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2nd Midweek Advent Service

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Advent 2019

SERVING US TODAY

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SCREEN (1 PM) Clifford Kuehne; (6 PM) Russ Schmitt

FLOWERS Grace Schreyer & Katie Dick **SOUND** Brent Schreyer

Pre-service Devotion: *John 1:1-3*

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

..... **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Invocation

P: We begin this service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: All those who await His appearance pray:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: The whole creation pleads:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

Hymn #716 "Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"

C: ♪ Now greet the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.

*(Chorus) Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace,
Another year of grace!*

This Jesus came to end sin's war;
This Name of names for us He bore. *(Chorus)*

With Him as Lord to lead our way
What need we fear in earth or space. *(Chorus)*

"All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!" The angels cry... *(Chorus)*

God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear; *(Chorus)*

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

P: Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Antiphon Psalm 24 - Worship Supplement p.25

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

- ¹ Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed her, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. ⁵ For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.
- ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

P: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God!

Ensemble

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:13-20

¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

P: In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

Hebrews 1:1-2

Confession of Faith

Luther's Explanation to the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn #711

"See in Yonder Manger Low"

Sermon Luke 2:11-12

Pastor Neal Radichel

¹¹ "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

AWAY IN A MANGER

Week 1: MAN IN A MANGER

Week 2: GOD IN A MANGER

Week 3: LAMB IN A MANGER

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Litany *(A series of prayerful petitions with a recurring response)*

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all our synodical officers and leaders, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in ever good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our deliverance from all affliction wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer and 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.

The Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen

Hymn #645:4,5

"Behold, a Branch is Growing"

This Flower, whose fragrance tender, With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor, The darkness everywhere.
True Man, yet very God; From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.

O Savior, Child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;
Savior, King of Glory. Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray. To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Schedule

Our meditation on the Advent of our Savior continues next week with the continuation of our theme: "Away in a Manger." We pray that you can join us for these wonderful opportunities to study the nature and purpose of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Midweek Advent Service 3: December 18, 2019

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Theme: Lamb in a Manger

Text: Luke 2:15-16

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Christmas Eve Service: 6:00pm December 24, 2019

Christmas Day Service: 10:00am December 25, 2019

New Year's Eve Service: 6:00pm December 31, 2019

New Year's Day Song Service: 10:00am January 1, 2020

Thank you

for joining us today! We pray that you were blessed by the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please join us again!

