

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018



♪ Hymns ♪

Gathering Song	#248	<i>People, Look East</i>
Hymn of the Day	#715	<i>Christ, Be Our Light</i>
Distribution Music ¹	#262	<i>Wait for the Lord</i>
Distribution Music ²	#438	<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>
Sending Song	#259	<i>Fling Wide the Door</i>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
- ☑ **By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that the Lord is even now working salvation for Israel.

Psalm 25:1-10 (Read Responsively)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

CTK CHRISTMAS DINNER

hosted by *WELCA*



**Today
5:30 PM**

WELCA will provide the entrée. Please
bring a covered dish or dessert.

Parish News

ADVENT

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Our Lord’s contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Malachi 3:1-4

My messenger is a refiner and purifier

Luke 1:68-79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (*Lk. 1:78*)

Philippians 1:3-11

A harvest of righteousness on the day of Jesus Christ

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, December 2

Sunday School	9:25 AM
Fellowship	10:15 AM
Holy Communion	10:45 AM
Annual Congregational Meeting	
Christmas Dinner	5:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 9

Sunday School	9:25 AM
Fellowship	10:15 AM
Holy Communion	10:45 AM
Executive Team	12:15 PM
German Advent Service	5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, December 5

Advent Worship at CotC 12:00 PM

GERMAN LANGUAGE ADVENT SERVICE

Next Sunday, December 9, 2018
5:30 PM



Midweek Advent Study

Wednesday's at 12:00pm

You are welcome to bring lunch with you.

Drinks will be provided.

December 5th at Church of the Cross

December 12th at Christ the King

December 19th at Trinity Presbyterian

Lord, In Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayers

For Those Ill or Recuperating

Mary Frances Arnold	Nancy Buchan	Emily Ditzler	Ken Huebner
Rosemarie Huebner	Grover Martin	Mary Nettles	Buddy Pedersen
Dorothy Stevens	Ashleigh Taylor	Dorothy Vanco	Bryan Welsh
Elisabeth Wills			

For Those in Ministry in Christ's Church

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The Congregation of Christ the King

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Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Mark Buchan	Preacher	Skip Freie	Ushers
Jane Lim	Parish Musician	Stefanie Seebauer	
Nancy Buchan	Lector	Athena Christensen	Tellers
Jane Wannamaker	Crucifer	Skip Freie	
Athena Christensen	Comm. Assistant	Christel Lamb	
		Athena Christensen	Altar Guild

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