

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RED BUD, ILLINOIS
Midweek Advent Service III
December 16, 2020 8:30 a.m.

Order of Worship: Service of Prayer and Preaching, page 260ff.

The Prelude: "Jesus Has Come"

arranged by Benjamin M. Culli

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

The Opening Hymn: 872 "Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star"

**Come, Thou bright and Morn-ing Star, Light of light with-out be-gin-ning;
 Shine upon us from a-far That we may be kept from sin-ning.**

Drive a-way by Thy clear light Our dark night.

**Let Thy grace, like morn-ing dew Fall-ing soft on bar-ren plac-es,
 Com-fort, quick-en, and re-new Our dry souls and dy-iong grac-es;**

Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev-er-more.

**May Thy fer-vent love de-story Our cold works, in us a-wak-ing
 Ar-dent zeal and ho-ly joy At the pur-ple morn's first break-ing.**

Let us tru-ly rise ere yet Life has set.

**Ah! Thou Day-spring from on high, Grant that at Thy next ap-pear-ing
 We who in the graves do lie May a-rise, Thy sum-mons hear-ing.**

And re-joice in our new life, far from strife.

**Light us to those heav-'nly spheres, Sun of grace, in glo-ry shroud-ed;
 Lead us through this vale of tears To the land where days un-cloud-ed,**

Pur-est joy, and per-fect peace Ne-ver cease.

Opening Versicles page 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

L Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Make His paths straight.

L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle, page 261

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people, proclaim that His name is exalted."

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Please be seated

The Readings and Responses: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if you are able) Matthew 24:26-35

(Jesus said) "So, if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. ²⁹ "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the

sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

³¹ And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³² “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsory: page 263

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Catechism: page 264

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Please be seated

Theme Hymn: 348 “The King Shall Come”



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

Sermon: “Jesus Will Come”

The Song of Response: (*tune: “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”*)

Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine:

On the cross You died for me, I will ev-er live with Thee.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. (*repeat*)

Please stand if you are able **Prayer**, page 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those celebrating a birthday this week, including ..., let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

C **Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"

**I love to tell the sto-ry, Of how, from heav'n a-bove,
Of Je-sus and His glo-ry, Of Je-sus and His love.
I love to tell the sto-ry, Be-cause I know it's true;
It sat-is-fies my long-ings As noth-ing else would do.
I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry
To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je-sus and His love.**

**I love to tell the sto-ry Of our dear Sav-ior’s birth.
Of how the ang-el chor-us An-nounced with joy-ful mirth
That lit-tle ba-by Je-sus, Was Christ the earth’s true Lord.
Of how the low-ly shep-herds On bend-ed knees a-dored.
I love to tell the sto-ry; ‘Twill be my theme in glo-ry
To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je-sus and His love.**

Postlude: “Dance”

by J. Wayne Kerr

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL Christmas Service is this evening at 6:30 p.m. here in church. Due to Covid-19 precautions there will not be a reception in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

OUR FIRST GRADE and teacher Mrs. Miller will lead the Early Childhood Christmas Service on our school’s Facebook site this Friday morning at 8:20 a.m. Our Second Grade will lead this service on Monday at 8:20 a.m. Grades 3-8 will lead the “Road to Bethlehem” service on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

THERE STILL IS ROOM to reserve a place for our 9 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service. Please call Jessica at our church office (282-2394) to do so.

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Poinsettias for Christmas 2020

We will again decorate our church with poinsettias for Christmas. The cost is \$7.00 each. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please fill out the section below and return it to the church office by Friday, December 18, with your money. Poinsettias may be designated in memory or in honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, etc.

Given by: _____

Circle one: In Memory of: In Recognition of: In Thanksgiving for:

