

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - 8:00 - *“Ricercar pro Temporo Adventus”* by Johan Fischer; Nathan Moran, Piano Soloist. 10:30 - *“Ricercar pro Temporo Adventus”* by Johan Fischer.

HYMN 343 - *we sing, standing*

ADVENT WREATH ~ 1st SUNDAY

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. It is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. The Advent wreath reminds us of our yearning for God. Its circular shape tells us of God’s everlasting love and faithfulness. The four candles remind us of the passing of time, our human history into which God has entered through His Son, Jesus. On this First Sunday of Advent, we remember how our Lord was first hailed as the coming king, and we look forward to the day when our King will come again. As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, may its flame bid us always to be ready for the coming of the Lord.

Lord Jesus, You came into the world to reveal Your Father’s love. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, by Your dying and rising You have given us the promise of eternal life. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You ask us to be ready, watching and waiting for Your coming. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 80:1-7

*Pastor speaks odd numbered verses
All speak even numbered verses*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE**

we sing, standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)*

*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

HYMN 332 *all sing vs. 1, 2, 7, 8, women sing v. 3, men sing v. 4 - we sing, seated*

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

OFFERTORY 8:00 - *“The King Shall Come”* tune *Consolation*, setting by T. Beck; Nathan Moran, Piano Soloist 10:30 - *The Parish Choir sings “O Come, Little Children”* German Carol, setting by *Freudenburg*.

NEWS AND NOTES

All are Welcome to join us at our Advent Jubilee Lunch following this morning’s 10:30 service.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 76 Offering: \$2,296

This Week Here

Tue - 7:00 PM - Council Meeting
Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study
 - 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
 - 7:45 PM - Parish Choir
Sat - 9:00 AM - Youth Cookie Baking

Cookie Sale! The Youth Group will be busy making cookies on Saturday - support them by purchasing cookies next Sunday, December 10th.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Although we pray that God “*would rend the heavens and come down*” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “*a long time, and shall we be saved?*” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “*enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,*” and so He will “*sustain you to the end*” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “*heaven and earth will pass away,*” His words “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “*send out the angels*” to gather us and all of His elect “*from the ends of the earth*” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

PRAYERS

COLLECT

BENEDICTION

HYMN 331 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* tune *Prichard*; setting by *Schram*.

Christmas Decorating - please join us on Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m. to lend a hand decorating our building. Many hands make light work and your assistance would be greatly appreciated. The tree will be harvested on Fri, December 15 at 3:00 and brought into the sanctuary after.

Pledge Packets - If you have not already done so, please pick up your packet this morning and return your pledge to the church by December 17th. Your pledge will assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations. Thank you!

Pastor Nuechterlein and Gloria’s new address and phone number are posted on the bulletin board.