

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 1 and 2, 2019

**Welcome to Worship!** During the Advent season, we use wreaths and calendars to count down the days until the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. There are a lot of preparations that occupy us during these days. Today, both Jesus and St. Paul encourage us to be prepared, to be ready for Jesus' Second Coming. No calendars or wreaths can tell when that Day will be, so prepare and get ready! Repent!

**First time guests:** Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

**We love children!** If your child gets fussy, please take him/her to the Comfort Place in the Atrium. You can hear the service there, and will allow others to hear as well.

**A Staffed Nursery** is available at **9:00 A.M.** beneath the narthex.

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Sunday School** classes meet upstairs at 10:15. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

**Holy Communion** will be offered at **11:15 A.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available.

**Large Print bulletins and Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

**+ 11:15 DIVINE SERVICE III, Page 184 +**

**THE PRELUDE:** "Savior of the Nations Come" – Johann Pachelbel

**THE HYMN:** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

**Hymn 515**

**THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:** Page 184

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** (We sing Hymn 350, verse 1)

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** (We pray together)

**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.**

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH:** (We speak together)

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 2:1-5 (Page 567)

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be

established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 13: 8-14** (page 948)

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE,** Page 190

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44** (Page 829)

**C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (Sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

+++ 9:00/7:00 APOSTLES' CREED (page 192) 11:15 - NICENE CREED

THE HYMN: "Savior of the Nations Come" (9:00 - Choir only verse 7) Hymn 332

THE SERMON: "Counting Down"

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING:

9:00 - "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus: Benjamin Harlan

11:15 and 7:00 - "Once He Came in Blessing" - H. Buttstedt

THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 THE RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

+++ 11:15 COMMUNION: Pages 194-202; Hymns: 620, 331, 508

THE BENEDICTION, Page 202

THE CLOSING HYMN: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" Hymn 348

*Please take time to greet those around you and introduce yourself to those you don't know.*

THE POSTLUDE: "Prepare the Royal Highway" - Paul Manz

*Vicar will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.*

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**Preacher:** Pastor Bloch **Liturgists:** Vicar Ronchetto and Pastor Blomenberg

**Lector:** Pastor Rodriguez **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

**Special Music:** Adult Choir, Youth Choir

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+++ **Choir Anthem for Today** +++

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

**December 1 and 2, 2019**

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