

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

2011 MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday 7:00 pm

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WELCOME ALL!

Especially our visitors. We invite you to return and worship with us again as we celebrate the coming of our LORD Jesus this Advent season. Our Sunday morning service is at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. and Bible Class starts at 10:15 am. Please join us!

ADVENT THEME

CHRIST COMPARED WITH OLD TESTAMENT HEROES

1. Christ, Our Mediator, Compared with Moses Hebrews 3:1-6
2. Christ, Our Captain, Compared with Joshua Hebrews 2:9-11
3. Christ, Our King, Compared with David Luke 20:41-44

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: *(See the insert)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

CONGR. **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

PASTOR Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

CONGR. **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE ADVENT PSALMODY

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"The Earth Is The Lord's"

TWO SCRIPTURE READINGS

(See the insert)

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

The Second Article, Luther's Catechism (Sydow, p. 87)

"I believe 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, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true!"

Hymn of praise (See the insert)

THE SERMON

(See the insert)

THE OFFERTORY

(Cong. Sings)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 127:3

**As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!**

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(All)

Hymn of praise (See the insert)

THE BLESSING

PASTOR

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

CONG. SINGS: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

Closing Hymn (See the insert)

*** Silent Prayer ***



FIRST MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE

November 30th

Personal Prayer before service:

Lord Jesus Christ, as once You came into our midst, a human child, in answer to God's faithful Word, be with us now. Come, fill these moments with Your presence, that all who join to worship here may rejoice in Your coming. Amen.

The Hymns: 91, 289, 127:3, 66, 94:4

The Old Testament Reading:

The prophet Isaiah foretells of the coming Messiah who is pictured here as living shoot, a rod, a branch coming out of the dead stump of the House of Jesse. The results of the saving Gospel Jesus gives in His Word is the defeat of sin and death, the devil and all our spiritual enemies. So we have the pictures of peace and harmony. We read...

Isaiah 11:1-10 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. 10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

The Gospel Reading:

John the Baptist prepared the hearts of the people for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, by preaching repentance and the forgiveness of sins. How proper it is then, for us to do the same – be sorry for our sins, and believe in Jesus for forgiveness. We read...

Mark 1:1-8 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who

will prepare Your way before You." 3 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'" 4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 5 Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. 8 "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Personal Prayer at the Sermon:

Lord Jesus Christ, You came among us as the Word made flesh. Be present in these words Your servant shares with us today. Open my ears to the good tidings of great joy, and make my heart a cradle ready to receive You here. Amen.

The Sermon

Hebrews 3:1-6 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, 2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. 3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. 5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

CHRIST COMPARED WITH OLD TESTAMENT HEROES

Christ, Our Mediator, Compared with Moses

Personal Prayer at the Offering

Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude I have received You as the Father's finest Gift. In gratitude I now return my gifts to You. Accept and use them to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Personal Prayer at the close of service:

Dearest Jesus, at the invitation of the prophets and the angels, I have drawn near to behold You, born in David's city as my Savior, Christ the Lord. Let me take You with me as I now depart this place; let me be, in all I say and do, Your messenger of peace! Amen.

SECOND MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE December 7TH

Personal Prayer before service:

Lord Jesus Christ, as once You came into our midst, a human child, in answer to God's faithful Word, be with us now. Come, fill these moments with Your presence, that all who join to worship here may rejoice in Your coming. Amen.

The Hymns: 64, 68, 127:3, 702, 72:4

The Old Testament Reading:

In these verses, the Prophet Isaiah gives us a preview of our Champion, Jesus Christ, who brings us deliverance! We read...
Isaiah 9:2-7 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. 5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The Gospel Reading:

In these verses, Zecharius, after the birth of his son John the Baptist, gives a song of praise to God for His Mercy in sending the Messiah, the Savior of ALL nations. We read...
Luke 1:68-79 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, 69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, 70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, 71 That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us, 72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, 73 The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: 74 To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, 75 In holiness and

righteousness before Him all the days of our life. 76 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, 77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

Personal Prayer at the Sermon:

Lord Jesus Christ, You came among us as the Word made flesh. Be present in these words Your servant shares with us today. Open my ears to the good tidings of great joy, and make my heart a cradle ready to receive You here. Amen.

The Sermon

Hebrews 2:9-11 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

CHRIST COMPARED WITH OLD TESTAMENT HEROES
Christ, Our Captain, Compared with Joshua

Hebrews 2:9-11



Personal Prayer at the Offering

Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude I have received You as the Father's finest Gift. In gratitude I now return my gifts to You. Accept and use them to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Personal Prayer at the close of service:

Dearest Jesus, at the invitation of the prophets and the angels, I have drawn near to behold You, born in David's city as my Savior, Christ the Lord. Let me take You with me as I now depart this place; let me be, in all I say and do, Your messenger of peace. Amen.

THIRD MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE

December 14TH

Personal Prayer before service:

Lord Jesus Christ, as once You came into our midst, a human child, in answer to God's faithful Word, be with us now. Come, fill these moments with Your presence, that all who join to worship here may rejoice in Your coming. Amen.

The Hymns: 103, 647, 127:3, 711, 76:4

The Old Testament Reading:

The Apostle Paul here reminds us that our Adoption as God's sons was completely planned out. And at the right time and in the right place (Bethlehem) God sent you and me and all people His promised gift. We read...

Galatians 4:1-7 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

The Gospel Reading:

When the LORD promises something, it always comes true. The angel had promised Mary and her cousin Elizabeth some great things. Elizabeth would bear John the Baptist, Mary would bear the Son of God. In these verses they encourage each other that God always fulfills His Word. We read...

Luke 1:39-45 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42

Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 "But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

Personal Prayer at the Sermon:

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The Sermon

Luke 20:41-44 And He said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David? 42 "Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, 43 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" 44 "Therefore David calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?"

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Christ, Our King, Compared with David

Luke 20:41-44

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