



SECOND SUNDAY

OF

Advent

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

Lake Zurich, IL

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ADVENT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS December 4, 2022

AS WE GATHER

In 1934, sixteen years after he had introduced to King's College, Cambridge, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve, the Dean, Eric Milner-White, composed a further service—a Procession with Carols upon Advent Sunday. His desire for more imaginative forms of worship appears in the preface he wrote to that service: "In the old English liturgies, the Advent Offices made a preparation for the coming of our Lord to this earth far more vivid and eager than those of our present prayer book. So, an Advent carol service, if without precedent, is not without suitability, if it helps to express 'the desire of all nations and ages.'" The purpose of the service was not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it.

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Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: "In this Advent"

1 In this Ad - vent, broth - ers, sis - ters, Let us pause and
2 Breth - ren, heed the gra - cious warn - ing Of the day of
so pre - pare That we may greet Christ, our Sav - ior,
Christ's re - turn. Stay a - wake and watch - ful ev - er,
Here in wor - ship and in prayer. He came once, ful - fill - ing
For His ad - vent to dis - cern. Keep your - self a - lert and



prom - ise, And He shall come back a - gain. Dai - ly
read - y; With - out no - tice shall He come Then to
comes He, Word In - car - nate, In our hearts and minds to reign.
ush - er all the faith - ful In - to His e - ter - nal home.

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Opening Sentences (*Matthew 24:42; Romans 13:11; Isaiah 2:4; Psalm 122:1*)

Pastor: Stay awake,

People: for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Pastor: For salvation is nearer to us now

People: than when we first believed.

Pastor: They shall beat their swords into plowshares,

People: and their spears into pruning hooks.

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,

People: "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

Confession and Absolution (*Romans 13:12; Isaiah 2:3*)

Pastor: Our Lord urges us to stay awake and watch for His return, when He will usher in the kingdom of God. Paul tells us to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

People: In our fallen sinful condition, our thoughts, words, and deeds often reflect the fallen world around us. Heavenly Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by Your Holy Spirit turn our feet to walk in ways pleasing to You. Awaken our faith that we greet Jesus whenever He returns.

Pastor: Our Lord's first coming was to save us—to live and die in our place. When He returns, it will be to usher in the kingdom of God, in which He promised through Isaiah, "He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Sermonette

Exhortation and Prayer

Pastor: Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by His holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of His birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which He died, and especially for His Church in our country and in the suburbs and this community. And because He particularly loves them, let us remember in His name the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ Himself has taught us:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Almighty God bless us with His grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

People: Amen.

The First Lesson—Isaiah 40:1-11 God comforts His people and urges them to prepare for their redemption. (Mike Spangle)

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW93 11 "Comfort, Comfort All My People"

**"Comfort, comfort all My people; Speak of peace," so says our God.
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Groaning from their sorrows' load.
Speak to all Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, That their warfare now is over."**

**All their sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserve His anger He no more will see or heed.
They have suffered many a day; Now their griefs have passed away.
God will change their aching sadness Into ever-springing gladness.**

**John the Baptist's voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling people to repentance For the kingdom now is here.
Oh, 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.**

**Straighten out the crooked highway; Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, Ready for His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That His word is never broken.**

**The Second Lesson—Jeremiah 23:5,6 God will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
(Joe Berg)**

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW93 25 “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

**What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!**

**A shoot will sprout from Jesse’s stem, A branch from David’s line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God’s design.**

**As banner of God’s love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.
Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel’s flaming sword—Come, open heaven’s door.**

**The Third Lesson—Jeremiah 31:31-34 God promises a new covenant to be written in the
hearts of His people. (Brent Anderson)**

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW93 6 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

**Come, O long-expected Jesus, Born to set Your people free;
From our sins and fears release us By Your death on Calvary.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope to all the earth impart,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born Your people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Your gracious kingdom bring.
By Your own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Your all-sufficient merit Raise us to Your glorious throne.**

The Fourth Lesson—Isaiah 35:1-10 God will prepare a way in the wilderness for His people. (Ken Sarvady)

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol : CW93 13 “There’s A Voice in the Wilderness Crying”

**There’s a voice in the wilderness crying, A call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, A highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, The lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places Where the Lord our God may go!**

**O Christians, you bring good tidings; Get up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people The coming of their king.
Like the flow’rs of the field they perish; Like grass their works decay.
The pow’r and pomp of nations Shall pass like a dream away;**

