

December 2, 2020

First Wednesday in Advent

6:30 PM



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *The Advent of Our King*..... **CW # 1 Stz 1 & 2**

1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set his ser - vants free.

Confession and Absolution:

L: *(rise)* Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,

C: the light no darkness can over come.

L: We pray. Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over,

L: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.

L: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

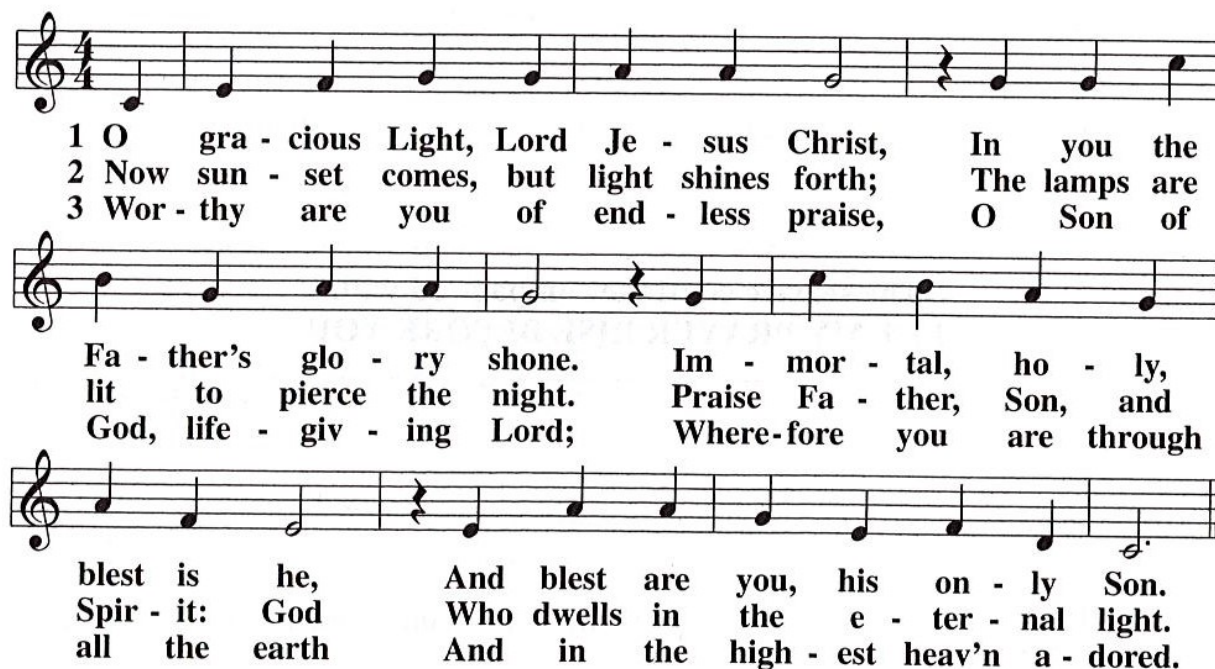
All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

L: 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!** *(seated)*

We sing: *O Gracious Light*

O Gracious Light



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of

Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through

blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

Prayer of the Day: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

Psalm: # 78:1-7

L: O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old ³ what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.

C: ⁴ **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.**

L: ⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,

C: ⁶ **so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.**

L: ⁷ Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. AMEN

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3 O Zi - on's Daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain

Nor let a faith - less heart de - spise The peace he comes to bring.
And his true mem - bers all u - nite With him in heav'n to reign.

Sermon:

Luke 11:23–28

We Are With The Lord!

Jesus said, ²³ “He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

²⁴ “When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ ²⁵ When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order.

²⁶ Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.”

²⁷ As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, “Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you.” ²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

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Evening Prayer: *(We rise and read together)*

All: Dearest Jesus, too often, I put my own concerns and my own priorities above your work, your word, and your will. Forgive me for Jesus sake, rid me of my selfishness, and fill me with the zeal to keep my mind, body, and spirit focused on you. **AMEN!**

L: We pray as Jesus taught us,

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

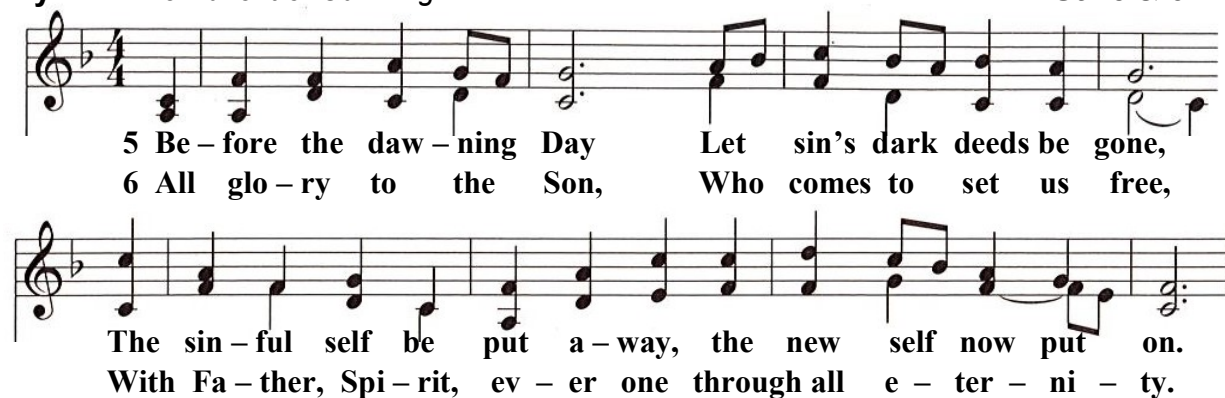
L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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5 Be - fore the daw - ning Day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
The sin - ful self be put a - way, the new self now put on.
With Fa - ther, Spi - rit, ev - er one through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Opportunities to Worship the Lord in 2020

Sunday	December 6	9:30 PM	Advent 2	Communion for our members in church
Wednesday	December 9	6:30PM	Mid-week	
Sunday	December 13	9:30 AM	Advent 3	
Wednesday	December 16	6:30 PM	Mid-week	
Sunday	December 20	9:30 AM	Advent 4	
Thursday	December 24	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve	
Friday	December 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day	
Sunday	December 27	9:30 AM	Christmas 1	

December Birthdays

2	Elias Backes
11	Jessica Orth
12	Joel Reiblich
13	Pastor Trimmer
20	John Wittmershaus
29	Nate Potter
31	Larry Galbreath