

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Five

+ Gathering +

The Assembly is invited to gather in quiet meditation.

ACCLAMATION

Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

OPENING PRELUDE Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

Johann Sebastian Bach

We stand.

ACCLAMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen**.

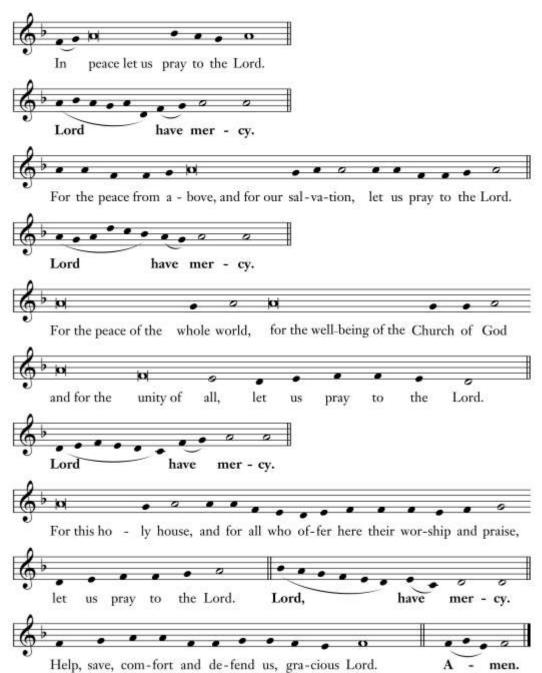
The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 264 Prepare the Royal Highway BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer. After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen. We sit.

+ WORD +

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

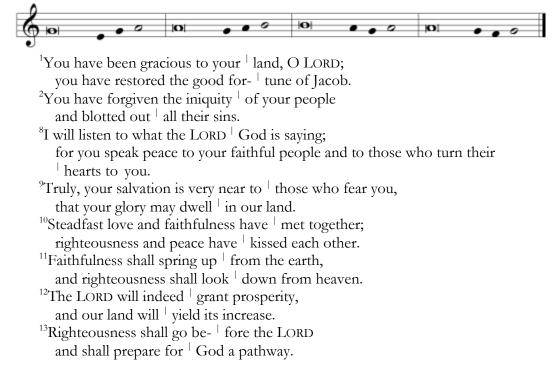
HYMN 242 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (Stanza 2)

REJOICE, REJOICE

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. 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. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 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. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 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. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. 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!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 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. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.



SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

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. 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. 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. 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, 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? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds*: Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of the Lord.





CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 634 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastor Wollner

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CORONATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

In faithfulness, we wait. For the church near and far. For disciples of all nations. For those who long to share and those who long to receive the Gospel. Hear us, O God.

Assembly: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For the waters that cleanse the earth. For the trees that provide a place of protection. For creation, small and large. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For peace in chaos. For promise in despair. For justice when there feels like there is none. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For those who thirst and hunger. For those who go without. For those who plead for healing and relationship. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For bodies that are in pain. For spirits that are tired. For those who suffer and grow weary. We especially pray for: Carina Sturdy, Sue Hill, Rose Sydeman, John Vickers, Dena Vickers, Hank Farrar, Terri Cota, Violet Fowler, Paul Martin and for all of those we lift up on our lips and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

In faithfulness, we wait. For the faithful witness of those who have entered life eternal and for their loved ones who remain. We especially remember: Jeanie Rudisill, Jack Horn, Donnie Eubank, Pastor Tim Glenham, Abner Harrington and Charles Talton. Hear us, O God.

A: Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Please be considerate of those who may be reluctant to shake hands in this flu season.

We sit.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30) Comfort, Comfort (See ELW 256 for text)

FREU DICH SEHR

Johann Walter

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00) Rise Up! Rise Up!

"Rise up, rise up!" The watchmen cry to all with eager voices. Wake up from sleep; the Lord is nigh in whom your heart rejoices. Fling wide the door; your hope let soar; your Savior greet. With great joy sing praises sweet.

We stand.

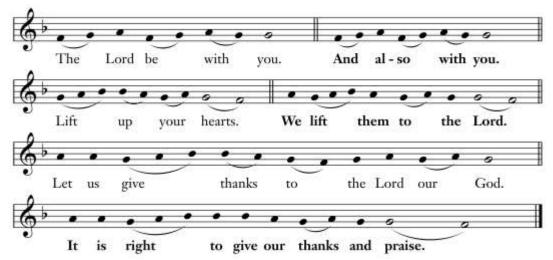


OFFERTORY HYMN

Let us pray.

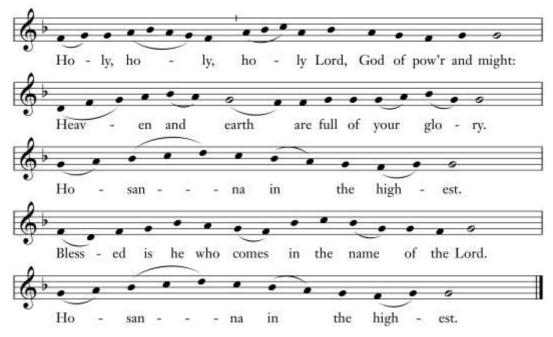
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:



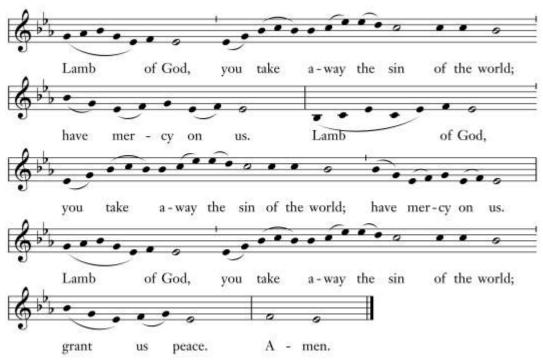
The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **HYMN** 255 There's a Voice in the Wilderness JEFFERSON ASCENSION

We stand.

