



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

Midweek Advent 2
December 8, 2021 6:30 PM

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 "Who Will Welcome Him?" **Adult Choir**

Hymn "The People That in Darkness Sat" **412**

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 33:1-5

P Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

C Praise befits the upright.

P Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

C make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

P Sing to him a new song;

C play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

P For the word of the LORD is upright,
C and all his work is done in faithfulness.
P He loves righteousness and justice;
C the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
 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 Lord of the nations, grant Your justice throughout the world, that righteousness may flourish, pride and wickedness be thwarted, and the poor and oppressed be upheld by Your mercy; 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” **337**

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 42:1-9** **ESV**

- ¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my Spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
 till he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his law.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people on it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,
 a light for the nations,
- ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 8:26-39 ESV

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. Luke 18:1-8 ESV

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’ ” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? ⁸Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

Isaiah 42:1-9

“The Light Brings Justice”

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

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

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Postlude



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