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Prelude Sunday: Variations on the Advent plainchant "Creator of the Stars of Night"
Monday: Jill Janssen, organist

Order of Service

(adapted form of Divine Service - 4, beginning on p. 203 of *Lutheran Service Book*)



HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" - *LSB #347*

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13)



Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

Almighty God merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be your children and gathered us into your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Faith Lutheran Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

Old Testament

Malachi 3:1-7

"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(ALL) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

(Zech. 9:9)

Epistle

Philippians 1:2-11

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

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10:30 Adult Choir: "Lift Up Your Heads" - C. Wesley Andersen

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of Glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.*

*O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!*

*Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thine inner presence feel,
Thy grace and love in me reveal;*

*So come my Sovereign enter in!
And new and nobler life begin;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won. Amen.*

GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

(Luke 3:4b, 6)

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-14

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the Prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN: "Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" - LSB #345

THE MESSAGE: Pastor Joshua Errer

Gathering of Offerings
"People Look East" - French carol, arr. David Lasky

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the offertory we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

Scan to Give



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

(Lutheran Service Book, Setting Four, p. 208, adapted)

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply understand our communing together as also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the individual cups. It is the clear wine in the cups at the center of the tray. Note: If you prefer to receive from the chalice, simply do not take one of the individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

(Sunday only) "Creator of the Stars of Night" - *LSB* #351

10:30 Adult Choir: Advent Carol - Jeffrey Rickard

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" - *LSB* #352

"The Advent of Our King" - *LSB* #331

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Amen.

HYMN: "People, Look East"



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near
 2. Fur - rows be glad. Though earth is bare.
 3. Stars keep the watch. When night is dim
 4. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth



Of the crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as
 One more seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the
 One more light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the
 Him who brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and



you are a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 seed to nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish
 frost - y weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 val - ley hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing.



Peo-ple, look East and sing to-day: Love the Guest is on the way.
 Peo-ple, look East and sing to-day: Love the Rose is on the way.
 Peo-ple, look East and sing to-day: Love the Star is on the way.
 Peo-ple, look East and sing to-day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Postlude

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2021 Advent & Christmas Season Schedule

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wed.	Dec. 8	Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 pm
Wed.	Dec. 15	Sunday School Christmas Service	6:30 pm
Wed.	Dec. 22	Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Fri.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Readings	1:00 pm
		Christmas Eve Service with Children's Choirs	4:30 pm
		<i>(No Communion)</i>	
		Christmas Eve Festival Service	7:00 pm
		<i>Pre-service music begins at 6:30 pm by Adult Choir & Handbells</i>	
		Christmas Eve Vigil Service	10:00 pm
Sat.	Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service	10:00 am

PLEASE NOTE:

Sun.	Dec. 26	Sunday Morning Worship	9:00 am
		<i>(There will only be one Sunday Worship Service this day)</i>	
Mon.	Dec. 27	No Monday Worship	

