



Christ Our Savior
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*“Living, sharing and teaching the Love of Christ as we reach out to all people”
“Viviendo, compartiendo y enseñando el Amor de Cristo mientras alcanzamos a toda persona”*

First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2020

RECOGNIZING THE NEED

This Advent, we are going to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus coming at Christmas. How can we make our hearts ready? There is more than one good answer to this question, but one answer we will consider this year is baptism. While many people think of baptism as something that happens one time in a person's life, it is an event of great power and ongoing significance. This morning, we will consider how baptism is an answer to the cry of a lost world. The world needs saving. People cry out, “Lord, save us!” One answer to that cry is baptism, and this year we renew our cry to Jesus to come into our lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Lift up your heads and open your eyes,

People: for He is coming.

Pastor: Who is coming?

People: The King of glory!

Pastor: Blessings on Him who comes as king,

People: who comes in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father;

People: Who promised to send us The Savior!

Pastor: In the name of His Son, Jesus;

People: Who came to be our Savior and King!

Pastor: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

People: Who called us by the Gospel and kept us in the true faith!

Pastor: Let us join our thankful voices,

People: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES [AGPS#145]

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving shepherd vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, wonderful counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords,
The way the truth, and the Life, Mighty creator, My Savior and friend.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(There is silence to call to mind your sins.)

Pastor: O merciful and faithful God,

People: You call the whole world into the fellowship of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, whom You sent to take away our sins. Therefore we confess our sin and lay it all before You by faith in our Savior who suffered, died, and rose for us. Receive us according to Your merciful promise, grant us Your forgiveness, and cleanse our hearts that we may enter into Your gracious presence with joy as Your redeemed children.

Pastor: In our Epistle this morning, the Apostle Paul reminds us that “the grace of God was given to us in Christ Jesus.” (*1 Corinthians 1:4*). I, by virtue of my office as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
People: the light no darkness can overcome.
Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness
People: and illumine Your Church.

HYMN

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME [LSB#358]

"From heav'n above to earth I come to bear good news to ev'ry home:
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Where-of I now will say and sing:

"This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart For You to dwell within my heart.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Together: Merciful Lord, You are not a God far off, but a God who comes to His people in mercy and love, to serve and to save. As we remember Your coming in the flesh at Christmas, help us look forward to Your coming at the end of time, and give us Your forgiveness and life as You come to us now in Your Word and Sacraments. Use this Season of Advent to strengthen our faith and keep us strong in You. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 64:1-9

^{64:1}Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

+++ ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION +++

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3–9

^{1:3}Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
 Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
 To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
 The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
 The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
 The Lord of men and angels rode on in lowly state
 Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint Mark:

People: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 11:1-10

Pastor: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,

People: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA [LSB#443]

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

APOSTLES’ CREED

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Note: If you have a prayer request, please put it on a “Prayer Request Card”
and the ushers will bring it forward with the offering.

OFFERING HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL [LSB#357]

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

SERMON HYMN

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME [*LSB#332*]

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh--Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.

SERMON

PASTOR ELY PRIETO



CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor, ✠ and give you peace.

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CLOSING HYMN

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME [LSB#332]

Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.

God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

✠ TO GOD ALONE BE ALL THE GLORY ✠
✠ A DIOS SEA TODA LA GLORIA ✠