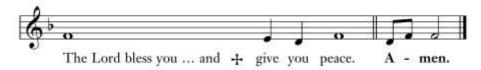
TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING



The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

PUER NOBIS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Wake, Awake!

Emma Lou Diemer

Soli Deo Gloria

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Providing Service Next Sunday

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WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of our parents, Edward and Carol Bernasek, by Ann Cordell.

The bulletins today are given to the glory of God in memory of George Fowler in remembrance of his birthday on December 8 by Jeff Fowler.

Our Homebound Member is Ms. Frances Lefler, Trinity Elms, 3750 Harper Road, Clemmons, NC 27012. Please send Frances a note.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Charles Talton, Sr., who died on December 3, 2017.

A Christmas to Believe In: Please join us this morning for the annual children's Christmas play at 10:00 A.M., in the Family Life Center. The cast features over thirty of our youth who range in age from three to eighteen.

Mary's Ministries will have a joyous meeting Tuesday, December 12 at 10:30 A.M. hosted by Martha Clare Henzler, who will also lead a Christmas devotion and carol-sing.

Quilt Ministry will have their Christmas pot luck December 13 at the home of Mary Newman, 4860 Winchelsea Rd. RSVP, regrets only, to eenewman@triad.rr.com or 336-765-4977. December 14 will be the last meeting for quilters for 2017. We will resume on January 11, 2018. If there is need for a quilt during this time, contact Martha Claire Henzler at mcquilt@triad.rr.com, 336-768-4561 or the church office.

Inquirers' Class: Pastor Wollner will be conducting a series of classes for prospective new Augsburg disciples next month -- January 14, 21, and 28, 2018 between services. We will receive new members on February 4. Please see Pastor Paul if you are interested in participating.

Thanks to all who prepared kits for the fall LWR campaign. Just before Thanksgiving, we shipped 73 school kits and 31 personal care kits for distribution to children around the world. Special thanks to Yvonne Beard and Carol Thornton for making the bags for the school kits.



Compline (Night Prayer) dates back to the 4th century monastic traditions of daily prayer and praise. Serving as the final service of the day, it is a sung service primarily of chant. On the evenings of the first three Sundays of Advent (December 3, 10, & 17) at 8:30 P.M. in the sanctuary, a Compline Choir will lead this quiet contemplative service offering a calm, quiet (often silent) time of respite from the hectic pace of our world. Each service will be preceded by a brief recital at 8:00 P.M. Please extend an invitation to your neighbors and friends, and come experience the hope and anticipation of Advent through this candlelit service. Tonight's recital features WNCSA graduate students, the Rose Woodwind Quintet.

AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Reformers Reading Romans is a Sunday morning Bible Study, 10:00-10:30 A.M., Family Life Center, led by Pr. Paul. No experience necessary!

Pastor Paul's Reformation Biblical/Historical Study is held Monday mornings at 10:45 A.M. in the Sid Sowers Classroom. Each session includes key words, Bible connections, Luther's stance, and generous opportunities for discussion.

Continue in My Word is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. Bring your Bible. We are studying Jeremiah.

7:18 Youth Bible Study meets on Wednesday evenings at various locations. Please contact Emily Norris for more information or if you have questions.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

Worship attendance for services last week: 162 at 8:30; 167 at 11:00; 16 visitors.

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Calendar for December 10 –December 17

10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30a Service of Holy Communion
9:45a Fellowship Breakfast (Family Life Center)
10:00a Children's Christmas Program (Family Life Center)
11:00a Service of Holy Communion
12:00p Youth Group (Youth Area)
12:00p RAK Attack
4:00p Jubilate Choir (Youth Choir Room)
4:45p Lobchor Choir (Choir Room)
8:00p Pre-Compline Recital
8:30p Compline

11 Monday

10:30a Pastor Paul's Study (Sid Sowers Classroom)
5:30p Evangelism Team Meeting (Covenant Classroom)
6:00p Continue in My Word (Youth Area)

6:00p Adult Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)

12 Tuesday

10:30a	Mary's Ministries
	(Lounge)
5:30p	Stephen Ministry
	(Conference Room)
6:30p	Stephen Ministry
	(Youth Area)
7:00p	Wingz

13 Wednesday

6:30a Bagels! High School Youth (Bagel Station)
11:30a Communications Taskforce Meeting (Discovery Classroom)
5:30p Music Exploration (Youth Choir Room) Wednesday (cont'd.)
7:15p Adult Choir II (Choir Room)
7:18p Youth Bible Study (Youth Area)
7:30p Emotions Anonymous (Lounge)
14 Thursday
10:00a Quilt Ministry (Youth Area)
10:00a Salemtowne Service
6:15p Adult Choir I (Choir Room)
6:30p Finance Ministry Team Meeting

(Covenant Classroom) 7:00p Council Meeting (Youth Area)

15 Friday 7:00p High School Lock- In

16 Saturday 10:00a – 12:00p Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 4:00p Pippette/Moore Wedding (Sanctuary)

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