

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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INVOCATION

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

Amen.

INTROIT: PSALM 80:1, 3, 7-9 (ESV)

- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- ³ ***Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!***
- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- ⁸ ***You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.***
- ⁹ ***You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.***

OPENING PRAYER

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds.

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You will open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake.

As we receive the Holy Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, grant us faith to believe that He is truly present, and grant us repentant hearts, that we may receive Your gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation with joy and thanksgiving.

Hear us for Christ's sake.

Amen.

#13: "PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION!"

- 1 Prepare the way, O Zion!
Ye awful deeps, rise high;
Sink low, ye lofty mountains,
The Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory,
Foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

- O blest is He that came
In God the Father's Name!
- 2 O Zion, He approaches,
Your Lord and King for aye;
Strew palms where He advances,
Spread garments in His way;
God's promise faileth never,
Hosanna sound forever. *Refrain*
- 3 Fling wide your portals, Zion,
And hail your glorious King;
His tidings of salvation
To every people bring,
Who, waiting still in sadness,
Would sing His praise with gladness. *Refrain*
- 4 The throne which He ascended
Is fixed in heaven above;
His everlasting kingdom
Is light and joy and love;
Let us His praise be sounding
For grace and peace abounding. *Refrain*

CONFESSION OF SIN

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9) And so with confidence we bow before the Lord to confess our sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ’s sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

*O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us!*

ABSOLUTION

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 on His name, He gives power to become sons of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, LORD, to us all.

Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 PETER 3:8-14 (ESV)

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will

melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 1:1-8 (ESV)

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cecil Malme

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee. Amen.*

#15: "COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE"

- 1 Comfort, comfort ye, my people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Bowed beneath their sorrow's load;
Of the peace that waits for them
Speak ye to Jerusalem;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.
- 2 For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance,
Since the kingdom now is here.
O, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him,
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

- 3 Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign;
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His word is never broken.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 40:1-11 (ESV)

- 1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
- 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
- 6 A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

- 9 Go on up to a high mountain,
 O Zion, herald of good news;
 lift up your voice with strength,
 O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
 lift it up, fear not;
 say to the cities of Judah,
 "Behold your God!"
- 10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
 behold, his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
- 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms;
 he will carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead those that are with young.

SERMON: "COMFORT FOR THE AFFLICTED"

#3: "O HOW SHALL I RECEIVE THEE" (STANZAS 1-3)

- 1 O how shall I receive Thee,
 How greet Thee, Lord, aright?
 All nations long to see Thee,
 My Hope, my heart's delight!
 O kindle, Lord most holy,
 Thy lamp within my breast,
 To do in spirit lowly
 All that may please Thee best.
- 2 Thy Zion palms is strewing,
 And branches fresh and fair;
 My heart, its powers renewing,
 An anthem shall prepare.
 My soul puts off her sadness
 Thy glories to proclaim;
 With all her strength and gladness
 She fain would serve thy Name.

- 3 Love caused Thine incarnation,
 Love brought Thee down to me;
 Thy thirst for my salvation
 Procured my liberty.
 O love beyond all telling
 That led Thee to embrace,
 In love all love excelling,
 Our lost and fallen race.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION (2 CORINTHIANS 13:14)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Wed., Dec. 9 Bible Study: 1 Peter 7:00 pm
(on site and via Zoom)

Sun., Dec. 13 “Behold His Glory” KNOX 1310 AM 7:30 am
Sunday School (preschool – adult) 9:30 am
Divine Worship w/ Christmas Program 10:30 am

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon., Dec. 14 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm
Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Dec. 20 & 27 No Sunday School

Thur., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm

Offering envelopes will be available in mid-December.

Remember to pray for those who are hurting or sick, those who have lost a loved one, young families with children, our nation, the AFLC, members & friends of Trinity, Pastor Dan and Alicia Antal.

11/29 Attn: 43; Views: 40; Offering: \$1,879.40

12/13 Texts: Isaiah 61:1-11; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28