

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

### OPENING HYMN *Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)

### 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* (verses 1-2, ELW 240)**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 40:1-11**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

**<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;  
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.**

**<sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people  
and blotted out | all their sins.**

**<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD| God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.**

**<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

**<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.**

**<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

**<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.**

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

A reading from 2 Peter.

<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

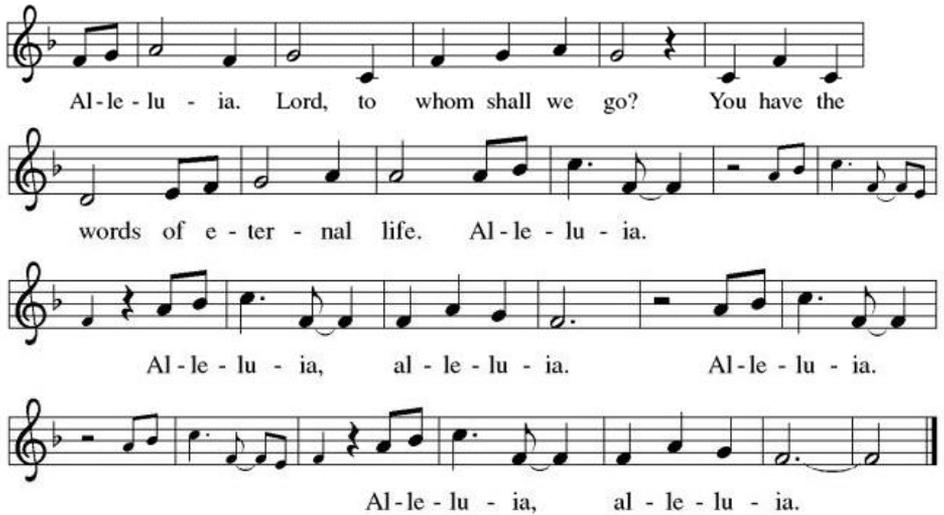
<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15a</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 1:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN *Fling Wide the Door* (ELW259)**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *All Earth is Hopeful* (ELW 266)**

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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**GIFT GATHERING 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**

*On Jordan's Banks (ELW 249)*

*Comfort, Comfort My People (ELW 256)*

*Blessed be the God of Israel (ELW 250)*

**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 *Hark the Glad Sound!* (ELW 239)**

**DISMISSAL**

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*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**

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

## **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)

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Pastor Martin's on-site office hours are: Mondays, noon - 1:30 pm; Wednesdays, 6 pm - 7:30 pm; & Thursdays 1 - 2:30 pm. During these times, he will be at 43 Meadowlands to receive any member of the congregation and community for pastoral counselling and conversation. The Church Secretary is in the office Thursdays at mid-day. We encourage you to come in to meet with either Pastor Martin or the secretary. If the office hours are not convenient, please call or email ahead to schedule an appointment.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

**WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING** on Monday, Jan. 15 at 6:30.

**OTTAWA MISSION ITEMS:** Until January 7<sup>th</sup>, we are collecting items for residents of The Ottawa Mission. The list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board. Please place your contributions in the boxes in the cloakroom. Thank you!

The **PURSE PROJECT** helps woman in need at local shelters. Donations of purses and/or sample toiletries will be accepted until Dec 17th and dropped off at a women's shelter before the holidays. Please speak to Bruce Riley for more information.

**FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS:** For altar floral arrangements in memory of a person or for an event, please contact Carole Koch at [mc.koch@sympatico.ca](mailto:mc.koch@sympatico.ca) or 613-224-7184, at least 4 weeks ahead.

**DAILY BREAD:** The new 'Daily Bread' booklets for Jan/Feb/Mar 2018 have arrived and are available near the mailboxes.

*Please check the bulletin board in the narthex for details about these and other community events.*

*Please send bulletin announcements to [secretary@faithottawa.ca](mailto:secretary@faithottawa.ca) before noon on Wednesdays.*

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