

JESUS FORETOLD



AS PROPHET,
PRIEST, & KING

Midweek Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 18, 2019; 6:30 PM

An Explanation of Advent: *Advent means "the coming or arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." This season, which marks the start of our church year, is meant to remind us that Christ our Savior is coming. It is a season of eager anticipation and hope. It is also a season of preparation as we prepare our hearts and minds for our Lord to come to us. During this season, the liturgical paraments and vestments in many churches will change to purple to recognize Advent as a time of preparation and repentance as well as a symbol of the royalty of the coming King. Other churches—including ours—change to blue, which is a symbol of anticipation and hope. We also follow the tradition of lighting special candles during this season to symbolize the coming of Christ who is the Light of the World. This is a tradition that dates back to the Lutheran church following the Reformation. However, the current form seen today was developed more recently. The wreath is made out of evergreens in the shape of a circle to represent eternal life. It consists of four candles placed on the wreath: three purple or blue candles to match the liturgical colors and one pink candle lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent. This 3rd Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, meaning "rejoice" in Latin and comes from Philippians 4:4. Lighting this 3rd candle, Christians were to relax the fast that they had undertaken in this penitential season to rejoice that the promised Messiah is coming soon. Our Advent wreath also has a 5th candle. Placed in the center is the Christ candle, which is lit during the time of Christmas, symbolizing that Christ, the light of the world, has entered the darkness. Our prayer for you is that this season of preparation is a time of increased self-examination and devotion. It is a season to come and hear God's Word and to receive His Sacrament. Join with your fellow Christians as you prepare your heart for His coming!*

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Welcome! We welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **“Get Connected!”** card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack and also on our “Welcome” table). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. If you are in need of any assistance, our Ushers are ready to help you.

Order of Service: Vespers (p. 120)

~**Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

*(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Opening Hymn 96 Hark, A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!**

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 120)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Versicles — *Opening prayers*

(ELH p. 120)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

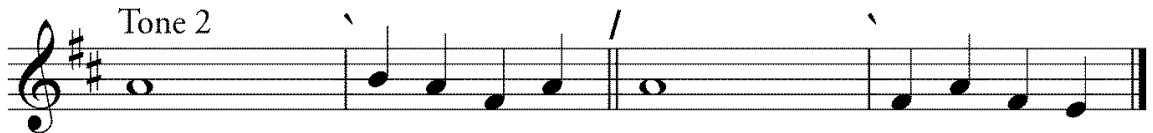
C: ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ **Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!**

~Canticle — *Confitebor Tibi. Song of Isaiah, Isaiah 12*

(ELH p. 196-197)



C: ♪ **O LORD, I will praise You;/
Though You were `angry with me,
Your anger `is turned away,/`
and `You comfort me.
Behold, God is `my salvation,/`
I will trust and `not be afraid
For YAH, the LORD, is `my strength and song;/`
He also has become `my salvation.
Therefore with joy you `will draw water/
From the wells `of salvation.
Praise `the LORD,/`
call `upon His name;
Declare His deeds a`mong the peoples,/`
Make mention that His name `is exalted.
Sing to the LORD, For He has done `excellent things;/`
This is known `in all the earth.
Cry out and shout, O inhabi`tant of Zion,/`
For great is the Holy One of Israel `in your *midst!***

**Glory be to the Father `and to the Son/ and to `the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the be`ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever`more Amen.**

~Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. His mother, Mary, was pledged in marriage to Joseph. Before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her. So he decided to divorce her privately. But as he was considering these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son. And they will name him Immanuel," which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up from his sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him. He took Mary home as his wife, but he was not intimate with her until she gave birth to her firstborn son. And he named him Jesus.

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~Chief Hymn 289, vv. 1, 2 *Join All the Glorious Names*

~Sermon Text

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him. That is exactly what you asked from the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, "Do not let me hear the voice of the Lord my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die. Then the Lord said to me, "They have done well by saying what they said. I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.

