

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 2017
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
Setting 4, p. 147



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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GREETING (ELW p. 147)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW p. 147)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING:

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (verse 1, ELW 240)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

The children are invited to leave for Sunday School

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence —
²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil --
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities,
like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

- ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴O LORD| God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD| God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

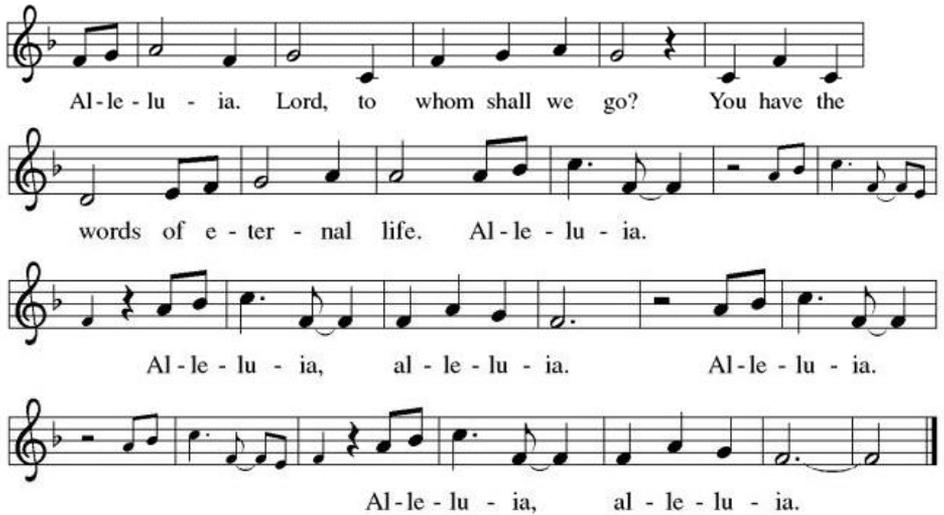
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—
⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—
⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ELW p. 151)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of

the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Lord, What a Morning* (ELW 438)

NICENE CREED (Back cover of hymn book or ELW p. 104)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING COLLECTION AND SONG

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 152)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS

The King Shall Come (ELW 260)

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (ELW 435)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *Rejoice Rejoice Believers* (ELW 244)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Sunday, Dec 24:

10:00 am - Advent 4 (Taize)

5:00 pm - Christmas Eve (Word and Song)

8:00 pm - Christmas Eve (Candlelight and Communion)

Monday, Dec 25 at 10:00 am - Christmas Day (Communion)

INFO SESSION: Today at 1:00, Rev. Fritz Clarke (St. Patrick's Home) will speak about 'Medical Assistance in Dying' at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church (933 Smyth Rd).

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wed, Dec 6, 9:00 am at Chances 'R'.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Thurs, Dec 14 at 7:00 pm.

WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING: Mon, Jan. 15 at 6:30 pm.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: LAMP's Daily Advent Devotions are now available online at www.lampministry.org. The new 'Advent Reflections' booklets, from On Eagle's Wings, are in and beside the publications rack in the Narthex.

REFORMATION 500 THANKS: Michael Koch thanks everyone for the church's many contributions to the special service and fundraiser. His thank you note and list are on the Bulletin Board.

OTTAWA MISSION ITEMS: Until Jan 7th, we are collecting items for Ottawa Mission residents (see bulletin board). Please place your contributions in the boxes in the cloakroom. Thank you!

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS: For floral arrangements on the altar in memory of a person or for an event, please talk to Carole Koch (mc.koch@sympatico.ca or 613-224-7184) at least 4 weeks ahead. Please indicate price (\$15 and up), flower, and colour preferences, and the date for the arrangement. Payment can be made in your Weekly Offering envelope, marked "flower fund".

Please check the bulletin board in the narthex for details about these and other community events. Please send bulletin announcements to secretary@faithottawa.ca before noon on Wednesdays.

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