

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Virtual Worship Service
Little Cedar & Marshall Lutheran Churches
November 29, 2020 ~ 10:00AM
Pastor Jeremy D. Johnson

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*** We will sing 1x before the Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle and 1x after its been lit***

Lighting of the Advent Candle "O Come, O Come Emanuel" vs. 1 ELW #257

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

P: In this season of light, let us confess our sins before God, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins, those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us wait patiently for the Lord.

C: God's restoration will surely come.

P: Let us take courage in the face of the darkness.

C: God's light will surely shine.

P: Let us follow wherever God leads.

C: God's guidance is surely true.

P: Let us receive the Lord anew.

C: God's salvation has surely come.

P: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace. **Amen**

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise: to the tune of Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'n and earth adored!
God of power, God of might, breaking darkness with your light.
Heav'n and earth sing "Holy, Holy" You are God, the One, the Only.
In your name comes one who's blessed! Songs of praises shall not rest.
Sing hosanna to the Lord! In your love are we restored.

Prayer of the Day

P: All powerful and unseen God, **C: the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

First Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7 "Prayer for Israel's Restoration"

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain the Gospel of the Lord.

P: Holy Gospel Mark 13:24-37 **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁴ “But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You O Christ.**

Sermon

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Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Apostles Creed

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Prayers of the Church

P: God of hope **C: Hear our prayer.**

Offertory

Offering Response

Lord's Prayer

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***Blessing**

P: May God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **All: Amen**

P: Go in peace. To love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**