

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Advent Two - December 8, 2018

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ADVENT WATCHWORDS

Hope

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

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

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O Lord, how shall I meet you, How wel - come you a -
Love caused your in - car - na - tion; Love brought you down to
Re - joice, then you sad - heart - ed, Let not your souls dis -



- right? Your peo - ple long to greet you, My hope, my heart's De -
me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er -
- tress; Who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed And trem - ble at your



- light. O Je - sus, let your Word be A lamp to light my
- ty. Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing That led you to em -
doom. De - spair not; he is near you, He's stand - ing at the



way, To show me how to please you, To guide me ev - 'ry day.
- brace In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race!
door Who best can help and cheer you And bids you weep no more.

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

EPISTLE – Romans 15:4-13 – *Jesus brings hope*

⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written:

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name.”

¹⁰ Again, it says,

“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.”

¹² And again, Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 – Matthew 3:1-12 – *Advent’s fiery preacher*

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

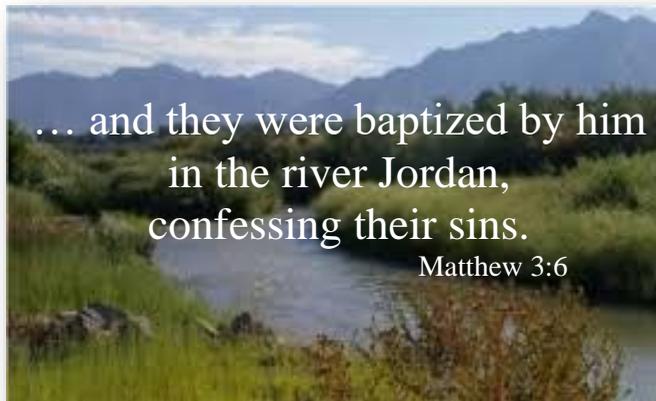
‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”



SERMON HYMN – “*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*”

CW 7

ADVENTS WATCHWORDS HOPE

Based on Romans 15:4-13 on page three

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 8

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Study, Sunday School & Christmas Practice 9:15a Finance Board 12-1:30p Catechism Class
Wednesday	Noon – Grandparents/Senior Brunch 6-6:45p Advent Dinner (Pasta) 7p Advent Devotion 7:30p Choir
Friday	7p Rocky Mt. Lutheran High School Christmas Concert
Saturday	5-7:00p Living Nativity
Sunday	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Study, Sunday School & Christmas Practice 12-1:30p Catechism Class 5-7:00p Living Nativity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

RMLHS Christmas Concert: Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School will hold their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 13th, at 7p. The concert is free and doors open at 6p. The concert, “*A Light in the Darkness*”, will be held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 12021 Northaven Circle, Thornton, CO.

THANK YOU: Nora and I want to thank all of you for your cards, phone calls, and especially prayers at the time of my recent heart surgery. I am recovering well and may be able to travel back to Thailand soon. God be praised. The Church of believers is alive and well as we all hold on to our Advent/Christmas joy and hope: The Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rob and Nora Meister

CHRISTMAS MISSION MARKET: A very big thank you to the members of COR. Through your generous donations and purchases we raised \$1,008 for our brothers and sisters in Venezuela. What a wonderful blessing! Thank you again. Look for the Mission Market again next year.

***Living Nativity - Saturday and Sunday
December 14th and 15th 5:00p – 7:00p***

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

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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.
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