

Worship Leader Edition
First Sunday of Advent
“Light”

November 27, 2022

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Jason Krug
Bells of Praise

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Pastor Rob*)

+OPENING HYMN “Come Light of Lights” *Ruth Cunningham*
Led by Cantor

+GREETING {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: 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.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (*Pat & Mary Lair*)

L: We wait for the coming of Christ, the light of the world

C: Come Lord Jesus

CANDLE LIGHTING

The first candle is lit and this response is used:

L: The true light, which enlightens everyone is coming into the world.

C: Come Lord Jesus

L: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.

C: Christ, shine in your church today

SONG

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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Cantor (Verse 1):

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

All sing (Refrain):

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

WORD

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Mark Bergherr)

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit}

John 12:44-50

Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {Front Center} (David Skinner)

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

+THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION {Front Center} (David Skinner)

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After each petition:

L: God of love,

C: we wait in hope.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (David Skinner)

C: 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.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {Front Center} (David Skinner)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (David Skinner)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

ANTHEM

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

arr. Jason Krug

Bells of Praise

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {Front Center} (Rob)

L: Be people of the Light. Let the Light shine in your hearts and share the Light of Christ with all you meet. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

+SENDING HYMN

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"

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Verse 1

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!

"Christ is near," we hear it say.

"Cast away the works of darkness,

all you children of the day!"

Verse 2

Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Verse 3

See, the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;

Verse 4

So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.

Verse 5

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: Go in peace. Wait for the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Today

Given by:

Andy & Jan Pankratz

In celebration of
our children & grandchildren