

Luther Memorial Church & School

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN
CONFESSION



November 27, 2011

Advent 1

Paraments are purple; the color of royalty, Christ is coming as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Welcome to all! This week's focus:

PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S COMING

Today's order of service and hymns: Tan Worship Supplement pg. 12

102 ♦ 68 ♦ 60 ♦ 47:1,4

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #102 [Red Hymnal]

THE INVOCATION & CONFESSION OF SINS/ABSOLUTION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: We begin our Savior's divine worship service, in the
Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (speaks): Amen.

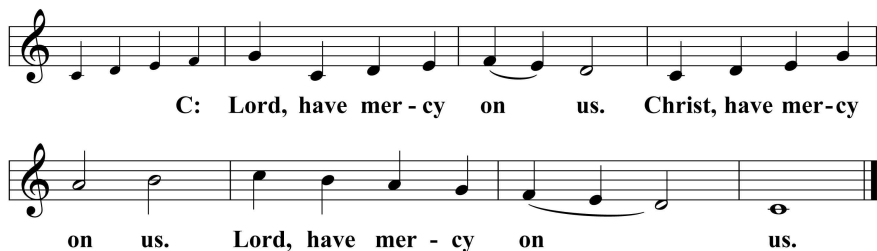
Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us
to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have
disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment.
Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful
from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do
not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my
Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing
love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

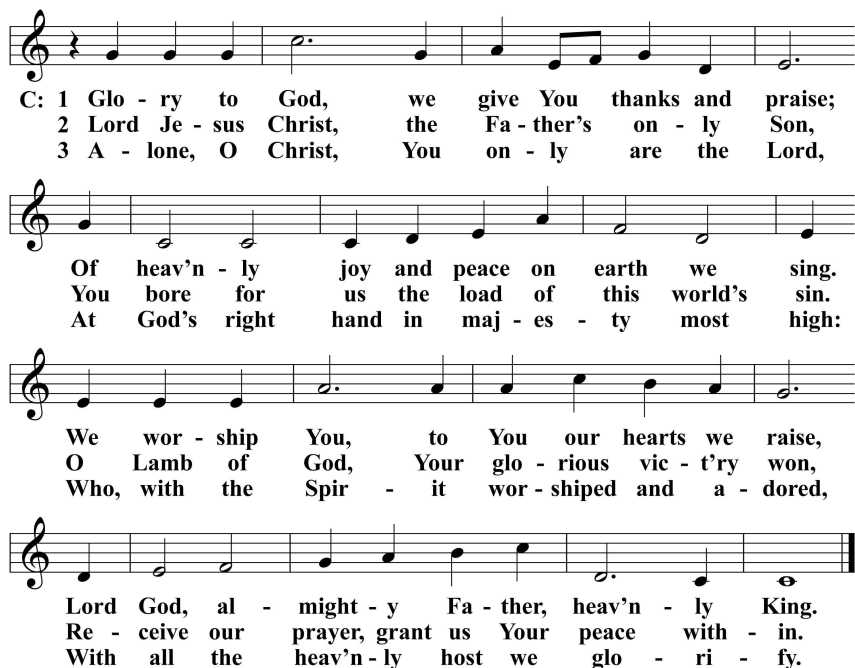
Congregation (speaks): Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *KYRIE*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - mighty Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation (speaks): Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ ISAIAH 2:1-5

*In the **Old Testament Lesson**, Isaiah sees a vision of the latter days in which the nations will serve God gladly and peace through Christ will reign in the hearts of believers. Therefore the Church is guided by God's Word into that glorious time.*

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. 5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.

RESPONSIVE READING ~ PSALM 50:7-15

*In the **Psalm**, God, the righteous Judge, calls His people to proper worship. Mere outward observance of ritual does not please Him, He looks for hearts that love and trust Him.*

P: Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you:

C: I am God, your God. I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me. I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

P: I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

C: Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,

P: And call upon me in the day of trouble;

C: I will deliver you, and you will honor me. Amen.