~Sermon Theme

"Jesus Foretold as Prophet"

~Offering

*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** We ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

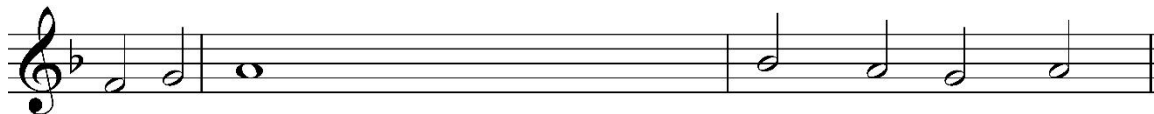
~Special Music During Offering "Comfort Ye My People" & "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" (from Handel's Messiah)

*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness;
prepare ye the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
(Isaiah 40:1-3)*

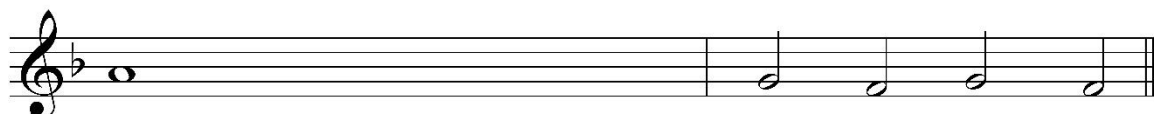
*Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry moutain and hill made low;
the crooked straight and the rough places plain.
(Isaiah 40:4)*

~Magnificat — “My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord”

(ELH p. 123)



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| 1. My | soul | magni- | fies | the | Lord: |
| 2. For | He | has | re- | gard- | ed: |
| >3. For, | be- | hold, | from | hence- | forth: |
| 4. For | He that is mighty | has | done to me | great | things: |
| 5. And His | mercy is on | those | that fear | Him: | |
| >6. He has | shown | strength | with His | arm: | |
| 7. He has | put down the | mighty | from their | seats: | |
| 8. He has | filled the | hungry | with good | things: | |
| >9. He has | helped His servant Israel in remembrance | of | His mer- | cy: | |
| 10. Glo- | ry be to the Father | and | to the | Son | |
| 11. As | it was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be: |



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| 1. and my spirit rejoices in | God | my | Sav- | ior. |
| 2. the low estate of | His | hand- | maid- | en: |
| >3. all generations shall | call | me | bles- | ed. |
| 4. and ho- | ly | is | His | name. |
| 5. from generation to | gen- | er- | a- | tion. |
| >6. He has scattered the proud in the imagi- | nation | of | their | hearts. |
| 7. and exalted those | of | low | de- | gree. |
| 8. the rich He has sent | emp- | ty | a- | way. |
| >9. as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his | seed | for- | ev- | er. |
| 10. and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost; |
| 11. forev- | er- | more. | A- | men. |

~Kyrie — *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 124)

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 125; Mt 6:9-13)

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 pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~Collect — *Evening prayer*

(ELH p. 125-126, #2)

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 127; Ps 103:2)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God’s people*

(ELH p. 127; 2 Cor 13:14)

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

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~Closing Hymn 106 *On Jordan’s Bank the Herald’s Cry*

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

(See “Prayers for Worship”

—ELH p. 40)

Preacher: Vicar Jacob Kempfert / Organist: John Baumann
Soloist: Dan Neubauer

Join Us for These Special Worship Services:

Tuesday, **December 24**, Christmas Eve

Office Closed

4:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Wednesday, **December 25**, Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:00 AM – Divine Service, w/Holy Communion

Tuesday, **December 31**, New Year's Eve

Office Closed

6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Service, w/Individual Absolution & Holy Communion

Wednesday, **January 1**, New Year's Day

Office Closed

No Service

Please note that there is **no** Monday evening worship service on **December 23**; our Monday evening worship will resume on December 30.

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