



**CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**



**9:30AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**(ALL: congregation in bolded type)**

**PRELUDE:** "Hark the Glad Sound" Julie McDonald, pianist

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Text: Phillip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

**WELCOME** to online worship, special welcome to visitors

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*Have your home altars prepared to share the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and your phones ready to text the peace of Christ to your family and friends.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:** Ess Family (Lia, Orion, Camille)

**HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway"**

#264 Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship

Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.; Public Domain

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- 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:
- Refrain**  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!
- 2 God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
their voices join your singing *Refrain*
- 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 soundi *Refrain*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**ALL: Amen.**

*Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Loving and forgiving God,*

**ALL: we confess that we are held captive by sin.**

**In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.**

**We have not welcomed the stranger;**

**we have not loved our neighbor;**

**we have not been Christ to one another.**

**Restore us, O God.**

**Wake us up and turn us from our sin.**

**Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

*People of God, hear this glad news:*

*by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—*

*free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.*

*May you be strengthened in God's love, † comforted by Christ's peace,*

*and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## **HYMN: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

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Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3;

John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

Music: Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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| <p>1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming<br/>from tender stem hath sprung!<br/>Of Jesse's lineage coming<br/>as seers of old have sung,<br/>it came, a flow'r so bright,<br/>amid the cold of winter,<br/>when half-spent was the night.</p> <p>2 Isaiah had foretold it,<br/>the rose I have in mind;<br/>with Mary we behold it,<br/>the virgin mother kind.<br/>To show God's love aright,<br/>she bore to us a Savior,<br/>when half-spent was the night.</p> | <p>3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender<br/>with sweetness fills the air,<br/>dispels with glorious splendor<br/>the darkness everywhere.<br/>True man, yet very God,<br/>from sin and death he saves us<br/>and lightens ev'ry load.</p> <p>4 O Savior, child of Mary,<br/>who felt our human woe;<br/>O Savior, king of glory,<br/>who dost our weakness know:<br/>bring us at length, we pray,<br/>to the bright courts of heaven<br/>and into endless day.</p> |
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## GREETING

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

**ALL: KYRIE, Sung Liturgy**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

**ALL: HYMN OF PRAISE, Sung Liturgy**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The Lord be with you.* **ALL: And also with you.**

*Let us pray together...*

**ALL: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.**

**By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Josh Svenulski, Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Wyatt Tranby

*Please look up the scripture readings in your Bible and follow along.*

*Response after each reading: The Word of the Lord.* **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11      SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

**ALL: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, Sung Liturgy**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## **GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8**

*The Gospel of the Lord.* **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**Introduction:** Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

**“Drawn To The Word” - Pastor Paul Oman**

## **HYMN: “People, Look East”**

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Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965

Music: French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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| <p>1 People, look east. The time is near<br/>of the crowning of the year.<br/>Make your house fair as you are able,<br/>trim the hearth and set the table.<br/>People, look east, and sing today—<br/>Love, the Guest, is on the way.</p> <p>2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,<br/>one more seed is planted there.<br/>Give up your strength the seed to nourish,<br/>that in course the flow'r may flourish.<br/>People, look east, and sing today—<br/>Love, the Rose, is on the way.</p> | <p>3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,<br/>one more light the bowl shall brim,<br/>shining beyond the frosty weather,<br/>bright as sun and moon together.<br/>People, look east, and sing today—<br/>Love, the Star, is on the way.</p> <p>4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth<br/>him who brings new life to earth.<br/>Set ev'ry peak and valley humming<br/>with the word, the Lord is coming.<br/>People, look east, and sing today—<br/>Love, the Lord, is on the way.</p> |
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## **ALL: APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** Olsen Family (Adrian, Mike, Kaleb, Tanner)

**Prayer Response:** Lord, in your mercy **ALL:** hear our prayer.

Prayer List: *If you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our email prayer chain or prayer list below, please contact the church office ([office@christusvictor.org](mailto:office@christusvictor.org))*

"Kids Alive" program Dominican Republic	Lily of the Valley AME Church	Casa de Oracion Hispanic Church	Mlowa Parish in Tanzania	Rosemount Family Center
Shannie	Elizabeth	Shannon	Chuck	Becky
Olivia, Jenny & family	Kim	John P.	Ann	Torin
Sharilyn	Lorna	Kathy W.	Erna	Art
Chris & family	Jim	Trudy & Bob	Karl	Agnes
Angel	Allen	Scott T. & family	Ila Mae & family	Faith
Peter & Karen	Jeff	Brianna	Greg	Kathy
Julie	Lori & family	Erik	Mary & family	

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all! **ALL:** And also with you.

*Let us share the peace of Christ with family and friends on text!*

### **OFFERING:**

*Thank you for your continued faithful giving and support. If you are so moved an online giving option is available on the church website. Click on the "give" tab and it will take you to the PayPal donate button.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Mary Did You Know?" Andrew Fritz, soloist

CCLI Song # 839225

Buddy Greene | Mark Lowry

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### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Let us pray together...*

**ALL:** Generous God,

**you have created all that is,  
and you provide for us in every season.**

**Bless all that we offer,  
that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.  
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*With our home altars prepared, let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.*

***Let us pray...***

*Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. Amen.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*If you are worshipping with other people, I invite you to each in turn say the following words to one another as you share the bread and the wine. If you are worshipping by yourself, hear these words of promise...*

**"This is the Body of Christ, given for you."**

**"This is the Blood of Christ, shed for you."**

*We will take a moment to share this Holy Sacrament.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN: "White As Snow" Julie McDonald, pianist**

CCLI Song #491917

Leon Olguin

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## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

*May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and Keep you in God's Grace. Amen.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Let us pray...**

*Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.*

*In this bread and cup you give us life forever.*

*In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BENEDICTION**

*The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,*

*the long-expected Savior fill you with love,*

*the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,*

*✠ now and forever. Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

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Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

**Refrain**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

**SENDING**

*Go in peace and serve the Lord with faith, love and open arms.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers” Julie McDonald, pianist**

#244 Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Public Domain

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

Music: Swedish folk tune

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