

December 9, 2020

Second 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: *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates*..... CW # 4 Stz 1 & 2



1 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates! Be - hold, the King of
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His char - iot is hu -
glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The
mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His
Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
he will bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To
woe he brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To
God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.

Confession and Absolution:

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

C: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

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.

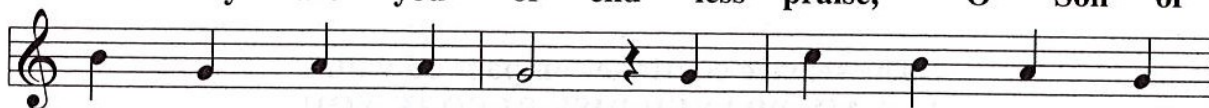
C: AMEN! (*seated*)

We sing:

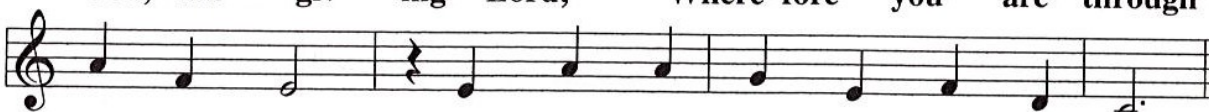
O Gracious Light



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

Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates CW # 4 Stz 3 & 4

3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the rul - er
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a tem - ple
is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes To
set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, A -
whom this King in - tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of
dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - 'reign
joy is he Who comes to set his peo - ple free. To
en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin. To
God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

Sermon:

1 Peter 3:14–15

Do Not Be Afraid!

“Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.



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 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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Re-dee-mer, co-me! I o-pen wide My heart to you; here,
 Lord, a-bide! Oh, en-ter with your sa-ving grace; Show
 me your kind and fr-i-en-dly face. Your Ho-ly Spi-rit
 guide us on un-ti-l our glo-rio-us goal is won. E-
 ter-nal praise and fame we of-fer to your name.

Opportunities to Worship the Lord in 2020

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
7	Tiffany Williams
11	Jessica Orth
12	Joel Reiblich
13	Pastor Trimmer
20	John Wittmershaus
29	Nate Potter
31	Larry Galbreath