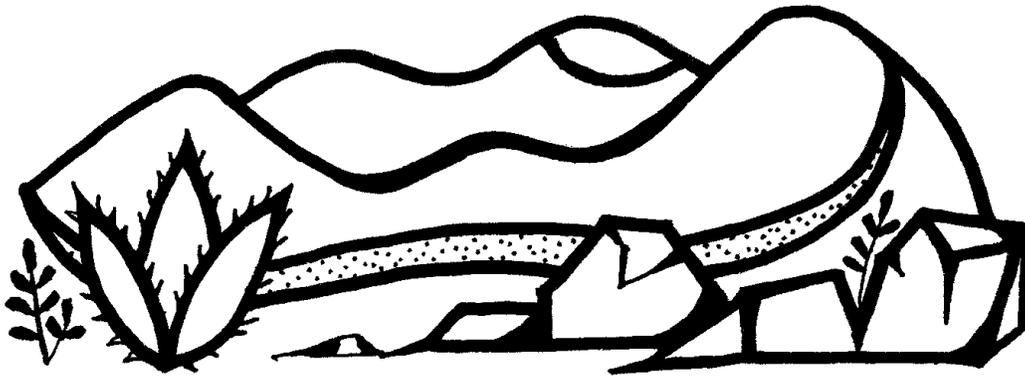


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Holy Communion Setting Seven Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017—8:30 and 11:00am

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal. Page numbers, such as “p. 172,” refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. Hymn numbers, marked with a # sign, refer to the large numbers in the back of the book.

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, HTLC practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the common cup or individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) grape juice. Allergen-free communion wafers are available in covered glass dishes on stands near the front of each communion station. Place one in the palm of your hand, cover with the other hand (palm down) and your hand will be blessed during distribution of communion. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord
by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of all time,
**we confess that we have not prepared
for your merciful reign among us.
We ignore our neighbors in need
and fail in the labor of justice and peace.
In your mercy forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your light
and to seek the things that will endure
until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven
and all things are made new.

Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,

that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

WREATH-LIGHTING HYMN: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
Verses 1-2

Hymn #240

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ WORD +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

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.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
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!"
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
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.

*The assembly may respond: **Thanks be to God.***

PSALMODY: 85:1-2, 8-13

Read or sung responsively.

You have been gracious to your | land, O Lord;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.
**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.**
I will listen to what the Lord| God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**
Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

*The assembly may respond: **Thanks be to God.***

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

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. The 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. But 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.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting 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? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Will Rose

HYMN OF THE DAY: Prepare the Royal Highway

Hymn #264

CREED (8:30)

**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.**

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

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Finn Bond O'Hare

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION: "Jesus Loves Me"

Hymn #595

Verse 1

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

+ MEAL +

OFFERING: *Come, Messiah, Come (8:30)*

Lynn Shaw Bailey & Becki Slagle Mayo

O promised one, o prince of peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, come.

Lord, reveal your mercy, guide us, Lord, we pray;

May we see your light and walk your way.

Alleluia!

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn (11:00)

Carl Schalk

As the dark awaits the dawn, so we await your light.

O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright,

Till shades of fear are gone.

As the blue expectant hour before the silv'ring skies,

We long to see your day arise, whole and wise,

O lucent Morning Star.

As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease,

May we your healing light release, living peace,

Unto your holy dawn.

Shine your future on this place, enlighten ev'ry guest,

That through us stream your holiness, bright and blest;

Come dawn, O Sun of grace.

-Susan Palo Cherwien

TABLE-SETTING HYMN: *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Hymn #247

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Music during distribution:

Lamb of God	p. 182
“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”	Hymn #249
“He Came Down”	Hymn #253

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

Savior of the nations, come!

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn	Hymn #242
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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE