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Advent 2

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Of His
KINGDOM
*There shall be
no end.*



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 22:22-31

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #68

“The Advent of Our King”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C *♩* **A - - - men.**

P Pastor

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION:

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 89:6, 14-16, 18; Zech. 9:9b

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

C Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

P Who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

C For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.



GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Ps. 24:7*

- P** Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE*Latin for "O Lord"*

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST*TLH #237:1*

- C** ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!
- P** Let us pray. . . . You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Micah 4:1-7 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, ² and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³ He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; ⁴ but they shall sit every man

under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. ⁵ For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. ⁶ In that day, declares the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; ⁷ and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore.

EPISTLE READING – Romans 2:1-16 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ² We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. ³ Do you suppose, O man--you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself-- that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹ For God shows no partiality. ¹² For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears

witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

**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.

HYMN: TLH #369


"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

SERMON – Luke 1:26-35 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy-- the Son of God.

Jesus Comes with Comfort to Those Who Wait

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.


- C**  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #65:1-2,4-5 “When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”


- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- C**  We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C**  Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: TLH #70

“Hosanna to the Living Lord”

✠ Announcements ✠

Advent Continues –

Midweek Advent services continue this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. For the three Wednesdays between December 4 and 18, we will be focusing on the theme “Away in a Manger.” Advent is a season of preparation for the Savior to come, and there is no better way to prepare for the Savior’s birth than gathering together with

fellow believers. If you have never attended a midweek Advent or Lenten service before, I would strongly encourage you to start now. Please take time out of your evenings and join us this Wednesday!

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Dec. 8:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Dec. 8:** Board of Elders
- ✠ **Dec. 15:** Board of Trustees and Church Council
- ✠ **Dec. 19-23:** Pastor out of town
- ✠ **Dec. 22:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve **7 pm**
- ✠ **Dec. 25:** Christmas Day 10:15a
- ✠ **Jan. 5:** Annual Voters’ Meeting

Christmas Eve Goodie Bags On Christmas Eve, we will be handing out bags of treats to the children of the congregation. If you are able, please bring candy or peanuts to church by Sunday, December 15, so that they bags can be filled in time. If you have any questions, please speak to Christy Kuehne. Thank you!

Poinsettia Sign-up is in the back of church. Flowers this year will be \$10. Please sign up for a flower to help decorate the sanctuary this Christmas season! **Additionally**, the Ladies of Immanuel are collecting money to help a family in need this Christmas season. If you can, please donate \$10 for this. All payments can be given to Teresa Bernthal.

CLC Call News Pastor Jim Albrecht, St. John's, Okabena, MN has been called by Berea, Sioux Falls, SD. <> Pastor Andrew Schaller, Calvary, Marquette, MI has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary. <> Pastor Norm Greve, St. Peter's, Iron River, MI has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor John Hein to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Crystal Shaw** has recently received a positive diagnosis and is awaiting more doctor analysis. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. **Bill Issitt Sr.** is progressing very well. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Delores Seger** is in the ICU battling pneumonia. **John Weis** is recovering from emergency surgery. He is doing well.

Last Week (12/1) WH – 35

General = \$1538 | Spokesman = \$14 | Building Fund = \$50

Missions = \$50

Total Offering = \$1,652

December Usher: Steve Goodwin

| **Cleaning (12/14):** Ream

| **Acolyte (12/15):** Mason K.