

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Advent Three - December 15, 2019

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ADVENT WATCHWORDS

PATIENCE

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry,

P: Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has the Light shined.

C: Announces that the Lord is nigh.

P: The true Light that enlightens every man is coming into the world.

C: Come, then, and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of Kings.

OPENING CAROL – *“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”*

CW 16

PSALM OF CONFESSION – PSALM 130

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

P: Out of depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice.

C: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

P: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

P: I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

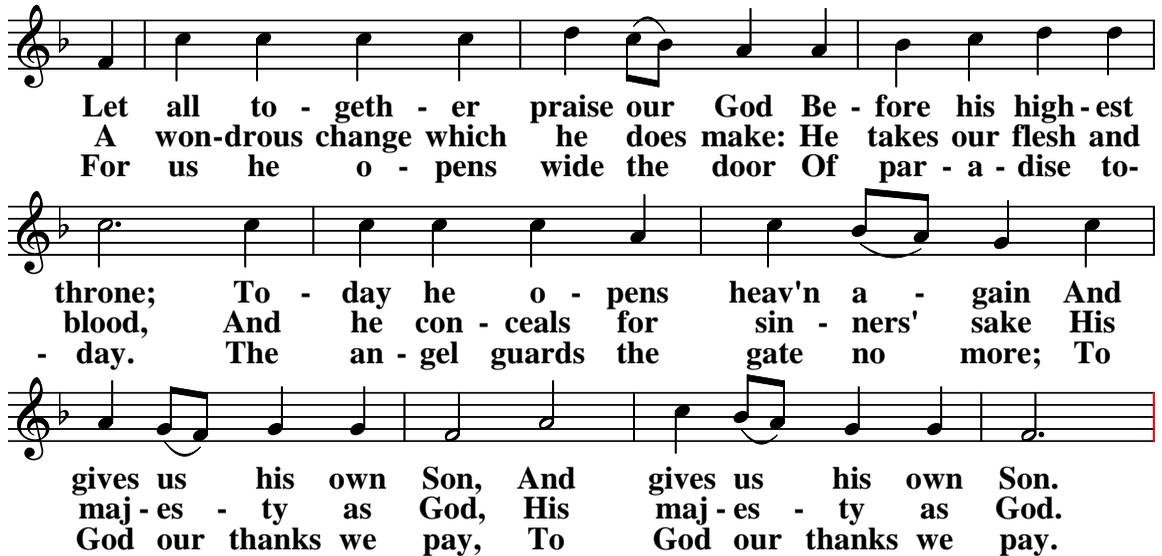
C: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

All: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

CW 41 vv 1, 4, 6 Text & Tune: Nikolaus Herman Public domain



Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his high - est
A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our flesh and
For us he o - pens wide the door Of par - a - dise to -
throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
- day. The an - gel guards the gate no more; To
gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.
maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
God our thanks we pay, To God our thanks we pay.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

MUSICAL SELECTION

“Sing Joy”

TRADITIONAL Arranged by Mark Hayes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: We light three Advent candles, remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.

C: We remember Jesus, who came in answer to his people’s prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

P: We hear his call to see the light.

C: We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

God's Word

EPISTLE – James 5:7-11 – *Patience like a farmer*

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.
Alleluia.

Matthew 11:10

GOSPEL – Matthew 11:2-11 – *A prophet without honor*

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

SERMON HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

LAPPY 152 Tune: W. Zlobie Lezy, Tr. Edith M. G. Reed. Used by permission



In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For his bed a cat - tle stall;
Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing;
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all! Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

ADVENT WATCHWORDS

“Patience”

Based on the lesson from James on page three

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Gove to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defends us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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 Order of Lord’s Supper

Our church practices membership communion.

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

We Listen to the Word

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

We Examine Ourselves

1. What is present?
2. What is offered?
3. Am I truly sorry for my sins?
4. Will I, through the power of the Word, change my sinful life?

We Receive the Supper

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

Sing:

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**Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring -
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.**

**Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.**

DISTRIBUTION AND MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. 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 15

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School 12p Catechism 5-7p Living Nativity
Monday	Calendar, Newsletter & Volunteer List Deadlines
Wednesday	7:00p Children's Christmas Service
Thursday	No Breakfast Bible Study
Friday	School Dismissed at Noon Christmas Break Dec. 23 – Jan. 6
Sunday	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Fellowship
Christmas Eve	6:00p Christmas Eve Worship
Christmas Day	9:00a Christmas Day Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATION BOX: The COR Women's Group is looking for donations to help those in need during the holiday season.

- New or gently used athletic shoes are being collected for Aurora Labor Workforce.
- New or gently used winter coats, blankets, scarves, hats or gloves (not knitted) for Aurora Warms the Night. (*Aurora Warms the Night shelters those experiencing homelessness in the winter when temperatures reach 20 degrees or colder. Year round service includes meals, warm clothing, hygiene items, transportation to shelter, laundry vouchers, bus passes, partner agency referrals, and advocacy in order to ensure families and individuals meet their most basic needs. Learn new skills, and access resources to transition out of homelessness.*) The Women's Group will be serving a meal at their center in February. More information to come if you would like to help.

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone for all their cards, prayers and words of encouragement following the death of my mother. How blessed it is to be a member of God's family.

Judith Burr

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

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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.