

MIDWEEK ADVENT 1

December 4, 2019

Welcome to Worship! God doesn't do things as we expect. Even His mountain, which looks more like a hill in comparison to other mountains, is the highest and most preeminent because God dwells there. So the mountain of the Lord is wherever God is, even this place, even your life!

Large Print Bulletins and hearing devices are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: (4:30) "Light One Candle"
(7:00) "Arise O Christian People" – J.G. Walther

THE HYMN: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" **Hymn 352**

THE OPENING RESPONSES: page 229 (use response for Advent at bottom)

THE FIRST 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: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God!**

+++Anthem: (4:30) "Savior of the Nations Come"

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-24 (Page 1009)

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are

enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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THE HYMN: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" **Hymn 334**

THE SERMON: "The Mountain of the Lord"

THE OFFERING: (4:30) "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

(7:00) "Savior of the Nations Come" – Helmut Walcha

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THE BENDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Hark the Glad Sound" **Hymn 349**

THE POSTLUDE: "A Fugue or Voluntary" - William Shelby

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Preacher: Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgists:** Pastor Blumenberg and Vicar

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

Special Music: 4:30 – Children's Choir, 4th Grade Handbells 7:00: Woodwinds

Join us again next Wednesday as we reflect on The Tree of the Lord.

Free Advent Devotions are available for you at the exits to use at home.

Need an Advent Wreath or candles? Check at the Welcome Center.

Dinner tonight is served by the Fellowship of Lutheran Youth and features home-made broccoli and cheese soup.

ADVENT-URE Cookie Corner tonight: Little ones and families are invited to the Advent-ure Cookie Corner in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a home-made Mountain of the Lord Advent Themed cookie to decorate and eat!!

Christmas Food Baskets: The Board of Human Care is collecting monetary donations for food baskets for those in need in our church and community. Donation envelopes will be included with the church bulletin on December 8 and you may put them in the offering drop slots in the narthex or drop them off in the church office. Food basket assembly will be December 15, and we request volunteers to help with that. Sign-up sheet is available in the hallway.

Advent Service 1: Wednesday, December 4

4:30 pm Elders: Mike Patmore, Tim Hamblen **Acolyte:** Olivia Smith

7:00 pm Elders: Doug Nichols, John Hill **Ushers:** Max Whitsett, Larry Stahl, Robert Allman, Randy 'Dude' Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Karl Anderson, Clayton Engel **Counting:** BJ Sinclair, Ryan Sinclair, PJ Stein, Jason Skidmore, Chad Hageman, Gerry Sinclair, Eric Fish **Acolyte:** Phoebe Skidmore

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Isaiah's Advent Visions

The Mountain of the Lord

December 4, 2019 4:30 & 7:00 pm
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