

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday In Advent

9:30 AM



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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: *Comfort, Comfort All My People*..... CW # 11



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



"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load.
All that well de - serve his an - ger He no more will see or heed.
Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance For the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, Read - y for his ho - ly reign.



Speak to all Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
They have suf - fered man - y a day; Now their griefs have passed a - way.
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, That their war - fare now is o - ver."
God will change their ach - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.



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4th Sunday In Advent

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Hymn: *Comfort, Comfort All My People* CW # 11

Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We pray. Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.

C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

C: For your words are always with me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: Yet, so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

C: 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 gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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!

Prayer of the Day: Dearest Jesus, we rejoice in you as we find comfort in your love and faithfulness. Grant that as we have sung your praises here on earth, so we may proclaim your wonders when we join all your saint in eternity, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God now and for ever.

C: AMEN! *(seated)*

First Lesson:**Isaiah 57:14-21**

“Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.”

¹⁵ For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

¹⁶ I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me— the breath of man that I have created.

¹⁷ I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him, and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his willful ways.

¹⁸ I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him, ¹⁹ creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Israel.

Peace, peace, to those far and near,” says the LORD. “And I will heal them.”

²⁰ But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. ²¹ “There is no peace for the wicked,” says my God.

(The Word of our God)

Psalm 89

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Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;*
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,*
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,*
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;*
they exult in your righteousness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:13-19 (sermon text)

¹³ Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy."

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear.

¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: Come, O Precious Ransom, Come..... CW # 8

>1 Come, O pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly Hope for
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
 4 Hail, ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Help, Lord; hear our

sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray you. Ev - er - more, as best I can,
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let your king - dom, scep - ter, crown

O - pen are to you all por - tals. Come, your beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay you, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion That for - ev - er

let us view; Anx - ious - ly we wait for you.
 will be mine When you are my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, your mer - it through your grace.
 we may sing Hail, ho - san - na! to our King.

Gospel:

Luke 1:39-45

L: ³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!

⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" The Lord will come again in Glory.

C: The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come CW # 2 Stz 1-4

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
 cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing

heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell — High the song of tri - umph swell!

Sermon:

1 Peter 1:13-18 (Pg 6)

Be Clear Minded and Obedient



Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer: Display your power, O Lord, and come. We give you thanks that through your life, death, and resurrection, you have taken away the burden of our sins and made us ready for the celebration of your birth. Continue to bring us your peace so that we may receive you in joy. As this time of preparation draws to close, we ask that you would heal the sick, comfort the dying, and give strength to the weak. This we ask through Christ Jesus, who taught us to pray...

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

Hymn: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* CW # 15 Stz 1 & 4

1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is
 4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the
 near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -
 works of dark - ness; You are chil - dren of the day."
 last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Thank you to everyone who purchased plants and assisted in the decorating of the church this year.

Opportunities to Worship the Lord in 2020

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
Holy Communion will be offered to our members			

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