



Christ Our Redeemer

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"Songs of Praise the Angels Sang"

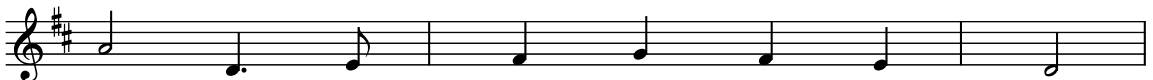
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Songs of praise the an - gels sang, Heav'n with
Songs of praise a - woke the morn When the
Heav'n and earth must pass a - way; Songs of
And shall man a - lone be still? Has he
Saints be - low, with heart and voice, Still in
Whis - pered with their fin - al breath, Songs of



al - le - lu - ias rang, When cre - a - tion was be -
Prince of Peace was born. Songs of praise a - rose when
praise shall crown that day. God will make new heav'ns and
nei - ther breath nor skill? No, the Church de - lights to
songs of praise re - jice, Learn - ing here, by faith and
praise shall con - quer death. Then, a - midst e - tern - al



- gun, When God spoke and it was done.
he Cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
earth; Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
love, Songs of praise to sing a - bove.
joy, Songs of praise their pow'rs em - ploy.

Stand

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: “God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” Therefore we confess our sins to God and ask him to forgive us.

C: Father, I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart, nor have I loved others as I should. I am not worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sent and sacrificed your only Son to take away my guilt forever. For Jesus’ sake be merciful to me, a sinner.

P: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:5-9) Upon this, your confession, I as a called servant of Christ and by his authority forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

⁶ A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. ⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 3:8-14

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

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: The BETHLEHEM CANDLE bids us hear the Word of God with penitent and faithful hearts, and so to make ready for the coming of the Lord.

C: It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one crying in the desert: Prepare the way for the Lord." (Mark 1:2, 3)

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.

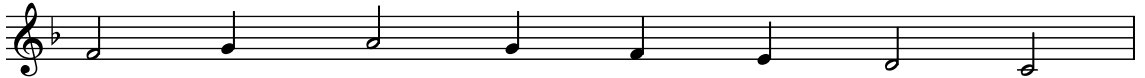
SERMON HYMN

"Comfort, Comfort All My People"

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"Com-fort, com-fort all my peo-ple; Speak of peace," so says our God.
 All their sins our God will par-don, Blot-tting out each dark mis-deed;
 John the Bap-tist's voice is cry-ing In the des-ert far and near,
 Straight-en out the crook-ed high-way; Make the rough-er plac-es plain.



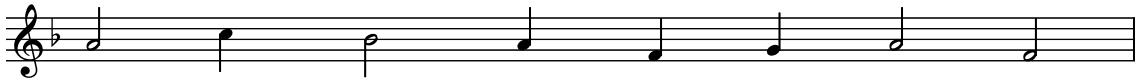
"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 All that well de - serve his an - ger
 Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Groan-ing from their sor-rows' load. Speak to all Je - ru - sa - lem
 He no more will see or heed, They have suf-fered man-y a day;
 For the king-dom now is here. Oh, that warn-ing cry o - bey!
 Read - y for his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them;
 Now their griefs have passed a - way
 Now pre - pare for God a way;
 Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er,
 God will change their ach - ing sad - ness
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken



That their war - fare now is o - ver."
 In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 And the hills bow down to greet him.
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

SERMON TEXT

Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” —

³ “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

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

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

SERMON THEME

Stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

THE SACRAMENT

Our church practices membership communion.

We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.

You will be guided to the table by an usher.

Your group may come forward together, please practice social distancing with other groups or individuals. The bread and wine are laid out individually for you to remove from the table.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: We thank you, God our Father, for sending your Son Jesus to enter this world in all humility and to suffer and die for the sins of the whole world. Strengthen us through the bread and wine, his true body and blood, given and poured out for our forgiveness, and preserve us in true faith until at last he comes again. In his name we pray.

C: **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

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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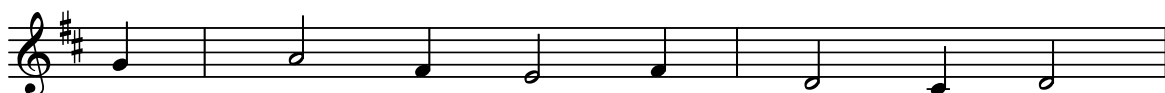
On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry
Then cleansed be ev - life from sin
We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord,
Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store,
All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son.



An - nounc - es that the Lord is nigh;
And fur - nished for a guest with - in,
Our ref - uge and our great re - ward.
And lift us up to fall no more.
Whose ad - vent has our free - dom won.



Come, then, and lis - ten, for he brings
And let us all our hearts pre - pare
With - out your grace we waste a - way
Oh, make your face on us to shine.
Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore



Good news a - bout the King of kings.
for Christ to come and en - ter there.
Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
And fill the world with love di - vine.
And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

VOTERS MEETING: Our voters will meet today, at 9a, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

MISSION MARKET: Thank you to all the ladies who donated for our mission market. Thank you to everyone who helped support our missions by shopping at our market. Through your generous donations, we raised \$850.00. This will support our Befriend-A-Missions Home Missions: Trinity Hmong Lutheran, Manitowoc, WI: Divine Peace, Rockwell, TX and a new mission in Brandon, South Dakota. Thank you all again and see you next year!!

ADVENT WORSHIP: Our Advent Worship continues this Wednesday, December 9th, 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!

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.