Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

Advent Midweek 2 December 7, 2022 6:30 PM

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

"Advent Hymn" Anthem Adult Choir "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Hymn **793** King of heav To His feet your 1 Praise, my soul, the en; 2 Praise Him for His grace and fa vor To His peo - ple 3 Fa - ther-like He tends and spares Well our fee - ble us; 4 An - gels, help a - dore Him; You be - hold Him us to trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, the in dis - tress: Praise Him still same as ev - er. frame He knows: In His hand He gent - ly bears us, face to face: Sun and moon. bow down be - fore Him, Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le lu - ia. Slow to chide and swift bless: Al - le to lu from all foes. Res - cues us our Al - le lu - ia. All who dwell in time and space. Al - le lu - ia, al - le lu - ia! Praise the ev - er last - ing King. His faith - ful - ness. le lu - ia! Glo - rious in Wide - lv His al - le lu - ia! yet mer - cy flows. lu - ia! Praise with al - le us the God of grace.

Opening Versicles

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- **P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- **P** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.
- **P** Prepare the way of the Lord.
- **C** Make His paths straight.
- P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- **C** Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C the name of the Lord is to be praised. 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.







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,
- **©** who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- P He will receive blessing from the LORD
- 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.

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;

they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like a garment,

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."

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.

Responsory for Advent

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- P Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
- P He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Catechism 264

Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

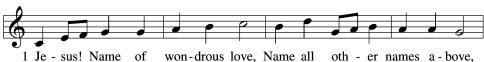
St. Matthew 1:18-25

"A Message of Hope in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown"

Hymn

"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

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- 2 Je sus! Name de creed of old, To the maid-en moth-er told,
- 3 Je sus! Name of price less worth To the fall en of the earth
- 4 Je sus! Name of mer cy mild, Giv en to the ho ly Child



which must knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty. ev - 'ry low - ly Kneel-ing in her cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el. gave, "Je - sus shall His peo-ple save." that it the prom - ise hu-man woe First He tast - ed When the here be - low.

- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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Offering

Prayer 265-266

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

- P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your onlybegotten 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.

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.

Evening Prayer

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.

Blessing 267

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

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- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit-tle child, To bear and fight and die
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris ing morn When Christ, vic to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo-rious morn Shall dawn up-on our race 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes. But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky. And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes. The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Postlude

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