

Midweek Advent One: Advent Expectation

Hymn: 313 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm 146:2, 5-8

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind,

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.

Psalm 141A Let My Prayer Rise before You

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
O LORD, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice
when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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Prayer

Lord, we bow down to you in thankful praise. You have made your ways known to both lowly and great on the earth. You have not abandoned the work of your hands, but instead you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem: What Shall We Call Our King?

Grades 5 and 8

Reading

Luke 1:11–25, 57

¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

¹⁸Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”

¹⁹The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

²¹Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²²When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

²³When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵“The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”

⁵⁷When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son.

Hymn: 319 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Sermon: Luke 1:11-25,57

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

Come, dear Savior.

We long for your appearing!

Come to cheer us with your promises,
as you once cheered your ancient people throughout their long night of watching and waiting.

Come to restore our hope. Rouse us from the slumber of despair; lift our hearts from petty, earthbound goals;
direct our eyes above, from where you will soon come to make all things right again.

Come and work in us a godly grief and a genuine sorrow over sin.
Forgive us for the shameful way we have dishonored you and the shabby way we have dealt with one another.

Through your mighty Word,
stir up in us a ceaseless yearning to give ourselves to others as you have given yourself for us.

Come also to rekindle our joy as we prepare to celebrate your first coming.
Do not permit a frenzied busyness to rob us of your peace or deprive us of times to ponder and to wonder at your Word.

Set our hearts apart from the bustle and clamor and jostle of these days. Fill us with the quiet delight of finding you in the manger.
Keep our hearts and minds undisturbed from the matters of this world.

We pray also for those enduring great sorrow, for those undergoing great spiritual trial, and those whose restless hearts have no knowledge of your coming.
Comfort, strengthen, and illumine them with the sweet peace born of your love, and keep them in the way of peace by your Holy Word.

Come quickly, dear Lord, and fill our longing eyes with the light of your coming!
We wait, we keep watch, and in you we put our hope. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Hymn: 782 Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer

10:00 AM – Morning Stanza and Stanza 2

6:00 PM- Evening Stanza and Stanza 2

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