

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Redfield, South Dakota
Pastor Brian Wasmoen

2nd Sunday in Advent 9 am December 6, 2020

ELW setting 4 *Please stand if able

WE PREPARE

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer: "Calm our hearts and our troubled world, Lord.

Grant us the peace that passes human understanding.

Prepare us to receive the Prince of Peace. Amen."

Hymn of the Light "Drawn to the Light" #593

Kyrie (sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who here offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

WE PRAISE

Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" On Insert

Prayer of the Day:

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your

only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with

purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever. Amen

WE LISTEN

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

*Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

*Gospel Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" #256

*Share the Peace

Sermon

WE RESPOND

Hymn of the Day "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" . . . #254

Apostles' Creed

The Prayers

The Offering

Hymn "The First Noel" #300

Holy Communion

WE ARE SENT

Sending/Dismissal

Closing Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #283

Receive Communion as you leave.

Postlude

Thanks to all those assisting with our Worship and Fellowship!

Accompanist: Dana Lewis

Song Leader: Mallory McMahan

Communion: Diane Dangel and Pastor Brian

Usher: Doug Dangel

Radio Broadcast today: Given in memory of Connie Hansen from family and friends.

Sympathy to Robert & Kelly Ratigan and family. Robert's mom, Kathy, died this past week.

Sympathy also to Colton & Colette Taylor as Colton's grandmother, Lila Hansen, died last Saturday.

Bell Ringing has begun at Redfield Food Center to raise money for the Salvation Army and local needs. We do not have a sign-up sheet but invite you to ring the bell when you can.

Olivewood Carvings on display in church made by carvers in Bethlehem. Talk with LeAnn to purchase or to order other pieces for Christmas gifts (450-1385).

Fixing our ELW Worship Books - While they are piled up in the back of the Sanctuary, we realized that 60-70% of our red books have broken bindings. As long as we are not using the books, now is a good time to fix them. We have someone who can teach us how - we need volunteers willing to help with this project. If you would like to help, contact Pastor Brian or the church office. 450-5101 or 472-2640.

Christmas Schedule

Due to our pandemic, there is no cantata or Children's Program this year. We have planned three celebrations of Christmas:

1. **Blue Christmas** chat online December 16 at 6:00 pm for those whose Christmas this year is not so joyful.
2. **Mini-Christmas Sunday**, December 20 at 9:00 am we will gather in person, masked and separated, but welcome to sing the carols, hear the Christmas gospel and receive Holy Communion. (Also on radio and Facebook)
3. **Christmas Eve Worship** (Facebook only) at 6:00 pm—sing along with the carols, hear special music, and light the candle(s) in your own home to feel the presence of the Light.

Tech Work continues as we try to restore good quality worship on radio and create a sharper Facebook broadcast too.

Harvestfest Offering—as we scramble to catch up on offerings and pay the bills of 2020, we offer you the opportunity to support some other vital ministries through this December offering. 25% of our Harvestfest offering will go to each of these ministries: Redfield Area Ministerial Assn, Lutherans Outdoors camps, ELCA World Hunger and Our Savior's Operating Fund. Mark offerings clearly.

Food Pantry - We collected food for our Good Samaritan Center and we responded as we always do - filling several tables. Unfortunately, the Center is presently closed with Covid. We will deliver the food when they open to the public.

Call the Office to sponsor a Bulletin

January 3, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21 & 28. Cost \$ 25.00.

Or a Radio Broadcast

December 13, 20, January 3, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21 & 28. Cost \$ 75.00.

Operating Offering last week - \$ 1,665.00

Harvestfest - \$ 25.00

Sanctuary Fund - \$ 500.00

World Hunger - \$ 50.00

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**"Through the grace of God, we are
worshiping, sharing, growing."**

#593 Drawn to the Light

1. People who walk in darkness have sought a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.

**Refrain: Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the light and the morning,
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight to be drawn to the light of God.**

2. How can we tell a heaven from hell if ev'ry one dwells in the dark of night?
Morning dispels, gently compels, and we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain:

3. Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the one who is shining bright,
Bids us to come! Life has begun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain:

This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen
This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#256 Comfort, Comfort Now My People

1. Comfort, comfort now my people, tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

2. For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance; sing the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble favor.

3. Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

#254 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

#300 The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!

Born is the king of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night. **Refrain:**
3. And by the light of that same star Three wisemen came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain:**
5. Then entered those wisemen three, fall reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. **Refrain**

#283 O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! **Refrain:**
3. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest. **Refrain:**
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **Refrain:**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; * lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, * lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, * not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. *

¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening * the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the good news * of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. *

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, *

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, * who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ',

⁴ John the baptizer appeared * in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals ⁸I have baptized you with * water; but he will baptize you with * the Holy Spirit.'