

1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #257 (vs. 1,2,3,&4)**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*** Greeting p. 147** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

*** Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** Glory to God p. 148**

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. **2** It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, **3** and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. **4** He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. **5** O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

L:122 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C:² Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

L:³ Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

C:⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

L:⁵ There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

C:⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!

L:⁷ Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

C:⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

All:⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44**

³⁶ "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do

not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #268 (vs. 1,2,3)

"From Heaven Above"

The Sermon "Three Advent Keys To A Meaningful Christmas"

(sermon text Isaiah 2:1-5)

Pastor William Shields

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #256

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

Prayers

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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.**

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #267**

"Joy To The World"

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Wed Nov. 30 6:30am – Men's Bible Study
11:00am – Pastor's Bible Study
1:00pm – Prayer Group
5:30pm – Soup Supper
6:00pm – Choir Practice
6:00pm – Confirmation
7:00pm – **Advent Service**
Thur Dec. 1 9:00am – Mobile Food Pantry
6:00pm – Pastor's Bible Study
Sat Dec 3 7:00am – Gideon's Prayer meeting
Sunday, Dec 4 9:30 am 2nd Sunday in Advent
Worship & Communion
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship
Adult Sunday School
Program Practice – kids

Sunday December 18
Sunday School
Christmas Program
9:30 am

Christmas Carol Sing
December 11
2:00 pm
Please sign up to make cookies or
help in the kitchen.

Mobile Food Pantry
December 1, 2022
9:00am
Fairgrounds
Volunteers are needed.

Altar Flowers
In memory of Evon Scruggs, Jim's mom
by Jim and Sue Scruggs