



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

Midweek Advent 1
December 1, 2021

Welcome to this Midweek Advent Service. We worship anticipating the celebration of Jesus' birth. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Anthem "Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace" **Adult Choir**

Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" **348**

Opening Verses

P The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P All those who await His appearance pray:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P The whole creation pleads:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

Hymn "Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten" **914**

Thanksgiving for Light **245**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 111

P Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P Great are the works of the LORD,

C studied by all who delight in them.

P Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

C and his righteousness endures forever.

- P** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
C **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
P He provides food for those who fear him;
C **he remembers his covenant forever.**
P He has shown his people the power of his works,
C **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
P The works of his hands are faithful and just;
C **all his precepts are trustworthy;**
P they are established forever and ever,
C **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
C **Holy and awesome is his name!**
P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
C **His praise endures forever!**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Collect

- P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Hymn

“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”

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Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:11-15 ESV

¹¹ And God said to [Solomon], “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,
¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my

statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 ESV

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. Luke 2:41-52 ESV

⁴¹ Now [Jesus’] parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day’s journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹ And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he

spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Sermon

“The Light Brings Wisdom”

Canticle, Offering, Prayer

248-252

After the Collect for Peace and before the Lord's Prayer we pray:

Evening

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Hymn

“O God of Light”

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Postlude

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