

**The Second Week of Advent**  
**“Chrismons”**  
**December 6, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**PRELUDE** . . . . . “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”. . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ  
from A Little Nativity Suite  
Setting by John Levitt

**WELCOME** . . . . . Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN** . . . . . “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”. . . . . LSB 344, vs. 1, 3, 5

ALL: On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

SOLO: *We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow’rs that wither and decay.*

ALL: All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - PEACE** . . . . . The Mike Gilmore Family

Solo: *Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the world began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.*

**All (sung): Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.**

Reader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in Scripture.

**All: And He will be called the Prince of Peace.**

Reader: We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

**All: And He will be called the Prince of Peace.**

Reader: We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

**All: And He will be called the Prince of Peace.**

Reader: We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

**All: And He will be called the Prince of Peace.**

*Candle Lighting*

Reader: Today we light two candles. The first candle reminds us of the hope found in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor. We light the second candle to remind us that Jesus came to earth as the Prince of Peace. In a world filled with conflict and discord, we pray for harmony and unity as we work toward claiming the promise of peace on earth.

Solo: *Let the heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts His praises sing:  
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King.*

**All (sung): Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.**

Solo: *Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.*

Reader: Let us pray . . . Gracious Lord, we thank you for coming to earth to be our Prince of Peace. As we continue our Advent journey, help us to know the peace that comes from resting in Your power today and every day. Help us spread this peace through all the things we say and all the things we do. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** . . . . . Isaiah 40:1-11

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from the 40<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah.

**R** <sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** . . . . . 2 Peter 3:8-14

**R** The Epistle Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter.

**R** <sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace. (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** ..... LSB 156

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... Mark 1:1-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” (ESV)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** ..... Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** ..... Matt Meier

**MESSAGE** ..... Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

## PRAYERS

### 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.

## OFFERING

**MUSICAL OFFERING.** . . . . . "He Shall Feed His Flock" by G. F. Handel . . . . . Soloist, Anna Diemer

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd:  
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm, with His arm,  
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd:  
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm, with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom,  
And gently lead those that are with young.*

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour,  
Come unto Him, that are heavy laden,  
And He will give you rest,  
Come unto Him, all ye that labour,  
Come unto Him, that are heavy laden,  
And He will give you rest.*

*Take His yolk upon you, and learn of Him;  
For He is meek and lowly of heart:  
And ye shall find rest unto your souls,  
Take His yolk upon you and learn of Him;  
For He is meek and lowly of heart:  
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### CONFESSION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

## ABSOLUTION

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## DISMISSAL

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{†}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION** . . . . . "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter . . . . . Soloist, Anna Diemer

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.*

**CLOSING HYMN.** . . . . . "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" . . . . . LSB 345, vs. 1, 3, 5

ALL: Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!  
"Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!"

SOLO: *See, the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiv'n;*

ALL: Honor, glory, might, dominion  
To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit  
While eternal ages run!

**POSTLUDE.** . . . . . "Hark the Glad Sound" . . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ  
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