



The  
**Root of Jesse**  
will spring up,  
one who will  
**arise**  
to rule over  
the nations.

Romans 15:12

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☞ WELCOME ☞

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☞

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN 110

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

**C: [sing, p. 42] O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*CW Hymn 234: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*)

<b>C: [sing] Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!</b>	<b>Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen Sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore him!</b>
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THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (*Prayer of the Day*)

**C: Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You have revealed to us that heaven and earth shall pass away, that our bodies shall rise again, and that we all shall appear before the judgment seat. Keep us in Your Word so that our hearts may not be weighed down with the cares of this life, but that we may ever watch and pray, awaiting with joy the glorious coming of Your Son; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

READINGS

Christian Worship 3-Year Series — Year A

*The Old Testament — Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—  
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

### *The Epistle — Romans 15:4-13*

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;  
I will sing the praises of your name.”

Again, it says,

“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”

And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;  
let all the peoples extol him.”

And again, Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### *The Holy Gospel — Matthew 3:1-12*

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’”

John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

### RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

## THE CREED

P: Having heard God's Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there he shall 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.**

C: [sing, p. 46] Amen.

## HYMN 107

*When All the World Was Cursed*

## THE SERMON

*The God of All Hope*

Romans 15:4-13

## HYMN VERSE

C: [sing] Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## 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 APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### HYMN VERSE

**C: [sing] We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

### HYMN 106

*On Jordan's Bank the Herald's Cry*

## THE COLLECT

**P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You gather Your people into Your Christian Church. We humbly ask, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

**C: [sing p. 58] Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

**P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with favor and give you His peace.**

**C: [sing p. 59] Amen, amen, amen.**

### HYMN 102

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

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Organist: Darek Hartwig



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Trevonti Jacobson  
Dan Schiferl

## LAST WEEK

33 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$1,462 of which \$60 was for Missions. 23 people attended the Advent Service on Wednesday.

## FUNERALS

Funeral services for Eileen Brekken, 93, and Charlotte Nelson, 95, were conducted from our church yesterday. Burials took place in the cemetery surrounding our building. May our gracious God comfort all who mourn the departure of these long time church members. "I am the resurrection and the life."

## BIBLE CLASS

Today marks the final bible Class that Pastor K will be conducting. It will be a class entitled "Ask the Pastor" or maybe "Stump the Pastor" All are invited to attend.

## DEATH

Former Pastor, Mark Marozick, shared the news that his mother, Marjorie, died this past week. Funeral Services will be tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

## ADVENT WREATH

The second candle to be lighted on the Advent Wreath is called the Bethlehem Candle. It is so named to remind us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, just as the bible predicted. In that small place, the Savior of the world was born.

## MID WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Our second mid week Advent Service will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a meal starting at 6:00 p.m.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will meet for it regular meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

## PASTOR SAARI

If all goes as planned, the material possessions of Pastor Saari will arrive some time tomorrow. It is assumed that he with his family will be moving in that day as well. Pray that all goes well for him and his family, that they arrive safely, and that his goods arrive without damage etc.

## INSTALLATION

Next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. the Installation of Pastor Saari will take place. Following this special Service there will be meal in the basement for you to greet and meet him and his family. This is a most special day in the history of this congregation...you don't want to miss it. Lest there be any confusion, the 9:30 a.m. Service will also be held.

## PRAYERS

You are encouraged to keep the following members of our congregation in your prayers... members who are confined to nursing homes, sick or something other: Boyd Daley, Lois Pieper, Judy Zemke, Betty Gulseth, Inez Hougan, Norman & Eloise Thede, and Al Kroll. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

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**JUST A THOUGHT**  
"Pray on days that end in Y"