



Your redemption
is drawing
near!

Luke 21:28

St. John's Lutheran Church

1107 14th Street, Clarkston, WA

10:15 am Sunday School and Bible Class – 11:00 am Worship Service

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Organists: Jessica Buck and Sue Martin

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13946 1st Ave, Orofino, ID

7:30 am Bible Class – 8:00 am Worship Service

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4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 40 (front of the hymnal p. 132)

The Hymns: 103, insert, 90, 92:4

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, watch over our little flock, and by faith make us ready at all times for the second coming of Jesus. Forgive us our sins, strengthen our faith, and renew in us a right spirit in our Advent and Christmas worship. Amen.

Opening Pray103

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation sings:

A - men.

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

The Introit

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving.
This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: Drop down, you heavens, from above:

C: **And let the skies pour down righteousness.**

P: Let the earth open:

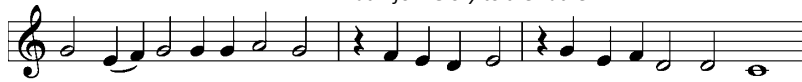
C: **And bring forth salvation.**

P: The heavens declare the glory of God:

C: **And the firmament shows His handiwork.**

The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The Kyrie

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - all sing)



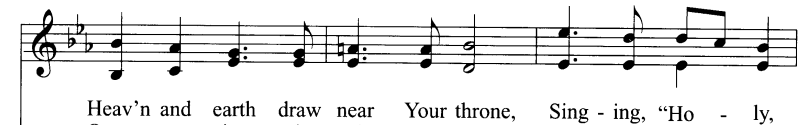
I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

The Salutation (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The Collect for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



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THE BIBLE READINGS

The Epistle Reading:

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The Gradual

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

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C: **To all who call upon Him in truth.**

P: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

C: **And let all flesh praise His holy name. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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C: **Answer in Your time, O my God. Hallelujah!**



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Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from Luke 1 beginning in the 26th verse.



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The Gospel Reading:

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Congregation stands for:

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn "Fields are Peaceful and White" (insert)

The Sermon

2 Samuel 7:8-11 "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9 "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. 10 "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them any more, as previously, 11 "since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.

Theme: "THE KINGDOM OF DAVID: A SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME

A shadow of God's grace to sinners (8)

A shadow of God's preservation of His saints (9-10)

A shadow of God's spiritual rest in Christ (11)

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of, the Holy Spirit..

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from Thy presence And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen**

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

By faith we offer the Lord our gifts to support the Gospel, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. We sing the offering hymn 127:3:

**As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!**

Prayers - (Pastor)

The 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.

Hymn 62

Holy Communion p. 48

The Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



The Closing Hymn 76

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, confess, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

IN OUR PRAYERS Desirae Naumann is on home-hospice care as she awaits the LORD's good timing to take her to her heavenly home.
Bob Jensen, that he might soon receive a heart and kidney transplant.

St. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE TREAT BAGS Today and next Sunday a box is in the church entry to receive donations for the children's treat bags that are handed out after the Christmas Eve service. Candy, goodies, & fruit (next Sunday), etc. are welcome!

CHURCH & SCHOOL CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. JOHN'S.
Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY
Needed: \$2,215. Received: \$1,075 (- \$1,140). To-date: -\$3,727.
Teacherage Fund – Received: \$10. Total to-date: \$14,065

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 5:30 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 AM

NEXT SUNDAY'S BIBLE READINGS To help you prepare your hearts:
Isaiah 42:22-25 – Turn To The LORD And Be saved (sermon)
Colossians 3:12-17 – Let The Peace Of Christ Rule In Your Hearts
Luke 2:25-38 – Jesus Is Presented In The Temple

2021 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal - With an application deadline quickly approaching and still so much uncertainty concerning international travel, vaccination requirements and availability, and government restrictions on gatherings in Nepal due to the pandemic, the decision has been made to cancel the 2021 trip that was tentatively scheduled for July with the prayer that things will be back to normal enough by this time next year to make plans for 2022.

Nominations for Immanuel Lutheran College Professor (Eau Claire, WI):

The following nominations have been received to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Reim at the end of the 2020-21 academic year: Pastors Paul Krause, Neal Radichel, Rob Sauers, and David Schaller. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 29, 2020 (letters postmarked December 24, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

CLC Project KINSHIP - On the Rise! As endeavors to spread the Gospel overseas continue to increase, so do our opportunities to support these endeavors. Of the current 113 overseas seminary students, there are currently five students that do not have stateside sponsors. Please consider becoming a sponsor through the CLC KINSHIP program. The cost for this particular sponsorship is \$35/month (\$420/year). There will also be sponsorship opportunities for the overseas orphan population in the near future, and KINSHIP would welcome folks who are willing to be put on the "wait list" for those sponsorships. These sponsorships require a similar financial commitment. Contact is Dan Roehl (danroehl@hotmail.com or 507-381-2042).

CLC NEWS <> Pastor Michael Eichstadt, Messiah Lutheran Church of Hales Corners, WI has **received** the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran Church of Appleton, WI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich have called Pastor Emeritus John Klatt to serve as their vacancy pastor, beginning in 2021. Pastor Klatt has accepted their calls. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. has **received** the call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher by Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI. <> Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption, WA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI to be their upper grade teacher/principal.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Matthew 1:23

The Epistle Reading for the 4th Sunday in Advent

In these verses the Apostle Paul praises God and gives glory to Him for revealing Jesus Christ as the Savior to all people, as witnessed by the Old Testament Bible books. We read...

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The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the first line of the Gradual. The second staff is for the second line. The third staff is for the third line. The fourth staff is for the fourth line. The lyrics are written below the notes.