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First Sunday of Advent

November 29th 2020

Anchored in Scripture...Sharing Life in Christ

Welcome to worship! A special welcome to any visitors worshipping here this morning. So that we connect and keep in touch with our visitors, we have "connect cards". Please ask an Usher for assistance. May God bless all of us as we hear God's word read, proclaimed, and offered in Holy Communion! May we offer our own praise and thanksgiving to God with honest and joyful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

Welcome to the Lord's Table: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the real presence of Jesus offered in Holy Communion (The Eucharist). We invite all baptized Christians who confess their sin before God, affirm Jesus' presence in this meal, and rejoice in God's forgiveness offered to us to receive Holy Communion. If you do not usually commune or are awaiting instruction in the meaning of this sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing.

Distribution of Communion:

<u>Distribution</u>- Pastor Metze and the Altar Guild explored many ways to administer communion faithfully and safely. The following was decided:

- Consecrated wine will be poured directly into bottles designed to easily pour wine into our plastic cups.
- Consecrated communion wafers will be distributed directly from the packaging.
- Gluten-free wafers are available for communion upon request.

 Please advise an usher or altar guild member before service begins.
- Pastor Metze, the assisting minister and all other communion assistants will be wearing gloves.
- A separate team will commune those attending the worship in the parking lot.

Logistics

- Every communicant will secure a plastic cup on the way to the front to receive a wafer from Pastor Metze followed by wine from an assistant.
- We will distribute communion by sections starting with the family section, then the couple's section and finally the singles section.

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(1 John 1:6-10;Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 55:22)

Please stand if you are able.

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn: My Lord, What a Morning pg 19

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(2nd Corinthians 13:14)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

(first verse sung)

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (first verse sung)

Light one candle to watch for the Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. 5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. 8 But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

After the reading the congregation responds as follows.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;* shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,* stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore us, O | God of hosts;*

show the light of your countenance, and we \mid shall be saved.

⁴O Lord | God of hosts,*

how long will you be angered

despite the prayers | of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;* you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,* and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;*

show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(John 6:68)



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C:



Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

²⁴{Jesus said,} "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stav awake."

After the Gospel reading, the Pastor says "The Gospel of the Lord".

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C:



SERMON

Rev. Mark A. Metze

Please stand if you are able

Hymn of the Day:

The King Shall Come pg 20

Presentation of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Apostles' Creed

The presiding minister may introduce the Creed.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins. the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism

among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

New Members (continued)

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

We give you thanks for *our new members*, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Galations 6:2; 1 Timothy 2:1)

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers and the congregation responds.

A: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(2nd Corinthians 5:18; Ephesians 4:32)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING

Musical Offering

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:



OFFERTORY PRAYER:

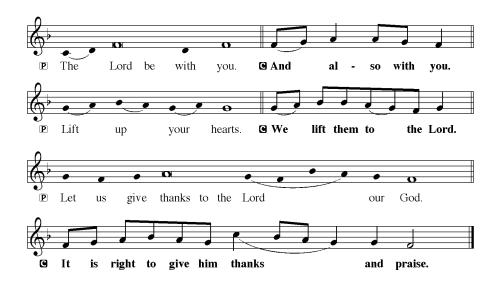
(Proverbs 3:9; Romans 15:26-27; 2nd Corinthians 9:6-7)

The Assisting Minister leads the prayer and the congregation responds.

A: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

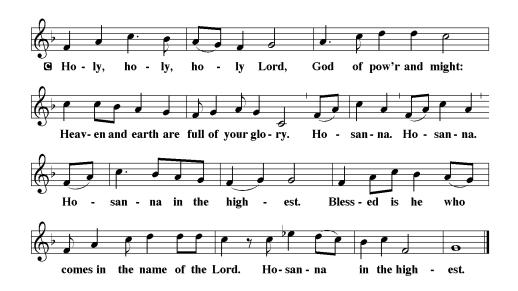
DIALOGUE — THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:



PREFACE

The Preface is led by the Pastor.

SANCTUS: (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



PRAYER

The Pastor begins with "Blessed are you..."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:

(Matthew 15:27; Galatians 2:20)

- P: We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.
- C: We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, to abide in the body and blood of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Pastor begins with "In the night..."

LORD'S PRAYER:

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:24)

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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for communion. Others may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms to identify that you wish to be blessed.

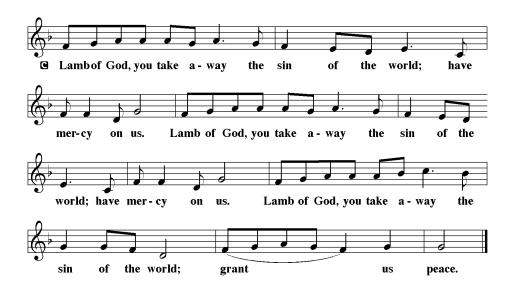
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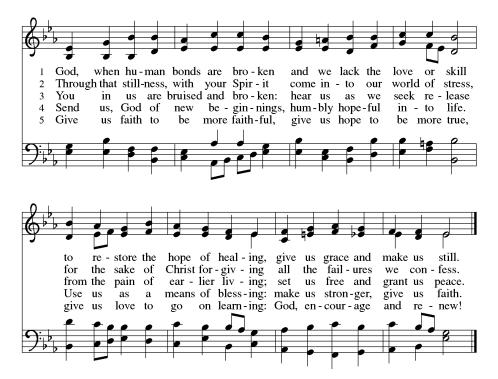
(John 1:29)

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn #2 on the next page

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



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O Living Bread from Heaven



Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

Please stand if you are able

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

A: Let us pray.

The Assisting Minister leads the prayer and the congregation responds

C: Amen

(Numbers 6:22-27)

BLESSING:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Hark, the Glad Sound! pg 21

SENDING: (Luke 7:50)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

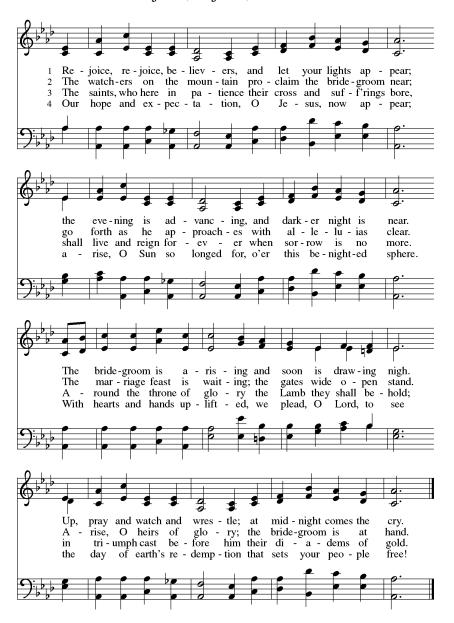
POSTLUDE

My Lord, What a Morning



Text: African American spiritual Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Hark, the Glad Sound!



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

ANNAPOLIS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor: The Reverend Mark A. Metze

Music Director: Emma Baker

Prayer List

Grief & Comfort: Bob Kolos

<u>Health & Healing:</u> Bruce Bathgate, Art Butler, Connie Crupi, Janet Everette, Ron Hamm, Alice Johnson, Norene Patrick, Nancy and Jim Reece, Roann, and Stephanie Gigliotti's brother Karl.

<u>Homebound</u>: Carolyn Buddemeier, Jean Clarke, Henrietta Conlin, Theresa Dearborn, Audrey Gilbert, Alice Johnson, Peggy Martin, & Betty Strohl.

Military Deployed & Their Families: LCDR Brennin Colegrove

NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregation of the Week: Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lebanon, PA

Youth Sponsored Children: Joseph and Muluken.

Advent Vespers

You are invited to participate in our Advent Vespers worship services starting Wednesday December 2nd and ending on Wednesday December 16th. Our very own "wise men," Pastors Gerald Miller, Michael Heuer and Mark Metze will be offering reflections on the Advent themes of Peace, Hope, Love and Joy. Worship will begin at 6:00pm in the sanctuary * followed by an adult book study and a youth bible study for all middle and high school youth! Safety precautions such as social distancing and mask wearing will be required while worshiping and congregating.

New Members Welcomed to our congregation today

Ellen, Eric and Lisa Deklau, Connie and Daryl Faustina, Brandy and Andrew Hamm

Christian Education and Youth Ministry

And I said, "Here am I. Send me! Isaiah 6:8

AELC is actively looking for volunteers to serve as leaders of the Youth Support ministry and/or the Christian Education ministry. If you believe that God is calling you to either of these positions, please contact Pastor Mark at mark.metze@yahoo.com or the church office at church@annapolislutheran.org

From the Quilters

The Quilters now have holiday quilts, placemats, and table runners on display in the gym for sale. There is also a table in the Fellowship Hall foyer with stuffed bears, pillowcases, pillows, and Christmas themed masks for sale. If you would like one of the items on display in the gym or foyer, simply take the item and place a check in the offering plate with "Quilters" on the memo line. All items will have a tag with a price marked, except the 60" x 80" tied quilts which are \$25 each. All funds from the purchases will be used for quilting supplies: batting, scissors, pins, etc.

MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

Important Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020. This is the last day to drop off food and gifts in the Church Fellowship Hall. The drop-off point is a table in the hallway. If it is not possible for you to deliver it then, please call the church office (Phone: 443-837-6436) to make delivery arrangements. Thank you for your participation!

^{*} The council has deemed it appropriate to allow Advent Vespers worship in the sanctuary for two reasons. 1) Our sanctuary can safely accommodate the smaller crowds of worship and 2) we have purchased a cleaning device capable of disinfecting the pew surfaces.



Christmas Dedications for 2020

Christmas offers many opportunities... it's a time of hope and joy, and a time to reflect on all the rich blessings God has given to us.

You may offer dedications for poinsettias to beautify our worship area at Christmas, and/or make a donation for our homeless and hungry neighbors through the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland. (Please designate below.)

This year poinsettias are \$25 per plant. Your plant(s) may be picked up after the Christmas Eve worship service, or after Christmas Morning worship service. *IMPORTANT!* Please place dedication form and payment in the offering plate, or submit to the church office by Sunday, December 20, 2020.

Christmas Dedications

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