



Ascension Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 6, 2020

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come (setting by Paul Manz)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—PEACE

Pastor Tony

PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Lord God, A second candle burns on our Advent wreath, first—a sign of hope, now a message of peace. God of peace come to us again this Advent. May your peace live within us, burning as a light in our lives.

C: Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lord, Reign In Me (Brenton Brown)

Over all the earth, You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
Lord my one request, Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Over every thought, over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
You mean more to me than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again (*Chorus*)

**Lord reign in me, bring in Your power
Over all my dreams and my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again**

READING**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

MUSICAL OFFERING**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (v. 1, 4, 5)****ELW 249**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

GOSPEL READING**Mark 1:1-8**

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

Emmanuel (God With Us Forever) (Skinner, Torwalt, Lee)

PRAYERS & MUSIC

Here I Am to Worship (Tim Hughes)

Please sing after each petition:

**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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.

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 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 hearts; 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Creator of the Stars of Night (Michael Larkin)

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Say, Say (Tomlin, Nickels, Stanfill)

Say, say, say you believe it
Sing for the whole world to hear it
We know and we declare that
Jesus is King (2x)

I believe (echo)
Your kingdom come (echo)
Son of God (echo)
King of love (echo) (2x)

FAITH CONNECTION

Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.

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- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
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Special Advent Devotions: We're sending daily emails of advent devotions. Watch for them and feel the anticipation of the season. The devotions and videos are also on our website daily.

Ascension Men's Annual Christmas Gathering and Long Underwear Collection: AMEN is asking for new men's and women's long underwear donations to support our local shelters this Christmas season. Donations should be dropped off at Raised Grain Brewery (RGB) 5:30 -7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec 22. Join us for some Christmas cheer and fellowship. RGB has agreed to let us have a bin near the entrance, or curbside if you don't want to come inside. If your unable to attend or can't drive, someone will be happy to pick up your donation or donations may be dropped off at church prior the 22 when the building is open. Please contact Steve Boyer at 262-363-0738 or sboyer@healthmarkets.com with any questions or for pick up.

Mt. Meru Coffee: Email Donna Aschenbrenner, wra@wi.rr.com to order your Christmas gifts of the new Makumira Holiday Blend (\$19/bag); a Christmas gift sampler pack of coffees; the high quality Peaberry coffee; or flavored or regular coffees. Regular/decaf coffee for a 12 oz bag is \$10. Peaberry coffee for a 12 oz. bag is \$15.

Submit a Prayer

Submit a prayer request online ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers, by email to Tamie@ascensionelca.org, or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

Healing

- For Becky Murray, inpatient chemo for a return of her lymphoma in her bone marrow

- Patrick Murray, ill with a virus (not Covid)
- For Brenda Lytle's mom, Barb, cancer surgery
- For Kathy Hahn, upcoming surgery
- For Susan Renken's sister, Janet, and brother-in-law, Carl, covid

Comfort

- For family and friends of Elayne Nicholls following her death.
- For Linda and Jim Druml at the death of Linda's Aunt Aggie
- For Linda Elder at the death of her friend Jim Szarek. Prayers also for his wife and two sons.

God's Care

- For Brenda Lytle's daughter, Ashley, as she anticipates a high-risk baby delivery this month in Alaska
- For all affected by the coronavirus: those who have died, who are hospitalized, who are sick and all caregivers and emergency personnel

Thanksgiving

- With the VanVoorhis' celebrating the 103rd birthday of Barb's mom, Ruby Praeger, on Monday

