

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor

Midweek Advent II

Rhonda Tomac, organist

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WELCOME!

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.
---II Corinthians 8:9

Hymn 63 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry Announces that the Lord Is Nigh

P: O Lord, let the words of my mouth

C: And the meditation of my heart

P: Be acceptable in Your sight—

C: O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

P & C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be eternally. Amen.

Psalm 85 *The rescued people of God seek the LORD's continued mercy. We rejoice in His merciful salvation. We follow His footsteps.*

P: LORD, You have been favorable to Your land;

C: You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

P: You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;

C: You have covered all their sin.

P: You have taken away all Your wrath;

C: You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.

P: Restore us, O God of our salvation,

C: And cause Your anger toward us to cease.

P: Will You be angry with us forever?

C: Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

P: Will You not revive us again,

C: That Your people may rejoice in You?

P: Show us Your mercy, LORD,

C: And grant us Your salvation.

P: I will hear what God the LORD will speak,

C: For He will speak peace

P: To His people and to His saints;

C: But let them not turn back to folly.

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

C: That glory may dwell in our land.

P: Mercy and truth have met together;

C: Righteousness and peace have kissed.

P: Truth shall spring out of the earth,

C: And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

P: Yes, the LORD will give what is good;

C: And our land will yield its increase.

P: Righteousness will go before Him,

C: And shall make His footsteps our pathway.

Hymn 59 vv. 1-2 + 5-6 Hail to the Lord's Anointed!

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1-7 *Isaiah had spoken to the people of Judah about the doom awaiting the godless in the northern part of Israel—Zebulun, Naphtali, and Galilee, where Jesus would later preach and teach. They foolishly turned to witchcraft and sorcery; and for them distress, darkness, and gloom awaited. However, Isaiah also encouraged the faithful, oppressed people of God, urging them to hold to the Lord and His Word; for there they would find joy and peace without end. As God said, a Child would be born, to rule God's people with righteousness and peace, forever! That child is Jesus!*

P: 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

C: And afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

P: You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest

C: As men rejoice when they divide the spoil *[spoils of war]*

P: For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder,

C: The rod of his oppressor---as in the day of Midian.

P: For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood,

C: Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.

P: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;

C: And the government will be upon His shoulder.

P: And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Of the increase of His government and peace, there will be no end—

C: Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice,

P: From that time forward, even forever!

C: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this!

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:23-25 & 57-80 Zacharias and Elizabeth's promised son was born. They faithfully named him John, "God is gracious," as the angel had said. Zacharias also praised the Lord, recognizing that God was about to rescue His people. He knew that John would be the forerunner of the Savior, , preparing hearts to see God's forgiveness and mercy in this One who would be the dawn of the new day of salvation and peace.

Hymn 106 The People That in Darkness Sat a Glorious Light Have Seen!

SERMON: DEUTERONOMY 18:15

LISTEN TO THE RIGHT ONE AT ADVENT !

The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me, from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear. (NKJV)

The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken. (KJV)

Hymn 95 vv. 1-5 Savior of the Nations, Come!

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Benediction

Hymn 95 vv. 6-7 Savior of the Nations, Come!

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THE ADVENT WREATH: The Advent wreath is a Christian custom used in preparation for Christmas. Its origins appear to be from Lutheran circles in Germany during the 1800's. Originally one candle was lit each day to point children ahead to the great day of Christmas. Many modifications have been made over the years. We now have one candle for each week of Advent with one candle for Christmas. Various meanings and points of devotion exist regarding each of the candles.

THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE (VIOLET—the color of repentance): The "Bethlehem Candle" reminds us that the eternal Son of God humbly came to this earth to be born of a woman at Bethlehem—true God and true man, our Savior! Let us humbly repent before Him, seeking His loving forgiveness.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Friday, December 24, 4:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP: Saturday, December 25, 10:00 am.

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