WATER OF LIFE

LUTHERAN CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY in



DECEMBER 4, 2022 | 8 AM

WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022 | 8 AM

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL + SEEK THE THIRSTY + TEACH THE WORD

* As We Gather *

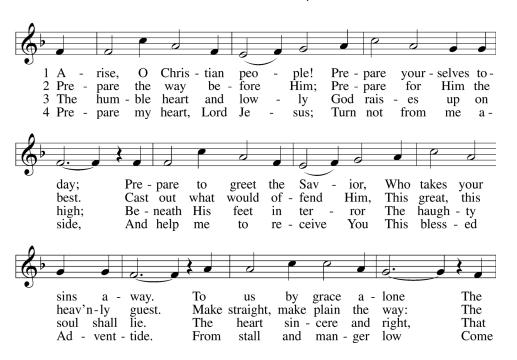
The Advent season brings us the assurance that God's plan is still unfolding and that we continue to abide in His peace. In this season of busyness, we can be peaceful and peaceable people by God's grace!

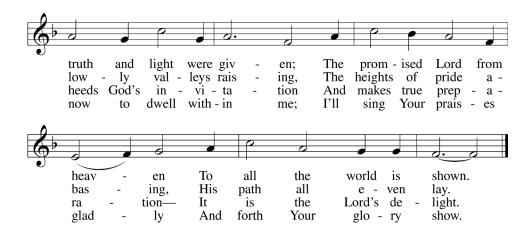
* Preparation *

OPENING HYMN

Arise, O Christian People

LSB 354





INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Heb. 10:22; Ps 124:8; Ps 32:5

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C Who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

* Service of the Word *

INTROIT Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

P In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

- C Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- C O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- P He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
- C He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

GLORIA PATRI (sung)

LSB, p. 186

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.

KYRIE (sung)

LSB, p. 186

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten 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.

 Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And 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 the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he

shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

ALLELUIA (sung)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

LSB, p. 190

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

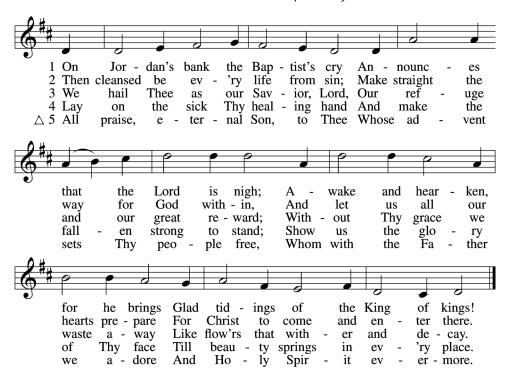
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

ALL 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.



SERMON Rev. Shawn Deterding

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (sung) LSB, p. 192-93

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

* Service of the Sacrament *

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Trusting in Your promises, we bless You for Your abiding presence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come to this earth and has taken upon Himself the sins of the world. By His sacrificial death and His glorious rising from the grave, He has opened to us the very gates of heaven. With all the company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we join the unending praises:

SANCTUS (sung) LSB, p. 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to give Himself as a perfect sacrifice for us so that our lives may know true peace and endless joy. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with thankful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we may continue as the people of Your kingdom of peace, awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

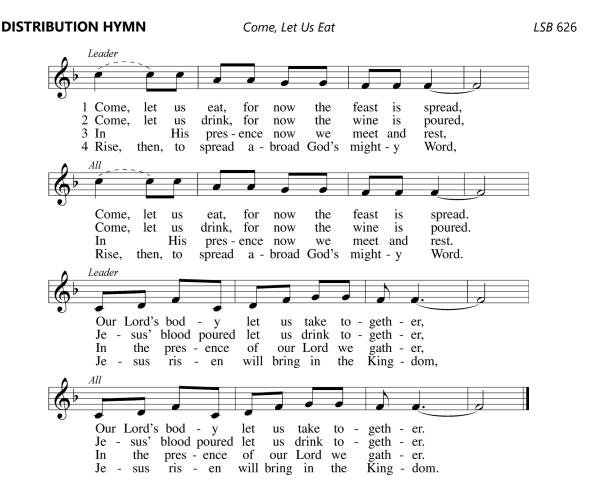
AGNUS DEI (sung) LSB, p. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table.



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

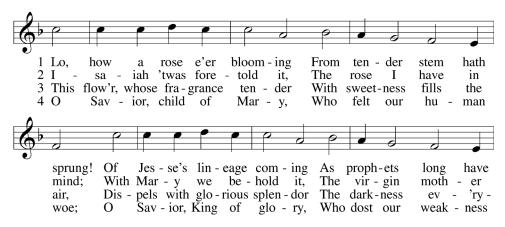
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

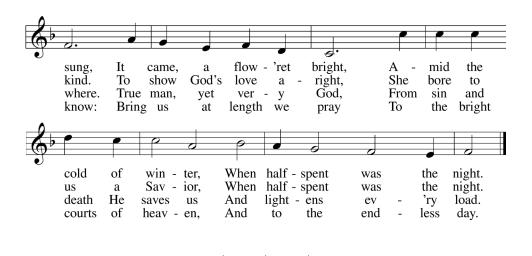
 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LSB 359





Acknowledgements: Scripture quotations, unless noted otherwise, are taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Hymns are public domain.

