

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
December 10, 2023

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

- 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.

Opening Versicles

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;  
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.  
C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**  
L Prepare the way of the Lord.  
C **Make His paths straight.**  
L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.  
C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**  
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P With hope in the Lord's promises of renewal by His Word and Spirit, let us together confess our sins to Him.  
C **Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord!**  
P Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy!  
C **If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, I would have no hope.**  
P But with You there is forgiveness, therefore we place our trust in You.  
C **Restore us, Lord God, and set us free from our sins.**  
P Renew us in Your hope, that we may wait for Your salvation.

- C **Because of Your steadfast love for us in Christ, redeem us from all our iniquities. Amen.**  
P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

339 Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors

- 1 Lift up your heads, you everlasting doors, And weep no more! O Zion's daughter, sing,  
To greet your coming King; Now wave the victor's palm, And sing the ancient psalm:  
"Lift up your heads, you everlasting gates!" Your King awaits!
- 2 Who is this King of great and glorious fame? What is His name? Lord God of Sabaoth,  
Of whom the prophets wrote, Whose chosen, humble steed, Declares Him king indeed!  
Hosanna, Lord! Messiah, come and save, From sin and grave.
- 3 Who may ascend Mount Zion's holy hill, To do God's will? The One whose unstained hands  
Can meet the Law's demands, Whose purity within, Reveals One free from sin.  
Come, praise this King who claims the cross as throne—Praise Him alone!
- 4 "Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb who once was slain, Now lives to reign.  
He rules our earthly ways, As Lord of Ancient Days—O join the endless song  
Sung by the ransomed throng: "Worthy is Christ!" The Lamb be praised again!  
Amen! Amen!

Readings From Holy Scripture

Reading *Isaiah 40:1–11*

- A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 40.  
<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.  
<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!”  
And I said, “What shall I cry?”  
All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.  
<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.  
<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you 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!”  
<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup>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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading** 2 Peter 3:8–14

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.  
<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>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! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.  
<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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**Gradual**

- P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
- C **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**
- P Behold, your king is coming to you;
- C **righteous and having salvation.**
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C **From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

**Reading** Mark 1:1–8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,  
“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,  
<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”  
<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”  
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Responsory**

- L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Children's Message

345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

- 1Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! “Christ is near,” we hear it say.  
“Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!”
- 2Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav’n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv’n;
- 4So, 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.
- △5Honor, glory, might, dominion, To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit, While eternal ages run!

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed

- C**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.**

Offering

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

- 1Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.  
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,” Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.

Prayer

- LIn peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**
- LFor the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**

- LFor the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**
- LFor this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**
- LFor seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**
- LFor those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**
- LFor all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**
- LFor the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**
- LFor . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy.**
- LFinally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord’s Prayer

- 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.**

Collect of the Day

- LStir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C**Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C**Amen.**

Morning Prayer

C   **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

Blessing

L   Let us bless the Lord.  
C   **Thanks be to God.**  
P   The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.  
C   **Amen.**

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1   Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,   Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav’ling through this wilderness.

2   Thanks we give and adoration, For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation, In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful, To Your truth may we be found.

3   Savior, when Your love shall call us, From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever, Reign with You in endless day.