

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RED BUD, ILLINOIS
Midweek Advent Service II, December 9, 2020 8:30 a.m.
Order of Worship: Service of Prayer and Preaching, page 260ff.

The Prelude: "Once He Came in Blessing"

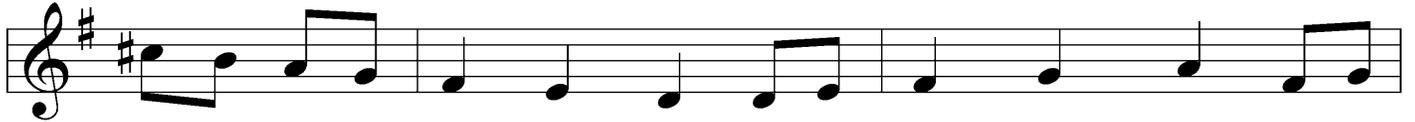
arranged by Ronald A. Nelson

The Ringing of the Bell calls us to holy worship.

The Opening Hymn: 868 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
 2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science
 3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
 4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
 as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing
 freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
 sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say
 That all my pow'rs with all their might In Thy sole glory may unite.

(please stand if you are able)

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

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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: Acts 18:5-10

When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." ⁷And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire

household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. ⁹ And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are My people.”

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

(please stand if you are able) Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

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: 333 "Once He Came in Blessing"



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour _____ When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Sermon: "Jesus Comes"

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

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.

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: "Savior of the Nations, Come" *arranged by Charles W. Ore*

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES continue next Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. with "Jesus Will Come," the third part of our series "The Three-fold Coming of Christ." Next Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. will be our Nursery-Grade 1 Sunday School Christmas Service.

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:



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.