

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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Second Week of Advent +Year C

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❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing,
May our streets be filled with joy,
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray.

Refrain:

From the mountain to the valley,
Hear our praises rise to You!
From the heavens to the nations,
Hear our singing fill the air!

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross.
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas.

(Refrain)

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Refrain)

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our
sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,
C have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

Children come forward as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

L A reading from Baruch.

¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;

put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting,
³ for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven,
⁴ for God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace,
Godly Glory.”

⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of
the Holy One,

rejoicing that God has remembered them.

⁶ For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies,
but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a
royal throne.

⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the
everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make
level ground,

so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s
command.

⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,**
born of the house of your | servant David. R

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from
our enemies,

⁷¹ from the hands of | all who hate us,

⁷² **to show mercy | to our forebears,**
and to remember your | holy covenant.

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,

free to worship you | without fear,

⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life. R

**⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,**

**⁷⁷ to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

**⁷⁸ In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,**

**⁷⁹ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow
of death,**

and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. R

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

L A reading from Philippians.

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: LUKE 3:1-6

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song of the Day

All Earth is Hopeful

ELW 266

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God’s creative task:
This, the labor of people who struggle to see
How God’s truth and justice set ev’rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
“A Virgin mother will bear Emmanuel”:
She conceived him “God with us,” our brother, whose birth
Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;
New highways opened, new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
The same Lord Jesus today has come to live
In our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
Our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

Prayers of the People

P Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

Prayer Song *Let my Prayer be a Fragrant Offering* W&P86 (Refrain)

Let my prayer be a fragrant offering, as incense to you arise.
Let my prayer be a fragrant offering, my hands lifted up in praise.

The prayers conclude with:

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.

Let my prayer be a fragrant offering, as incense to you arise.
Let my prayer be a fragrant offering, my hands lifted up in praise.

☞ MEAL ☞

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!

Offertory

Soon and Very Soon

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Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

**C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another
and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death, we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

C 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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

O Come, O Come

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

O come Thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

Chorus:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.
Interlude

O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
(Chorus twice)

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✻ SENDING ✻

Blessing

- L God all mighty, God most merciful ✚ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
C Amen.

Sending Song *May the God of Hope Go With Us* ACS 984

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,
To a world in need with news of joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.

Chorus:

Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new ,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

God will be our Shepherd as we go our way
and will not forsake us when we go astray.
Even though the load of life is hard to bear,
we must not forget that God is always there.

(Chorus)

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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Thanksgiving at the Table: *With One Voice*