

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Do not forget this one thing, dear friends.



With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY Savior of all nations, we thank you for coming into our world and into human flesh to save us. Now come into our hearts that we may worship you aright and serve you with our lives. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES **Welcome to our worship this morning!** This is the second Sunday in Advent, the season of the church year that looks back at Jesus' coming to save us, looks to Scripture to understand his coming into our hearts, and looks forward to his coming again to usher in "the new heaven and the new earth, the home of righteousness."

The Lord's Supper, which we celebrate today, is an evidence and an expression of the unity of faith shared by those who commune together. For that reason we ask that only persons who are members of congregations in fellowship with the WELS participate in the sacrament with us. Other guests are encouraged to speak to our pastor for information about participating.



OPENING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates" (p.9) CW, #4:1-4

ORDER OF WORSHIP CW, p. 26

P: 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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: 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.

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.**

P: 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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

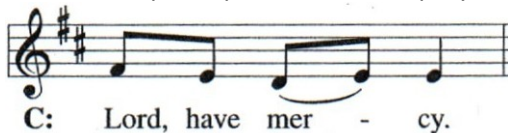
- P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



PRAYER OF THE DAY



FIRST LESSON **ISAIAH 40:1-11**

The ministry of John the Baptizer is foretold, as is the coming of the Messiah, in power and in love.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become

level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out.” And I said, “What shall I cry?” “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.” You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

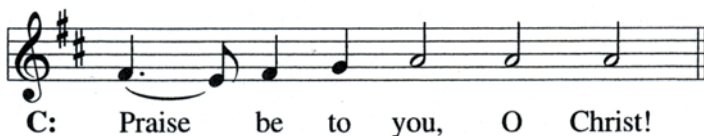
RESPONSE “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates” (p.9)

CW, #4:5

GOSPEL **MARK 1:1-8**

John the Baptizer calls people to repentance and faith, focusing on the One who would take away sin and empower believers with the Holy Spirit.

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” “a voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”



HYMN OF THE DAY

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (p.13)

CW, #16

SERMON

2 Peter 3:8-14 “The Promise of God’s Patience”

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CW, p. 31

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

SERVICE CONTINUES WITH PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CW, p. 32

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

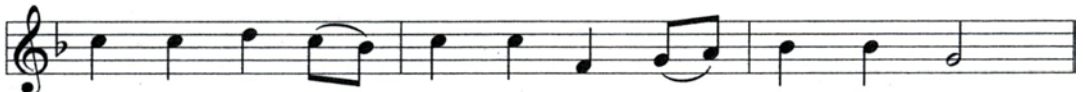
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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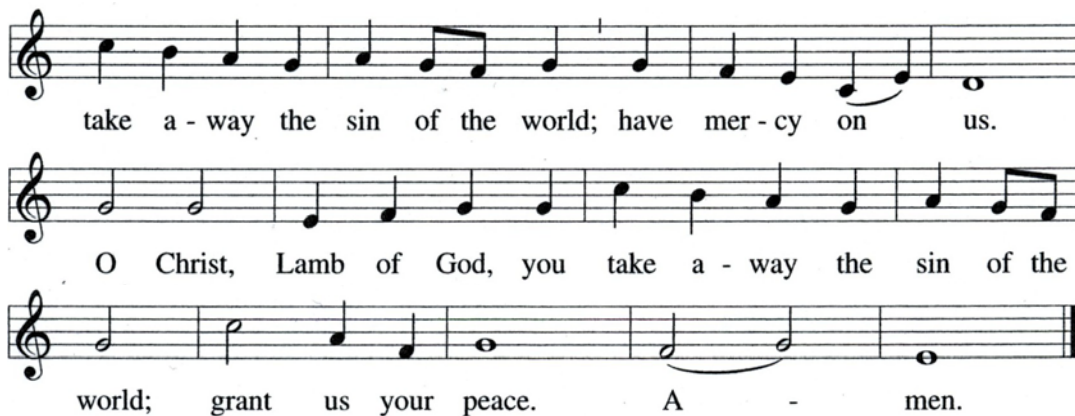
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



