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1st Sunday of Advent

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The *Gifts*
of
Christmas
SALVATION



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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" 2 Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! 3 Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, 4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. 5 There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! 7 Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" 8 For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #55

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

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

C ♪ A - - - men.

P Pastor

C Congregation

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

Psalm 118:25-28

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
C **Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!**
P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.
C **The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**
P You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

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.

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system contains the first line of lyrics, and the second system contains the second line. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.


VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 24:7

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

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

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the first line of lyrics, and the second system contains the second line. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

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 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.

C  A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 98 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. 2 The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5 Sing to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, 6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. 7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together 9 before the Lord, For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 24:37-44 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had

known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

- 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 #73

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

SERMON – Romans 13:11-14 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (ESV)

THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS-SALVATION

OFFERTORY

- ☞** **♫** 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 #60

“Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2 “Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”

- C** 🎵 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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 #62 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 26 Total Offering = \$582.25

- ✠ **Nov. 27** 8am Orlando service 10:15 am WH
- ✠ **Nov. 30** Special Wednesday Advent Service at 2:00 pm
- ✠ **Dec. 2** Havendale Christmas Parade
- ✠ **Dec. 4** 9:15am Bible Class 10:15am Communion Service Christmas Cookie fellowship after church with Church Council, Trustee, and Elders’ meetings
- ✠ **Dec. 7** Special Wednesday Advent Service at 2:00 pm
- ✠ **Dec. 11** 8am Orlando service 10:15am WH

General = \$432.25 | Property Improvement = \$50.00 | Building = \$50.00 | ILC Scholarship = \$50.00

Poinsettia There is a poinsettia list in the back of church. If you would like to donate money for a poinsettia “In Memory Only,” please sign the list and pay Teresa \$10.

Christmas Decorating Thanks for all who came out to decorate the church yesterday. It looks great.

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will conduct Bible class December 4 at 9:15 am followed by the communion service. After church there will be the Christmas Cookie Fellowship followed by Church Council, Trustees, and Elders’ meetings. The following week Orlando service will be at 8:00 am followed by the Winter Haven service at 10:15 am.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 28 – Dec. 3, '22

Mon Luke 1:68-75 Zacharias, filled with the Holy Spirit, stands on the threshold of the new covenant age and praises God for bringing the salvation promised of old. The deliverance now at hand will enable God's people to serve Him without fear in holiness all their days.

Tues Luke 1:76-79 After praising God for visiting and redeeming His people (v68ff), Zacharias turns to his newborn son John, who will prepare the way of the Lord, who is coming to save His people through the forgiveness of their sins. Following John will come the Dayspring to give light to those in darkness and in the shadow of death. Peace with God is at hand!

Wed Hebrews 10:19-22 Through the coming of the Dayspring from on high, we receive access to God at all times and in all places. Therefore let us draw near with a true heart, fully assured in our hearts that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, and we stand before Him washed by water and the Word (Baptism).

Thurs Hebrews 10:23-25 We are encouraged to hold fast the confession of our hope, not because our holding fast accomplishes our salvation, but because He who promised is faithful (v23). May we use our meeting together to stir one another to love and good works, encouraging each other in view of the Day of Christ's coming.

Fri Jeremiah 31:31-34 The prophet looks forward to the days of which the Zacharias would sing (Lk1:68-79). The new covenant, based on forgiveness, will put God's law in the heart, so that His people's earnest desire will be to walk in it. They shall all know the LORD, for He will be their dear Father through the Savior from sin.

Sat Isaiah 61:1-3 The coming Savior is described by the LORD's prophet in terms of riches, healing, freedom, comfort, gladness, and praise! All this would come from the LORD's Anointed in place of the poverty, captivity, sorrow and death that seemed so permanent in the prophet's day. Isaiah looked forward to the same Savior's coming that we do in Advent.