

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

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Midweek Advent II

Pianist

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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 56 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

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 salvation and 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 106 vv 1-4 The People That in Darkness Sat a Glorious Light Have Seen!

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. For them distress, darkness, and gloom awaited. However, Isaiah 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: 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 the One who would be the dawn of the new day of salvation and peace!

Hymn 106 vv. 5-7. The People That in Darkness Sat a Glorious Light Have Seen!

SERMON: MARK 5:1-20

THE WISHES WHEN HE COMES

Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"

Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine.

Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

Hymn 91 vv. 1-5 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord!

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Benediction

Hymn 91 vv. 6-9 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord!

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