

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Second Sunday in Advent
Order of Worship for Saturday December 7, 2024 @ 3 pm
Parking Lot Service Radio Broadcast, (FM 107.1)
Sunday, December 8, 2024 8:30 am Service & Live Stream
10:00 am TV Broadcast WQOW TV 18

INVOCATION *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

OPENING HYMN

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

Hymn #26

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!

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]**

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]**

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: **[Refrain]**

Confession and Forgiveness

Heavenly Father, who can endure your holy presence? Will we be able to stand before you in heaven?

“For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap,” but will there be anything left of us after He removes all our sin?

Jesus Christ, we are afraid of your glory, your majesty, but God has chosen to reveal himself in human form so that we might be drawn close to you without fear.

The Lord has prepared his way to meet us here and now. He removes our sin and replaces it with “righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ”.

Holy Spirit, you continue to work out our salvation in the middle of our fears and failures.

Our greatest mistakes and our worst sin doesn't compare to the power and the grace of our God.

Heavenly Father, you are gentle and kind to us in our failures and in our shortcomings. We have put up a wall in our relationship with you. We hide from your presence. But, you tear down our walls, you shine your light in our lives, and you make your way to us again. Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you, who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

GREETING

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

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us grace when we fail. Help us to learn from our mistakes for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING 1 Samuel 16:4a, 10-13

Let us pray, **Almighty God, your promised King has come through the little town of Bethlehem. All of history is in your hands and you planned that your Son would come into the world, being born from David's family tree, through the little town of Bethlehem. With you on our side, we have nothing to fear. In Jesus' name, Amen**

Advent Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(vs. 1) Hymn 41

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

OT p. 874

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God.”)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

NT p.1070

(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, “Thanks be to God.”)

Gospel Acclamation: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (v. 1) Hymn #30

Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art.
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

NT p. 919

(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord

(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ!")

Sermon Title:

"No Fear Of Failure"

Pastor Dan Doran

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What Child Is This"

Hymn #40

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading
Nails, Spear shall Pierce Him Through. The Cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, Hail the word is flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

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 Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION, (Saturday)

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

Blessing and Prayer, (Saturday)

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

“The First Noel”

(vs. 1, 2, 4) Hymn #56

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **[Refrain]**

This star drew near to the northwest; o’er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. **[Refrain]**

Benediction

Go in peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty saviour^[a] for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon^[b] us,

⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.’

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