

**“The
LORD
is our righteousness.”**

Jeremiah 33:16, NRSU



OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

“God’s Faithful Promises are Faithfully Kept!”

November 28, 2021

First Sunday in Advent

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: 11:00 am

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Welcome to Our Redeemer

This morning we begin our Advent season of worship. It is a special time when we prepare ourselves for the promised Savior’s birth, as well as his coming in great glory. May the rich blessing of God the Father and his Son come to us through the study of his Word, and as we worship him with glad and sincere hearts.

About the Service

The Order of Worship is printed in this folder. It is a service which draws our attention to God’s faithful promise, and leads us to rejoice in God’s faithful keeping of that promise. May our good and gracious God bless us as we stand in his presence, and as we worship him in love, and praise him with thanksgiving. Spoken and sung responses are indicated.

The Order of Worship

Opening Hymn

“The Advent of Our King”
Christian Worship 1

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Rejoice! God's Faithful Promise is Faithful

P: In love God promised to send the seed of the woman to crush the serpent's head. His coming would bring forgiveness and would release people from God's just sentence upon their sins. His coming would also reconcile God and man, repairing the relationship destroyed by disobedience. His coming would finally restore the promise of paradise and the loss of eternal life.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: Throughout every generation God repeated his promise for the sake of the people of Israel, as well as all people. In his gracious and faithful proclamation, many found great hope, comfort, and joy: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace."



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: As the time drew near, God repeated his promise with greater clarity and more unmistakable signs. All would point to the precious Child of promise: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and will call him Immanuel."



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: The Lord invites us to prepare ourselves to receive this promised Child. Return to the Lord with sincere humility. Rely on his on his never-failing promises. Rejoice, because God's Son

is promised to rescue guilt-grieved and repentant sinners.



C: A — — men!

Rejoice, God’s Faithful Promise Works Repentance

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and accept the invitation of the Lord’s prophet: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” *Isaiah 1:18*

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Rejoice, God’s Faithful Promise Works Rescue

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has sent his Son into the world to be the Servant of Salvation. Rejoice because God has revealed Jesus as that Savior and has shown us mercy: “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.” *Isaiah 42:1-4*

P: Rejoice, because hope and peace have been established. Re-

joy because through Jesus' precious work and his authority, all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Rejoice, God's Faithful Promise Stands Forever

P: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. With joy I will draw water from the wells of salvation."
Isaiah 12:1-4

Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e—



ter — nal; it stands firm in the heav —



ens. Your faith — ful — ness con — tin — ues for -



ev — er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless — ed are they who take ref — uge in him.

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious God and Lord, you loved us with a never-failing and ever-lasting love. In that compassion you did not deal with us according to our rebellion. Instead you showed us your undeserved mercy and compassion. You also promised to send a King who would be the Royal Branch of David's family tree. He would also be the Righteous Branch who would bring rescue and forgiveness. Fill us with joy because you have kept your faithful promise faithfully. Bring us peace through forgiveness. Also keep us by the power of our Savior-King, Jesus Christ, until we join you in your heavenly kingdom. There we will praise you—Father, Son and Spirit—as our faithful, loving, and Triune God.



C: A ——— men.

The Lessons from God's Word

"Behold, the King of Righteousness is Coming!"

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah.

¹⁵In those days and at that time,

I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line.
He will establish justice and righteousness on earth.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved,
and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

This is what she will be called:

The LORD Our Righteousness.

Response to the Lesson

“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

Christian Worship 6 st. 1

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free;
From our sins and fears release us by your death on Calvary.
Israel’s Strength and Consolation, Hope to all the earth impart,
Dear Desire of ev’ry nation, joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? ¹⁰Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 24:7-10

P: Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in. Who is this King of Glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates. Lift yourselves up, you ancient doors, and the King of Glory will come in. Who is he, this King of Glory? The LORD of Armies—he is the King of Glory!

Response to the Lesson

“Come, O Long-Expected Jesus”

Christian Worship 6 st. 2

Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all-sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, ²⁶people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.”

²⁹He told them a parable. “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually near. ³¹So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Amen I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴“Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly. ³⁵For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Word of our faithful God who keeps all of his promises faithfully.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

**C: 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 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”
Christian Worship 23

Sermon *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

“This is My Faithful Promise!”
I will provide a royal branch
I will provide a righteous branch

Hymn “Blest be the God of Israel”
Christian Worship 275 st. 1

Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
He visits and redeems us; he grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

God's Faithful Promise of a Righteous King

Isaiah 44:6-8—⁶This is what the LORD, the King of Israel, Israel's Redeemer, the LORD of Armies, says.

I am the first, and I am the last.

Except for me, there is no god.