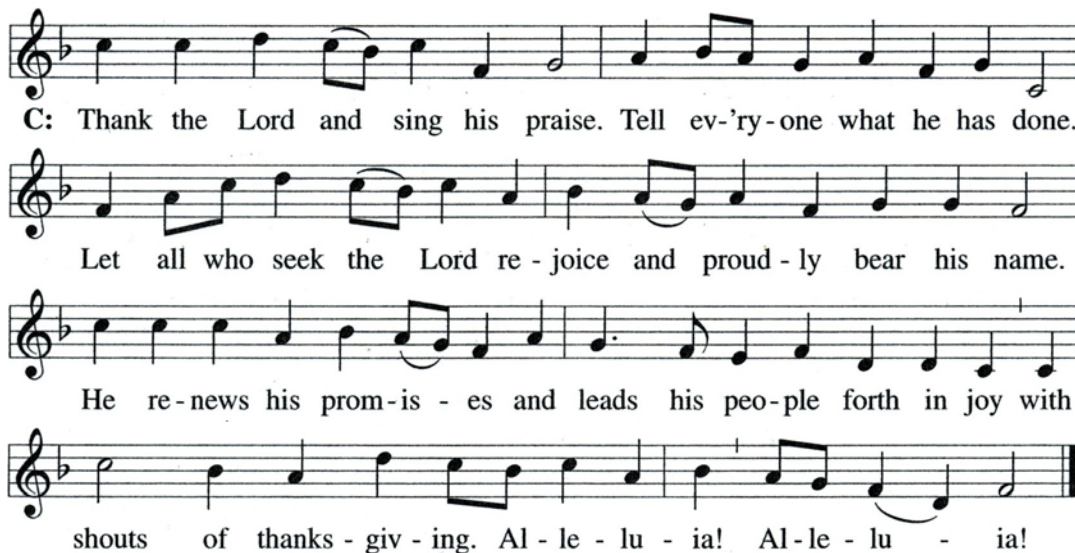
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"When Sinners See Their Lost Condition" (p.11)

CW, #32

SERVICE CONTINUES

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P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



- P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.



CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See”

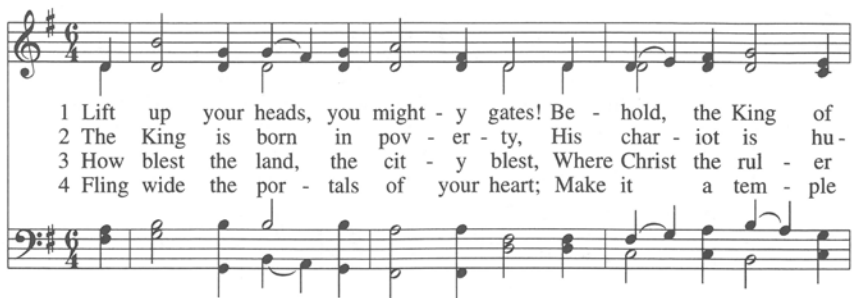
CW, #219

Lord, when your glory I shall see And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought To stand in joy beside you.




SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

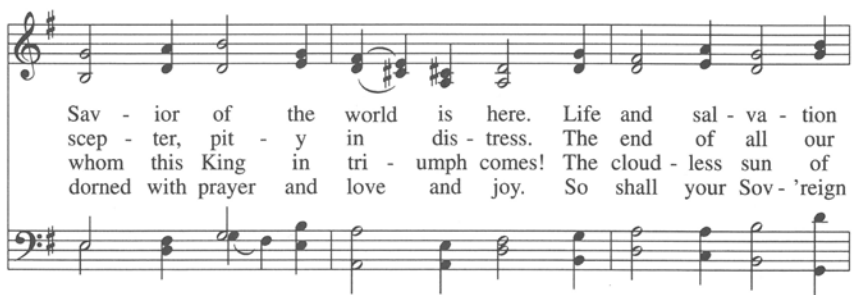
4 Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of
 2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His char - iot is hu -
 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



glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; The
 mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, His
 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 -



Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
 scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
 whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of
 dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - 'reign



he will bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To
 woe he brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings. To
 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 Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come! I open wide
 My heart to you; here, Lord, abide!
 Oh, enter with your saving grace;
 Show me your kind and friendly face.
 Your Holy Spirit guide us on
 Until our glorious goal is won.
 Eternal praise and fame
 We offer to your name.

32 When Sinners See Their Lost Condition

1 When sin - ners see their lost con - di - tion And feel
 2 When Je - sus en - ters meek and low - ly To fill
 3 When Je - sus en - ters land and na - tion And chang-
 4 When Je - sus comes — O bless - ed sto - ry — He works

the press - ing load of sin And Je - sus comes on
 the home with sweet - est peace, When hearts have felt his
 es peo - ple with his love, When, yield - ing to his
 a change in heart and life; God's king - dom comes with

his blest mis - sion To heal the sin - sick
 bless - ing ho - ly And found from sin com -
 kind per - sua - sion, Our hearts his truth and
 pow'r and glo - ry To young and old, to

heart with - in, All grief must flee be - fore his
 plete re - lease, Then calm and joy with - in shall
 bless - ing prove, Then shall our life on earth be
 man and wife. Through sac - ra - ment and liv - ing



grace, reign, blest; Word And joy di - vine will take its place.
And hearts di - vid - ed love a - gain.
The peace of God on us shall rest.
Faith, love, and hope are now con - ferred.

- 5 Oh, may he soon to ev'ry nation
Find entrance where he is unknown,
With life and light and free salvation,
That Satan's pow'r be overthrown,
And healing to all hearts may come
In heathen land and Christian home!

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On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift

es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
 nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
 uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
 us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on

for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.

- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
 Whose advent has our freedom won,
 Whom with the Father we adore
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

Intro: Are we out of control? There is a distinct LACK of patience in our world today, because man will not acknowledge the need for a “restrictor plate.” You see, the Lord is not slow as some think, but patient and with good reason.

The Promise of God’s Patience

1. God’s patience leads to repentance and salvation.

- 1.1 People doubt God because he appears to be slow in keeping his word.
- 1.2 God’s patience puts our impatience into prominent display.
- 1.3 In Jesus God shows his true character: slow to anger.

App: Throughout the history of God’s interaction with us, this is the major theme – he could have and should have destroyed us, but he has chosen instead to carefully and lovingly guide us toward his gift of salvation.

2. God salvation motivates holy and godly lives.

- 2.1 His goodness evokes an alertness of the times.
- 2.2 We speed the day of his coming by living better.
- 2.3 We take the path less traveled.

App: The narrow road is rough and rocky, but the terrain is a beautiful landscape worth noticing. It’s all in the way we perceive it.

Conclusion: Advent is when we learn to look forward to God’s coming and anticipate it’s impact on everything we know and believe to be true.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (12/6) **8:00 am** **Worship Service w/ Communion**
 9:15 am Adult Bible Study
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am **Worship Service w/ Communion**
 Wednesday 8:30 am Childrens Chapel
 4:00 pm Public School Confirmation Class
 Thursday **7:00 pm** Advent Service
 Saturday 10:00 am Bible Information Class
 10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Practice
 Sunday (12/13) **8:00 am** **Contemporary Worship Service**
 9:15 am Adult Bible Study
 10:30 am **Contemporary Worship Service**

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1 st Lesson	Malachi 4:1-6
2 nd Lesson	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel	John 1:6-8,19-20
Psalms	71

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
 This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
 Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**“GOD KEEPS
HIS PROMISES”**
SERVICE THEME

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HYMNS

4:1-4, 4:5, 16, 32, 219

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON

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