



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL



First
Sunday *of* Advent

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2020 - 5:00 PM

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“The Holly and the Ivy”
(Trinity Bells)

arr. P. Sanders

WELCOME

*THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

*THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(1 John 1:8, John 3:16, Matthew 5:16)*

Pastor: As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying,

People: **stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.**

Pastor: What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?

People: **I do confess.**

Pastor: Do you repent of your sins as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others?

People: **I do repent.**

Pastor: Do you believe as Holy Scripture declares, *“God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”*?

People: **I do believe.**

Pastor: Do you promise with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life and, as Christ the Lord says, *“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*?

People: **I do promise.**

Pastor: Finally, do you trust that Christ died on the cross and rose from the dead to forgive you all of your sins?

People: **I do trust.**

Pastor: As you trust, may it be to you. Upon this, your confession, I, as a servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all you sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“The Advent of Our King” (sts. 1, 2, 5 & 6) Hymn 331*
[10:45] (Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

**The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on To set His servants free.**

**Before the dawning day Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.**

**All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.**

[5:00]*THE SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

[10:45]THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Laci Arlette Lawson

The Lord's Command and Promise of Baptism

The Profession of Faith

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

People: Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, 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.

The Rite of Baptism

The Symbols of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

(Please stand.)

*Baptismal Song

“Father Welcomes”

Hymn 605

Refrain

Father welcomes all His children To His fam’ly through His Son.

Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

**In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. *Refrain***

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-12

Lector: ¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! ²As 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!

People: ³**For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.**

Lector: ⁴Since 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.

People: 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?**

Lector: ⁶All 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.

People: ⁷**No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.**

Lector: ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

People: ⁹**Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.**

Lector: ¹⁰Your sacred cities have become a desert; even Zion is a desert, Jerusalem a desolation. ¹¹Our holy and glorious temple, where our fathers praised you, has been burned with fire, and all that we treasured lies in ruins.

People: ¹²**After all this, O LORD, will you hold yourself back? Will you keep silent and punish us beyond measure?**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:7-9

⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lullaby for the Christ Child”
(Trinity Bells)

J. Hunnycutt

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:26-27, 33-37

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶“At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens... ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his 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. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

***SERMON HYMN**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Hymn 332

(sts. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh — Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.

God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

THE SERMON

“Oh, that God Would Rend the Heavens”

Isaiah 64:1-12

[5:00]*PROFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you
peace.

People: Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Hark the Glad Sound”

Hymn 349

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.**

*DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Organist	Kathy Schelp
The Lector	Roger Walker
The Usher/Greeter Team	Jane Petersen, Jackie Stine

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The Preacher	Vicar Michael Duffy
The Celebrant/Liturgist	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Sound Technician	Mary Bonner
The Elder on Duty	Martha Walker
The Lectors	Cindy Sensabaugh, Ted Ranheim
The Robing Leader	Hannah Rickenberg
The Crucifer	Jake Garrison
The Candle Bearers	Hannah Rickenberg, Micaiah Rickenberg
The Acolytes	Steven Reimann, Emma Rickenberg
The Welcome Team Greeter	Bob Pergande
At the Welcome Center	Lorraine Pergande
The Welcome Team Ushers	Donna Enzor, Steve Griffith, Carl Rod, Larry Walker

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