



**OUR WORSHIP TODAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME**

*Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER - Pr. Tony**

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. We realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**ABSOLUTION - Pr. Tony**

Pastor: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** 78 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):**

**Lord we pray that our remembrance of your blessings this Advent Season, help us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make your pathways straight.**

**May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia and Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Malachi 3:1-7b (ESV)**

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold

and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Robbing God

"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

**From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'**

**PSALM: Psalm 66:1-12 (ESV)**

*(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

How Awesome Are Your Deeds

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

**All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."**

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him,**

who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,** who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

**For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

**you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen**

**EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 1:2-11 (ESV)**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of

mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

**For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.**

*Please rise for the Alleluia - sung*

**ALLELUIA: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-20 (ESV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you Oh Lord.**

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?"

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And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."

Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,

John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you oh Christ!**

**SERMON** "Peace!" Pastor Steve Dygert + STS

**SERMON HYMN:** 363 It Is Well with My Soul

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed ©

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; [God of God], Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. "Who, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**"And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge**

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**one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."**

**THE OFFERING: Offertory – How Great Thou Art – Ellie Selk**

*As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Pr. Tony**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Pr. Tony**

*Let us Pray: (Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer.***

**THE LORD’S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION: THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION**

Congregational Song, **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony**

**Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.**

**CAROLS**

- 83 Once in Royal David's City
- 90 O Come All Ye Faithful vs 1,5,6

**THE DISMISSAL**

**P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!**

**C. Thanks be to God**

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**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on muted** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

**JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRIES:** Next week after thanksgiving we will be donating razors and deodorants

- Nov 4 socks, men's-women's-childrens
- 11 canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni, etc.)
- 18 crackers, 10-20 ounce Jellies

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25 razors, deoderants–  
Dec 2 small men's shorts/underwear, 29-36  
9 small women's underwear – We've Got You Covered Sunday  
16 canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni, etc.)  
23 soups, meals – turkeys and hams? Will let you know  
30 TBA

**CONGREGATIONAL POT LUCK:** Because of all of the things happening during the week between Christmas and New Years, the Church Council has decided to postpone our potluck dinner until January. However, we will still celebrate our birthdays on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**PASTOR STEVE AND PEGGIE SUE:** We will be spending the week after Christmas Eve with Peggie's parents in Daytona Beach. If you need pastoral counseling, please call Pastor Tony that week.

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to all of you who helped with the El Jobean Community League's Christmas Parade yesterday. It was appreciated!

**We Serve Today:**

*Reader: Peggie Sue Dygert*

*Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Dean Carson*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Rev. Tony Alonzo*

*Greeter: Jeanne Keyser*

**We Serve Next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

*Reader: Bev Cisco*

*Communion: Nancy Nordell, Priscilla Alonzo, Dean Carson*

*Offering: Jeff Cisco, Rev. Tony Alonzo*

*Greeter: Jeanne Keyser*

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Worship Time: Sunday 10 A.M

Bible Study 2: Wednesdays 10 A.M. At OSLC

