



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

Advent Midweek 2
December 7, 2022

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 "Advent Hymn" **Adult Choir**

Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" **793**

Opening Versicles **260**

Old Testament Canticle **261-262**

Psalm 24 ESV

P The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

C **the world and those who dwell therein,**

P for he has founded it upon the seas

C **and established it upon the rivers.**

P Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

C **And who shall stand in his holy place?**

P He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C **who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

P He will receive blessing from the LORD

C **and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

P Such is the generation of those who seek him,

C **who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C **that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C **that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

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.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 23:31-35 ESV

³¹ Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face. ³² And the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me. ³³ The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let her live.” ³⁴ Then Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, “I have sinned, for I did not know that you stood in the road against me. Now therefore, if it is evil in your sight, I will turn back.” ³⁵ And the angel of the LORD said to Balaam, “Go with the men, but speak only the word that I tell you.” So Balaam went on with the princes of Balak.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 1:8-14 ESV

⁸ But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

¹⁰ And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,

¹² like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”

¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said,

“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 1:18-25 ESV

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

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St. Matthew 1:18-25

“A Message of Hope in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown”

Hymn

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

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Collect of the Day

[P] Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

Additional Collect

[P] Dear Father in heaven, through an angel You comforted and encouraged Joseph in a dream that he should take Mary as his wife. Comfort and encourage us by Your Word, that our fears might be dispelled and we might be emboldened to walk in Your ways;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Postlude

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