



Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” arr. Walter L. Pelz

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

..... *Silence is kept for reflection*

P: God for whom we wait,
**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving
grace. Amen.**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal
promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you
anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

ELW# 436 (*Please stand as you are able*)

Vs. 1, 3

Prayer of the Day

All: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alerts us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*Please be seated*)

Readings

Assisting Minister

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name— “The LORD is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

**²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies' triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the
day long.

**⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake
of your goodness, O LORD.

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore, you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Acclamation *(please stand as you are able)*

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you; this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

Sermon

Pastor Mitch

Hymn of the Day “Fling Wide the Door”

ELW# 259

Vs 1,2,4

Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Offering

Offering Music

"All Earth Is Hopeful"

arr. Curt Oliver

Offering Prayer

P: God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C: **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: **Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW# 244

Vs 1,2,4

Blessing

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
Amen.

Postlude “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

organist: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Valerie and Orval Osmundson

Video master: Silvester Vicic

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends: Clair and Don Haberman, Jackie Staples, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Gloria Doyon, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Ron Hanson, Velta Krauze, Joanne Policone, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, Mary Kowitz, John Lind, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, Jan Kowitz, and Richard Edge.

Advent with the East Side Collaboration

Advent Series on Zoom

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

December 1, 8, 15, 22

On Wednesdays during Advent, the East Side Collaboration will be hosting an evening worship service on Zoom to help prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child. Holden Evening Prayer will guide our time together with Pastoral Per Halaas providing a short meditation each time. Tune in as you are able for a special time together remind ourselves to prepare the way in our hearts and minds for the coming Lord.

Pick up Choir –1st and 3rd Sundays. Everyone is invited to join the pick-up Choir. Practice will start promptly at 8:45 a.m. No Wednesday night practices or robes. Anthem will be sung during Offertory. Thank you for your participation.

December Newsletters are available at the back table and at our website www.ahlc-stp.org.

Order your Scrip gift cards for Christmas, many to choose from.

Can You Help? Alley Shoppe needs mittens or gloves for men, women, and kids of all ages. If you have any extras or if you see any at the grocery store, Target, Walmart or even Menards that you like, our families will like them too! If you knit or crochet, there is yarn available. Thank you in advance for your help.

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We acknowledge that the land on which we reside, worship and gather was first the home of the Dakota and Ojibwe (Chippewa) people. Minnesota means "sky-tinted water" in the Dakota language. We honor the First Nation people who continue to live and work here as part of this community.

Chuck Linderkamp's Christmas Programs!

Sunday, November 28, 2021

The First Memorial Sousa Band performs at Edenborough Park in Edina. 7700 York Ave S, Edina MN 55435

6:00pm show.

Calendar <<https://www.edinamn.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=13795>> *

Edina, MN *

CivicEngage (edinamn.gov)

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Bend in the River Big Band is performing at the Mall of America in the Huntington Bank Rotunda.

2131 Lindau Lane, Bloomington, MN 55425

7:00-8:00pm.

Home | Mall of America <<https://www.mallofamerica.com/>> (r)

Sunday, December 5, 2021

The Agape Quintet will be leading the Advent service at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. 5760 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417

10:00am

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church | Home (dllc.org)

<<https://www.dllc.org/>>

Sunday, December 5, 2021

I am performing a solo Holiday show at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318

SPECIAL NOTE-You must make an online reservation and show tickets at the gatehouse.

Landscape Arboretum | (umn.edu) <<https://arb.umn.edu/>>

5:00-6:30pm.

Saturday, December 11, 2021

The Century Jazz Ensemble will be doing our annual Holiday show at Century College in White Bear Lake 3300 Century Ave N, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

**Theater is on the West Campus 2:00pm show.