



Christ Our Redeemer

Advent One

November 29, 2020

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Welcome to Worship

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus, Your Church With Longing Eyes"

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Jes - us, your Church with long - ing eyes For your ex -
E'en now, when tem - pests round us fall And win - try
Come, gra - cious Lord, our hearts re - new, Our sins for -
Oh, come and reign o'er ev - 'ry land; Let Sa - tan
Teach us in watch - ful - ness and prayer To wait for



- pect - ed com - ing waits. When will the prom - ised light a -
clouds o'er - cast the sky, Your words with plea - sure we re -
- give, our foes sup - press, Our root - ed en - mi - ty sub -
from his throne be hurled. Let na - tions bow to your com -
your ap - point - ed hour, And fit us by your grace to



- rise And glo - ry beam from heav - en's gates?
- call And know that our re - demp - tion's nigh.
- due, And crown your gos - pel with suc - cess.
- mand; Let grace re - vive a dy - ing world.
share The tri - umphs of your con - qu'ring pow'r.

INVOCATION

P (Pastor): We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C (Congregation): **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

P: O God, we remember how your Son, before his passion, entered Jerusalem and was welcomed by those who shouted “Hosanna” and spread their clothing and branches of palm in his path. Accept our words of praise in the name of Jesus Christ who came first as a humble baby and will come at last as our triumphant King.

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

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 63:16b, 17; 64:1-8

A call for God to come down and do something extraordinary, with a confession of our sinfulness. The extraordinary is that he came in humility to forgive!

^{16b}You, Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. ¹⁷ Why, Lord, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! ³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. ⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. ⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? ⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. ⁷ No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

EPISTLE LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

God has prepared us for Christ's coming by giving us spiritual gifts.

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge — ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

P: Even in the darkness of life's chaos and confusion, the light of God's promise shines brightly forth. The PROPHECY CANDLE assures us that, in the coming of Jesus Christ, our God does keep his word.

C: **"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads because your redemption is drawing near."** (Luke 21:28)

P: May the glow of these candles symbolize the light of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ, shining in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. May our paths be lighted with his peace, not only now, but all the days of our lives.



GOSPEL LESSON - *Mark 13:32-37*

Keep watch! Be prepared for the Lord's coming!

³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their 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. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

SERMON HYMN

"Savior of the Nations Come"

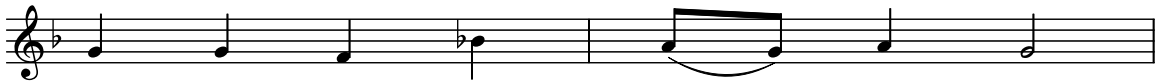
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Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's Son, make
Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the vir - gin
From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as - cend - ed
Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the



here your home. Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God Was the Word of God made flesh,
un - de - filed, Though by all the world dis - owned,
to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell -
Son, our King, Praise to God the Spir - it be



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
- High the song of tri - umph swell!
Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

SERMON

Watch and Work

Stand

THE APOSTLES 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.

Be Seated

PRAYER

THE 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

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O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,
When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts,
O Je - sus, Light of all be - low,
May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,
Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless

O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
O Fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er you a - dore, En - kin - dled with the
And hon - or you a - lone, And may we in our

- vin - ci - ble, In whom all joys are found,
- ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire,
Spir - it's flame To love you more and more.
lives ex - press The im - age of your own!

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HELP NEEDED TODAY! We are putting up the Living Nativity stable after the second service today – your help is appreciated. Thank you!

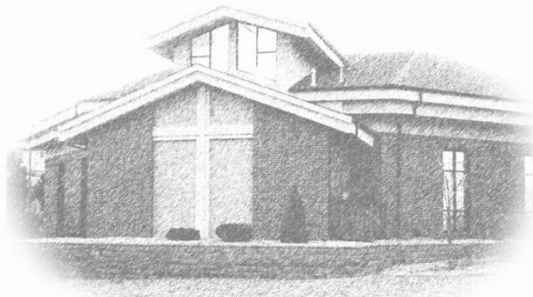
ADVENT WORSHIP: Our Advent Worship begins this Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7p with our Advent Service. Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

PUTTING UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT COR: Join us Monday, December 7th, at 8:30a as we put up the tree here at COR. Help of all kinds is needed! A soup lunch will be served. Contact the church office if you can help!

CHRISTMAS MISSION MARKET: The COR Women Group's Annual Mission Market is here! There are some very nice gifts for co-workers, family, or yourself! All donations/proceeds will be given to our 2020 Befriend A Mission Home Mission – stop by the table to read about the missions and to get a head start on Christmas shopping! Contact Sue Schmidt with any questions.

LIVING NATIVITY: December 12th & 13th from 5-7p. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex if you can help with the Living Nativity. Please consider serving to share the Christmas Message to our community.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: Martin Luther College has gifted us a number of Advent Devotions that focus on the Old Testament stories leading to the birth of Jesus; one for each day, December 1st – 25th. Please take some for you and your friends.



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