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ MATTHEW 21:1-11

The **Gospel account** is Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" 11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn of the Day: #68 [Red Hymnal]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." ~Matthew 19:14

SERMON

Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

Romans 13:11-14

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Theme:

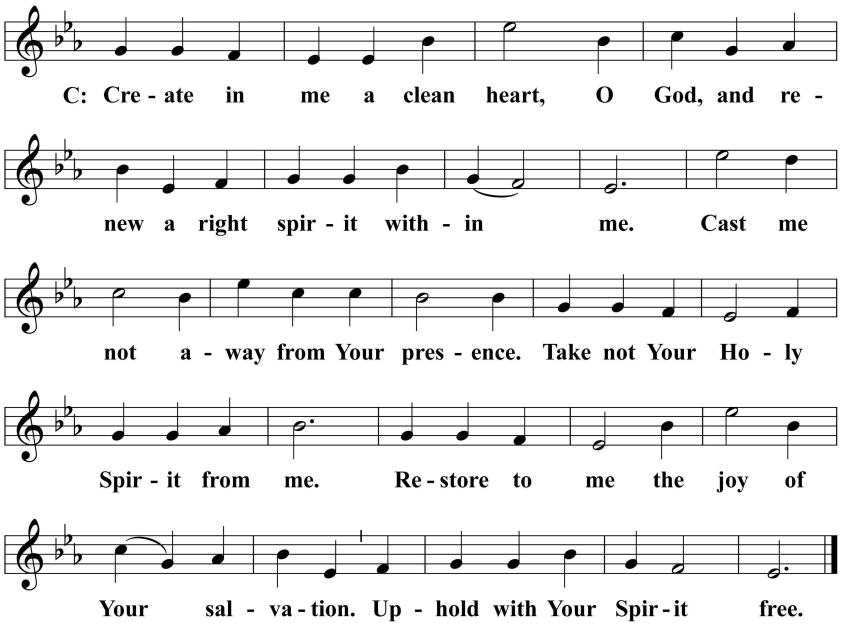
“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ”

1. Awake out of sleep!
2. Wear the armor of light!
3. Walk as in the day!



THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

SERMON HYMN: #60 [Red Hymnal]

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD: [Red hymnal #441:1,2]

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #47:1,4 [Red Hymnal]

~ Silent Prayer ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Questions? (920) 922-7421

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Today: 9am Study/Sunday School; **10am** Worship (WS)

Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service

School Committee meets after choir

7:30pm Chimers

Wed: 10am and 7pm Midweek Advent Worship Services

Theme: "Gift Opening is Finally Here!"

Thurs: 9am Woman's Bible Reading (Acts)

Fri: 1:30pm 75er's Christmas Party at church

Sat: 10-12pm Children's Christmas Eve Practice

Sun: 9am Study/Sunday School; **10am** Communion (WS)

Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service

7:30pm Chimers

THE CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM, December 24th (Saturday, at 6pm) is coming up soon and very soon! The program's theme is entitled "The Trees of Christmas." Currently we have over 25 children participating this year. In order to have the kids ready for the program, **Practices are Saturdays, December 3, 10, and 17 from 10-Noon as well as review during Sunday School at 9am.** If you haven't signed up your child yet, do it today! We look forward to this exciting tradition!

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED! The 2012 church cleaner's calendar is up in the entryway on the bulletin board. Please take a look and see what month would work for you to volunteer. Let's keep God's house looking sharp and ready to use for our worship of Christ our Savior!

NEW LM LOGOWEAR! – In the hallway by the meeting room are several nice designs to choose from. Order forms are next to the polo shirts on stand. Simply fill out order form w/payment & give to pastor. Hurry! The order will be taken down by the end of the month!

CLC Devotional Sheep & Shepherds is available for \$12.00 plus postage. The book was written by retired CLC Pastor Dale Redlin (Mankato, MN) and the purpose of the book is to draw all of us ever closer to our Shepherd as we make our way through this world of sin. Maybe it would be a blessing to give to someone as a special gift that literally "keeps on giving." It is all to His glory! To order, send an email to Pastor Redlin at: hope-dale@juno.com

CLC Call News: The Rev. Vance Fossum, W. Columbia SC, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. The congregation has now called the Rev. Delwyn Maas, Phoenix AZ.

LM CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES – Need Christmas cards? Bernice Mueller has a number of boxes of a dozen of nice Christmas cards at a very good price of \$3-4.00 dollars per box. Please speak with her if you are interested and hurry, she has a limited supply!

Witnessing idea for the week:

Lord, grant to Your servants that with all boldness we may speak Your word. (Acts 4:29)

A Witness to be Thankful for...

How often when we are talking with someone do we get the chance to express simply how blessed we are. We take so many things for granted usually and find our flesh daily against complaining and not be content with what we have been given by our loving and gracious Father in heaven!

Why be thankful?

Why not spend more time each morning when we wake up, eating breakfast, or getting ready for the day by thinking all about what my Savior has done for me? That perspective is the right start for the day. That perspective gives true light in this often very dark and depressing world. We have the light of Christ, our Savior!

Our conduct and attitude to the world expresses our thankfulness!

And why not invite all to our worship on the day of Thanksgiving?

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 4 = Wayne Wischnefski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King

Organist: Mrs. Fillmore

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 1 = Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg

Organist: Mrs. Eserhut