

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 10, 2023

PRELUDE 8:15

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the nations, come), BWV 659
Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211

J.S. Bach
D. Buxtehude

GATHERING

Light of the World

Daigle, Duncan, Mabury

WELCOME

Pastor Patton

OPENING HYMN 8:15

Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343 (vv. 1, 3-4)

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him!
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!

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10:45

Joy of the Lord

Cash

Do It Again Furtik, Redman, Brown, Brock

OPENING

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

People: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Pastor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

People: and in His word I hope.

(Psalm 27:13-14; 130:5)

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: With hope in the Lord's promises of renewal by His Word and Spirit, let us together confess our sins to Him.

People: Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord!

(A Time for Silent reflection on God's Word and self-examination)

Pastor: Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy!

People: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, I would have no hope.

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness, therefore we place our trust in You.

People: Restore us, Lord God, and set us free from our sins.

Pastor: Renew us in Your hope, that we may wait for Your salvation.

People: Because of Your steadfast love for us in Christ, redeem us from all our iniquities. Amen.

Pastor: As we wait for Jesus' final coming, we place our hope and our confidence in the promises of His Word and find our home in the presence of His Spirit. Confessing our sins and turning away from them through lives of repentance, we are assured again this day of the Lord's steadfast love and plentiful redemption for us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we light the second candle, which draws our thoughts to Bethlehem of long ago.

Pastor: And Joseph went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth,

Men: to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

Women: to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. (Luke 2:4-5)

Pastor: And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

Women: And she gave birth to her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,

Men: because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6-7)

VERSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 (v. 2)

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;

To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son,

People: that by His coming we may be found in Him, fully redeemed and at peace;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare^[a] is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "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 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said,^[c] "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty^[d] is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

2 Peter 3:8-14

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.^[11] Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH (Preparation to Lift us up to hear the Gospel)

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
(Isaiah 40:3)

† ALLELUIA 8:15 *LSB 205*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord. 8:15

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare^[c] the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

A CHRISTMAS CREED *(from Colossians 1:15-20)*

[We believe that Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alyssa Breuer

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU *Waiting because He is Patient*

Pastor Penny

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Handbell Choir

arr. J. Behnke

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

THE 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.

CHRIST COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Penny

† 8:15 THE PREFACE (We Begin the Order of the Sacrament)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: *(do not print or project)* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the

Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might be found by Him without spot or blemish and at peace when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Our God is Holy)

LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI (We extend the Lord's Peace to one another)


Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (The Lamb of God takes away our sin)

LSB 210

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

 **DISTRIBUTION** Holy Communion is offered in individual cup format. *The lighter colored individual cups are a non-alcoholic wine.*
All who believe in the special meaning of Holy Communion are invited.

8:15

Savior of the Nations Come

LSB 332 (vv. 1-4, 8)

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Herr a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.
- 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642

- 1 O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed Your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

- 3 You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

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On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*LSB 344*

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

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10:45***Prepare the Way
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus****Hall, Giglio**Wesley, Tomlin***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE****Nunc Dimittis***LSB 211*

- 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace;
Al light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have assured us of sins forgiven, so that with joy we may share in Your love each day, until Your Son returns to usher us into Your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.**† THE BENEDICTION** (God's Blessing)**CLOSING HYMN** 8:15***Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord****LSB 352 (vv. 1, 4, 6)*

- 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

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4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me Which is yours eternally.

6 Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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10:45

The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick

POSTLUDE 8:15

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J.S. Bach