

2020

*“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”*



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship  
with us today!**

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

**Call Statement:**

*“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”*

**Mission Statement:**

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

**PRELUDE**

Beth Helwagen

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH**

Leader: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

**All: We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.** *Psalm 33:20*

*(The candle of Hope is lit)*

Leader: Let us pray: Eternal God

**All: As we await the coming of our Savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see Your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and Hope. Amen."**

Adapted from an Advent Litany by The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**All: And also with you** *(Wave and/or Honk to each other)*

**HYMN**

LBW #30

**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Verse 1

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Verse 2**

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

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**All:** **And also with you.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

**All:** **Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and believe so we are made ready. For Your Word is coming into this world bringing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Prepare us to receive Him and see His glory. He is Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord; Who lives and reigns with You along with the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

**LESSONS**

**Isaiah 64:1 - 9  
1 Corinthians 1:1 - 9**

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:24 - 37**

**THE MESSAGE**

**Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee**

# **Rend the Heavens and Come!**

**HYMN**

**LBW #38**

**O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide**

**Verse 1**

**O Savior, rend the heavens wide;  
come down, come down with mighty stride;  
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;  
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.**

**Verse 2**

**O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,  
When will our heart behold Your dawn?  
O Sun, arise; without You light  
we grope in gloom and dark of night.**

**Verse 3**

**Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
Oh, come, lead us with mighty hand  
From exile to our promised land.**

**Verse 4**

**There shall we all our praises bring  
Ever to You, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud You and adore  
Forever and forevermore.**

**NICENE CREED (in unison)**

**We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

**Pastor:** *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison**

**All:** 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 SENDING PRAYER**

**Leader:** Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**All:** **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **HYMN**

**LBW #35**

**Hark the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes**

#### **Verse 1**

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.**

#### **Verse 2**

**He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.**

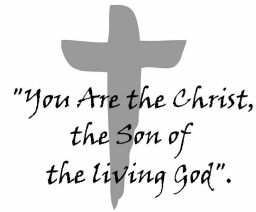
#### **Verse 3**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.**

Verse 4  
Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace  
Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With Your beloved Name.

**THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!  
All: Thanks be to God!



**December 6<sup>th</sup>** Second Sunday of Advent

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** Third Sunday of Advent  
Last day for Christmas poinsettia orders.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Last day to drop off Mulberry Terrace Christmas Basket items.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** **Christmas Eve Worship**  
7:00 pm in the Faith in Christ Parking Lot. Invite your friends and help fill the parking lot with hearts full of Christmas Cheer as we celebrate the Birth of Christ Jesus the Lord.

**December 27<sup>th</sup>** **First Sunday after Christmas**

**NEXT SUNDAY December 6, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**  
Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

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