⁷For who is like me? Let him declare it. Let him recite in order for me the things that took place since the time I established an ancient people. Or let them declare what is yet to come, and what is going to take place.

⁸Do not tremble, and do not be frightened. Did I not announce this to you, and declare it already long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any god except me? There is no other Rock.

God's Faithful Promise Faithfully Kept in Jesus

Revelation 19:11-16—¹¹I saw heaven standing open, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war in righteousness. ¹²His eyes are like blazing flames, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him, which no one knows except he himself. ¹³He is also clothed in a garment that had been dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴The armies in heaven, which were clothed with white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will shepherd them with an iron staff. He himself is going to trample the winepress of the fierce anger of the Almighty God. ¹⁶On his garment and on his thigh this name is written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

P: God has kept his faithful promise, and has provided us with a righteous King, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just. This King is our Savior, Jesus Christ. By faith we prepare ourselves to greet him at his birth. By faith we prepare ourselves to greet him when he comes again in glory. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is the one to whom we say:

The Lord is seated as King forever.

The Lord gives strength to his people.
The Lord blessed his people with peace.

*During the lighting of the Advent Candle
The congregation will sing —*

Hymn

“Blest be the God of Israel”
Christian Worship 275 st. 3

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise;
The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner’s eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
Oh, bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayer and Response

P: Eternal Father, from the very beginning of time you repeated and reaffirmed your promise to send a royal, righteous branch. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the coming of that Savior-King.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works and power of the devil.

P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our coming King, use your Word of Truth to humble our sinful hearts, and to wake us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take the words of your prophets to heart: “To us a Child is born; to us a Son is given.”

P: You sent your Son as the promised Savior to rescue us from sin, the tyranny of the devil, and death’s strangle hold at the end of this life. Let his coming be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before our Savior comes, release us from the distractions and deceptions of the world.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the refreshing joy of your faithful and undeserved love.

P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Silent Prayer

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory. Come, Lord Jesus; and hear us as we pray . .

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn

“Hosanna to the Coming Lord”
Christian Worship 21

Closing Prayer

P: O gracious Father, you are faithful, and everything you do reveals that faithfulness. We rejoice because you promised to send a righteous, royal Branch to serve as your King of Glory. You fulfilled that promise by declaring Jesus as King. Accept our thanks because you honored your holy word. Accept our praise because you have declared us your people and heirs of heaven. Accept our devotion in return for your love. Be our Lord and Savior, every guiding, defending, and comforting us un-

til we reach your eternal kingdom. There we will praise you—
together with your Son and the Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one
another; serve the Lord in gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with his favor; and

give you peace.



C: A - men. A — men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

Christian Worship 28

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today—*Welcome in Name of our ever-loving and ever-faithful Savior.* May the peace and reassurance of his promised coming fill you with joy as you prepare to welcome the Christ Child. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the service everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of fellowship.
- Christian Education will start at 11:00 am and review the lessons of the Gospel reading for today.

Monday—Handbell Choir practice at 7:00 pm

Tuesday—Outreach / Fellowship Committee meeting at 7:00 pm. Plans for this year and 2022 will be made.

Wednesday—Bible Class on the Book of James restarts after the pre-Thanksgiving break. We will return to chapters 3 and 4 regarding a God-pleasing life.

Friday—Office Hours 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Saturday—Cleaning—Tschech & Everson

- Mowing beginning November 28th—Pettus

Sunday, December 5th—Advent Worship at 9:30 am. This will include both an in-person and live-streamed service. As we continued with the season of Advent, we hear how God faithfully promised, and faithfully kept that promise to send a special messenger who would bring peace and good news.

- During this service there will also be an opportunity to receive the Lord’s Supper. You may register to receive it today. You may also make plans to receive the Lord’s Supper privately.
- Christian Education will follow the service.

Thank You

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What's Happening . . .

In the coming month we will have a number of special opportunities through which we can invite others to come to know their Savior Jesus Christ and what he has done for them. Make sure you take the opportunity to “share the good news!”

- Today begins our preparation for the celebration of our Savior's birth. This year we will turn our attention to the Old Testament Prophets and their prophecies. Each provided a beautiful and needed piece of the picture regarding Jesus' birth. Our Advent services will be on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. They will follow the theme —

God's Faithful Promises Faithfully Kept

A Royal, Righteous Branch

A Sacred Messenger

A Victorious Hero

A Loving Shepherd

- Church Decorating & Chili dinner—December 12th. Everything begins at 2:30 pm. In the past we also did some caroling. Because of restrictions, we will not be able to do that. Still the time of service and fellowship will be enjoyed.
- Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24th, and Christmas Day—Saturday, December 25th, will be 7:00 pm and 9:30 am respectively. While there are many traditions which can be a part of Christmas, make the worship of our new-born Savior your first priority.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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