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*Boldly living
Christ's extreme love;
Building Faith
and Community*

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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 7- DEC 13)

<u>MON 12/7:</u>	Bell Choir.....	6:45 PM
<u>TUE 12/8:</u>	Church Council (via Zoom)	7:00 PM
<u>WED 12/9:</u>	Adult Choir	7:00 PM
<u>THU 12/10:</u>	Quilting.....	Noon
<u>FRI 12/11:</u>		
<u>SAT 12/12:</u>		
<u>SUN 12/13:</u>	Holy Communion.....	8:00 AM
	Holy Communion.....	9:30 AM
	Holy Communion.....	11:00 AM

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***DECEMBER 6, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT***

Scripture of the Day

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Second Sunday in Advent

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS! This year, the holy evangelist St. Mark greets us to lead us through a new Church Year. Yet he does not greet us as we might expect. He greets us with the Baptist's call to repentance. In the middle of everything else, in the middle of the biblical story and in the middle of our lives and activities, right now, he says, "Stop what you're doing. Repent again and welcome the Greater One, Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Watch and listen as our Lord comes to us again.

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

VISION STATEMENT: Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$4,049.00; MTD: \$28,621.51. Improvement Fund: \$60.00; MTD: \$650.00. Attendance: 85.

THIS IS THE 2nd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 2 Peter 3:11 - "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness ..." All the things of earth have an expiration date: "Good Until the Last Day." On that Day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge. Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

LWML 'COOKIE SALE': A "Cookie Sale" will be held on Saturday, December 12th, 9:00-Noon. This will be a sale of pre-packaged one-pound containers of cookies and/or candy. Cost will be \$5.00 per pound container. The sale will be set

up on the sidewalk at the end of the canopy. Drivers are asked to drive up to the canopy area to make a purchase or pick up an order and are requested to stay in their vehicles. Pre-orders may be ordered as follows: 1) Cookies - General assortment 2) Cookies - no nuts 3) Fudge - no nuts 4) Fudge with nuts 5) General assortment candy and fudge 6) Divinity 7) Small loaves of breads - banana, cranberry, pumpkin and zucchini (cost \$3/each). Contact Nancy Knoll (688-1376) or Suzanne Heinz (633-0746) to pre-order. NO CRAFTS will be available this year. We appreciate your support and thank you for your understanding with the guidelines established for this year's sale.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES Christmas Eve services have been scheduled for 5:00 and 7:00 PM, but you need to reserve your spot. The 5:00 PM service will be a more family oriented service. The 7:00 PM service will be a more traditional style service. You can mark your number of seats needed on your attendance card or call the church office or email Laura to reserve your spots ASAP.

PACKETS FOR ADVENT are available on the table at the back door of the church. Sunday School "classes" are scheduled to start again on January 10th, so please use these materials throughout the Christmas season for your children. These materials are also emailed to you along with the bulletin and service each week. Please feel free to take one to share with a friend or family member or forward the link from your email!

POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR by Tom and Connie Trunk – in memory of Florence and Tony Trunk; George Parlier and family – in memory of Marilynne Parlier, Florence and Tony Trunk; Dale Eckhoff - in memory of Lucille Eckhoff, his parents, sister and brother; Jim Grebe – in memory of Janet and Rollie Grebe and Jennie Gauwitz; Nancy Knoll – in memory of Dan Knoll and Henry and Carrie Wenzel; Mike and Rhonda Morrow – in memory of Ed and Edna Morrow and Don Garske; Darlene Marvel and family – In memory of Ray Marvel, Ray's parents and Darlene's parents; Charlotte Sparks – in memory of Don Sparks and Paul and Olga Marx and Merle and Hazel Marx; Mike and Kathy Lelm – in memory of Ray Roth and Anna Mae Lelm; Mitzie Ehlen – in memory of Joe and Beverly Mike Schwindenhammer – in memory of Lucille Schwindenhammer, Tony Schwindenhammer, Margaret Schwindenhammer. Donna Schwindenhammer, and Helena Buell; Bill and Nancy Marlott – in memory of loved ones; Dustin and Stephanie Rewinkel – for blessings received; Mary Wise, Michelle, Ginger and grandchildren - in memory of Grover Wise; Mitzie Ehlen – in memory of Joe and Beverly Ehlen; Bill and Jenny Whitby – in memory of Tom Whitby.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Apostles' Creed

Sermon – Rev. Karl Eckhoff

*Behold the King of Whom We Sing
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Communion Distribution

Hymns

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Post Communion

Thanksgiving

Benediction

Hymn

*The King Shall Come When
Morning Dawns*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 6, 2020

AS WE GATHER

This year, the holy evangelist St. Mark greets us to lead us through a new Church Year. Yet he does not greet us as we might expect. He greets us with the Baptist's call to repentance. In the middle of everything else, in the middle of the biblical story and in the middle of our lives and activities, right now, he says, "Stop what you're doing. Repent again and welcome the Greater One, Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Watch and listen as our Lord comes to us again.

PREPARATION

HYMN "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" [LSB 347 v. 1, 3]

1 "Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak ye peace," thus saith our God;
"Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over."

3 Hark, the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord. Recalling our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sins to God in the full assurance of the gift of forgiveness by the mighty sacrifice of His Son.

People: O God, from the wilderness of lives disfigured and crushed by the devil, our own sin, and the sins of others, we cry out to You for the forgiveness of our sins, those that trouble us as well as those of which we are not aware. Restore our life and faith by Your own command for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts by Your mighty Word and Spirit, O Lord, that we may be prepared to receive Your gifts of life and salvation through the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1–11 (Comfort for God's people)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:1–8 (John the Baptist prepares the way.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON - *Behold the King of Whom We Sing - God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel,
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

"Fear not then," said the Angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" [LSB 348 v. 1, 3, 4]

1 The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes
And we shall see His face.