P: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

C: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.

P: Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

C: I am worn out from groaning. My eyes grow weak with sorrow.

P: Away from me, all you who do evil, for the LORD has heard my weeping.

C: The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

SONG OF PRAISE – “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

CW 19 vv 1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: We light two Advent candles, remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

P: We hear his call to repent.

C: We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

God’s Word

OLD TESTAMENT – Malachi 3:1-4 – *Passing Inspection*

¹ “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.

Luke 3:4, 6

GOSPEL – Luke 3:1-6 – *A road straight to your heart*

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.”



SERMON HYMN – “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

CW 7

Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear; The
The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near; Go
You saints who here in pa - tience Your cross and suf - f'ring's bore, Shall
A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus, now ap - pear, The

eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near. The
forth, as he ap - proach - es, With al - le - lu - ias clear. The
live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more. A -
Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here. With

Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,
mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand. A -
- round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold; In
hearts and hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see The

pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
- rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.
day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

SUNDAY MORNINGS WITH THE PROPHETS

Malachi – Passing Inspection

Based on the Old Testament Lesson on page 2

CONFESSION OF FAITH —The Apostle's Creed

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to 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.

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

CAROL OF THE DAY

"The First Noel"

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The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor
They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prai - ses



shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it
to our heav - en - ly Lord. Who hath made heav'n and



keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
gave great light, And so it con - tinued both day and night.
earth of naught, And with his blood our life hath bought.



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

ADVENT PRAYER

P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

P: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING REPSONSE

"What Can I Give Him"

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What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd



I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise-man I would do my part;



Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – December 9

Today 8 & 10:30a Worship
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School & Christmas Practice
12-1:30p Catechism Class

Wednesday 6-6:45p Advent Dinner
7p Advent Devotion
7:30p Choir

Thursday 8a Bible Study

Friday Sr. Brunch & Grandparents Day
7p RMLHS Christmas Concert at Shepherd of the Valley

Saturday 5-7p Living Nativity

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Nativity: We hope to see you next weekend for our Living Nativity. The event is this Saturday and Sunday, from 5-7p (about every 15 minutes). What a wonderful opportunity to invite friends or family.

Volunteers: Our January and February Volunteer lists will be made out the 18th. Please let the church office know of any scheduling conflicts.

December 19 – Children's Christmas Service at 7p
December 23 – 9a Advent Four Sunday Worship Service
December 24 – 6p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25 – 9a Christmas Day Worship
December 30 – 9a Christmas One Sunday Worship
December 31 – 7p New Year's Eve Communion Service

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at 8 and 10:30a (Summer
Worship at 9a) and Thursdays
at 7p

Bible Study and Sunday School
at 9:15a



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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 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.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.