**But the Word of our God is eternal; The arm of the Lord is strong.
He stands in the midst of the nations, And He shall right the wrong.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, The lambs shall gently hold,
To pastures of peace shall lead them, And bring them safe to His fold.**

The Fifth Lesson—Isaiah 7:10-15 The Lord promises that a Son will be conceived and His name will be Emmanuel. (Joe Berg)

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: “Prepare the Royal Highway” (sung by the Sunday school and preschool children, vs. 1 and 2, CWS 702)

*Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God’s Word!*

*God’s people, see Him coming: Your own eternal King!
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments shout and sing!
God’s promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God’s Word!*

The Sixth Lesson—Micah 5:2-4 The One who will be ruler over Israel will be born in Bethlehem. (Brent Anderson)

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW93 65 vs. 1,4 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin And enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

The Seventh Lesson—Isaiah 11:1-9 The Branch of Jesse shall come with righteousness to save. (Toby James)

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW93 47 “Behold, A Branch Is Growing”

**Behold, a Branch is growing Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sang, foreknowing; It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flow'r In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.**

**Isaiah had foretold it In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it, A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.**

**O Savior, Child of Mary, Who felt our human woes,
O Savior, King of glory, Who conquered all our foes,
Bring us at last, we pray, To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.**

The Eighth Lesson—Luke 1:5-25 An angel announces the birth of John, the forerunner of the Messiah. (John Lester)

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW93 275 “Blest Be the God of Israel” (The Song of Zechariah)

**Blessed be the God of Israel, Who comes to set us free;
He visits and redeems us; He grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, Of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill His promise And bring His people peace.**

**He from the house of David A child of grace has given;
A Savior comes among us To raise us up to heav'n.
Before Him goes His herald, Forerunner in the way,
The prophet of salvation, The harbinger of day.**

**On prisoners of darkness The sun begins to rise,
The dawning of forgiveness Upon the sinner's eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims Along the paths of peace.
Oh, bless our God and Savior With songs that never cease!**

The Ninth Lesson—Luke 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel announces that Jesus will be conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. (Kenny Andrews)

After the reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CW93 24 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary,
"Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!**

**"I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree:
A blessed virgin mother you shall be.
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,
"Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall praise and magnify His holy name."
Most highly favored maiden, Gloria!**

**Of her Immanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
"Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!**

Offering

The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



Advent Greeting

Greet one another with the Advent greeting, "The peace of Christ be with you this Advent Season!" or another appropriate expression of peace.

Closing Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Jesus said, "Stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who created us, the Son who saved us and shall return to welcome us home, and the Holy Spirit who creates and nourishes the faith that Jesus is the Lord—be with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Carol: CWS 703 "My Soul in Stillness Waits" (Found in Christian Worship Supplement)

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Sarvady

Today— Second Sunday in Advent, Advent Fest, A Service of Nine Advent Lessons and Carols at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Advent Craft for the entire family at 10:45 AM (Advent Spiral)

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Monday—Pastor's Circuit meeting at Lord and Savior in Crystal Lake at 9:30 AM

Tuesday—Church Council at 7:00 PM

Thursday—Green Team at 6:30 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Sunday—Third Sunday in Advent worship service at 9:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Bible class at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class



BRANCH CONNECTION CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Branch Connection will be holding their annual Christmas party Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30pm. Ladies, please bring a dish to pass and a \$15 gift to exchange and your aprons. We will be putting together jars of cookie mixes that we will then have for sale. Proceeds will benefit New Beginnings-A Home for Mothers located in Milwaukee.

CALL TO OKLAHOMA CITY

On November 10 Pastor Bauer was informed he's received the call to be pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Pastor Bauer will announce his decision on Sunday, December 11.

365 DAY BIBLES

The start of a new year is a good time to start a "read through the Bible" program. There is one remaining 365 day Bible on the table in the entryway you can use to assist in this effort.

POINSETTIA SIGN UP SHEET

If you'd like to purchase a poinsettia to adorn the Lord's chancel at Christmas, you can use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. A poinsettia costs \$8.

ADVENT CALENDARS

Advent calendars can be found on the table near the New Life Café.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Pastor Bauer will be in Germany December 12-20. In case of an emergency, please contact Rev. Kevin Raddatz from St. John's in Libertyville. His cell number is 847-223-1526.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Christ the King in Palatine invites the members of New Life to a German Christmas service on Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 PM. After the service you are invited to stay for a fellowship meal. Christ the King is located at 100 W. Michigan Ave., Palatine, IL.