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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyle McKenzie, Co-Pastor

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship,

Advent liturgy 2022 by Nathan McDonald

***John the Baptist personifies the anticipation of Advent. Wildness
and holiness meld together.***

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Gathering Song
Come Now, O God – No. 902

Vs. 1 Come now, O God, when our love is forsaken.
Come, when our bedrock of faith has been shaken.
Come, when our deepest of hopes are mistaken.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Vs. 2 Come, when we squander the freedom
you gave us.

Come, break the systems of sin that enslave us.
Come, though we wonder if you can still save us.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Vs. 3 Come, put an end to our self-serving madness.
Come, while the world is enshrouded in sadness.
Come, turn the tears of our mourning to gladness.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

**Cre-a-tor have mer-cy. O Christ have mer-cy.
Cre-a-tor have mer-cy u-pon us.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Come Now, O Prince of Peace – No. 247

Vs. 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)

- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the
people, and the | hills, in righteousness.

**⁴Let him defend the needy a- | mong the
people, rescue the poor, and crush | the
oppressor.**

**Refrain: May the righteous flourish; let there be
an abundance of peace.**

**⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.**

**⁶Let him come down like rain upon | the mown
field, like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

⁷In his time may the ¹ righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon
shall ¹ be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the ¹ God of Israel;
you alone do ¹ wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious ¹ name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory.
A- ¹ men. Amen.

**Refrain: May the righteous flourish; let there be
an abundance of peace.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia!**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

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Hymn of the Day

There's a Voice in the Wilderness – No. 255

Vs. 1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!

Vs. 2 O Jerusalem, herald good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their king.
Like flowers of the field we perish,
like grass our works decay;
the power and the pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

Vs. 3 But the word of our Saviour is faithful,
the arm of our God is strong,
who stands in the midst of the nations
and soon will right the wrong.
Lord, feed your flock like a shepherd,
the lambs so gently hold;
in pastures of peace now lead them,
and bring them to your fold.

Prayer Verse

Come, Em-man-u-el. Come, Em-man-u-el.

Peace Sharing

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And also with you.

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Offering Song

Comfort, Comfort Now My People – No. 256

Vs. 1 "Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim
that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over,
God will reign in peace forever.

Vs. 2 For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance,
since the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way.
Valleys, rise to greet the Saviour;
hills bow down in humble favor.

Vs. 3 Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

We give thanks to the Creator. **It is right to give
our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy,
O, God of Hosts,
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God

**O Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
O grant us your Peace.**

Communion Song

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper – No. 901

Vs. 1 Now the heavens start to whisper,
as the veil is growing thin.

Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within:

seed of promise, deeply planted,
child to spring from Jesse's stem!

Like the soil beneath the frostline,
hearts grow soft to welcome him.

Vs. 2 Heavy clouds that block the moonlight
now begin to drift away.

Diamond brilliance through the darkness
shines the hope of coming day.

Christ, the morning star of splendor,
gleams within a world grown dim.

Heaven's ember fans to fullness;
hearts grow warm to welcome him.

Vs. 3 Christ, eternal Sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance
hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger,
in the outcast, hid from view;
Child who comes to grace the manger,
teach our hearts to welcome you.

Sending Song

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! – No. 246

Vs. 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!

"Christ is near," we hear it say.

"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"

Vs. 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,

from earth's bondage let us rise;

Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Vs. 3 See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;

Vs. 4 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.

Vs. 5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!

Dismissal

...Thanks be to God!

Thank you to everyone who has joined in worship in-person and online. We hope you worship with us again.

*A time of hospitality follows worship.
Thank you to Jeanie Stann and Iris Schoffer for hosting.*

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***Worship continues each Sunday,
10 AM PDT in-person and on livestream.***

***Advent Worship with St. Luke's Anglican today,
December 4, at 4:30 PM at Church of the Cross,
celebrating the opportunity to worship together
again!***

***Midweek Advent Worship continues on Thursdays,
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