

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 28, 2021

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**



NOVEMBER 28, 2021

GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Advent Preface

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Mary Haugen, b. 1950
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Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our life, our mercy, our hope.

Let us prepare for Christ's coming by turning from sin and darkness and turning toward the light of God's compassion and renewal.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Great and Holy One,
**in this time of waning daylight,
we confess the shadows of sin in our lives.
Our words and deeds have not proclaimed
your reign of justice and peace.
We have failed to watch and pray
for the signs of your advent among us.
Come to restore us in your image,
remake us into your people,
and restore what sin has broken,
that we and the whole creation may rejoice.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy__ on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy__ on__ us.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.__ Chri - ste e - le - i - son.



Shine your light in__ to our__ dark - ness. Fill__ us__ with your ho - ly love.
Heal all__ con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us__ how to__ live as one.



Be our strength in times of__ trou - ble. Set us free from chains that__ bind.
Show us how to love our__ neigh - bor. Run to those who__ cry for__ help.



Breathe new_ life in - to our_ spir - its. Pu - ri - fy our_ hearts and minds.
Word made flesh who lives a - mong us; Christ our_ Lord, Em - man - u - el.

In the advent of Christ the dawn from on high
breaks upon us with light and healing.
Through Jesus Christ, God looks upon you with favor
and forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Curtis Family

Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart.
He comes, He comes. Repeat.

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the
threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Children's Time

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

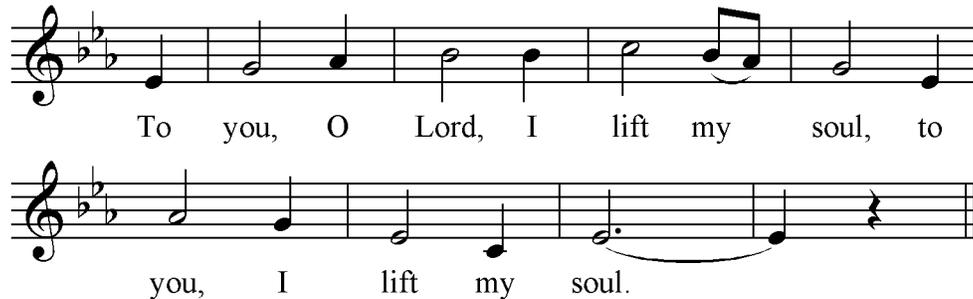
In the Old Testament, "righteousness" often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today's reading, Jerusalem's future name—"The Lord is our righteousness"—proclaims that God is even now

working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 25



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to
you, I lift my soul.

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Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

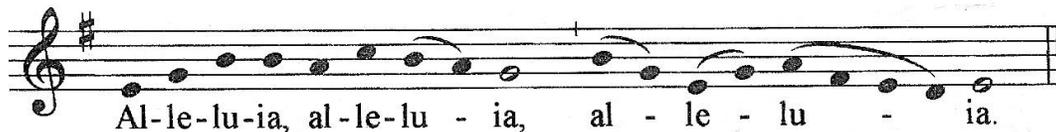
Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Gospel Verse



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Praise to you, O Christ

Song of the Day

Creator of the Stars of Night

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1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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 Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, plainsong mode IV
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Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,
 Creator of all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ, God's child.
 His coming is the advent of God's reign of justice and peace.
 Through his life comes healing,
 Through his death comes hope,
 And through his rising, life eternal.**

**We believe in the Spirit,
 Who speaks through the prophets,
 inspires the witness of the Church,
 and through our baptism into Christ,
 dwells within our hearts.**

Prayers of the People

Prayer requests: Sid & Beryl Bennett; Jeannie Ledford and family; Elsa Brody; The Family of Lucy Anne Frokjer (Andy's mom); Esther & Rich (Jeanie Ledford's aunt & uncle); Michael Dresp; Stephanie Hoff

Prayers for our church family: JoAnn & Steve Bennett; Tony Bloodworth; Jennifer Bobell

**The Peace & Announcements
 Birthdays & Anniversaries**

MEAL

Prayer over the Gifts

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table, where Christ comes to make a home in you.

Communion Song

Lamb of God

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three lines of music. The first line is labeled 'Cantor:' and contains four verses of lyrics. The second line is labeled '1., 2., 3.' and 'Assembly:' and contains the lyrics 'take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have'. The third line is labeled '4.' and 'Assembly:' and contains the lyrics 'mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.' The music is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests.

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you
3. Key of Da - vid and Day-spring from on high:
4. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have
mer - cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Open the Eyes of My Heart

Verse: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You,
I want to see You. (repeat)

Chorus: To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.
(repeat vs. 1 & chorus)

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You

SENDING

Closing Prayer

God of wonder,
we give thanks that you have fed us once again
with this foretaste of the great feast to come.
Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbor with joy,
that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1. Troubles and trials are almost over
Troubles and trials are almost over
Troubles and trials are almost over
See what the Lord has done

Chorus:

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
See what the Lord has done

2. Heaven's journey is almost over . . .
Oh see what the Lord has done

3. O Brother don't you worry . . .
Now see what the Lord has done

4. Two thousand years have come and gone . . .
See what the Lord has done

Chorus

5. O, Sister don't stop prayin' . . .
O see what the Lord has done

Chorus X 4

Blessing

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks to:

Greeter: Cyndi Rollefson

Usher:

Children's Time: Deanna Schultze

Lector: Bob Grosse

Coffee Server: Patti & Marc Frey

Altar Flowers Sponsored by: Carlyn Hinds

Musicians, Singers: Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen / Richard Rollefson / Matt Schultze / Ryan Reck / Phil Strauss / Talia Ortega