## November 29, 2015

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

#### SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING

*Stand* **HYMN:** *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* 

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Bach

## **C** Amen.

 $\mathbf{P}$  Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## Kneel/Stand

■ Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what 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.

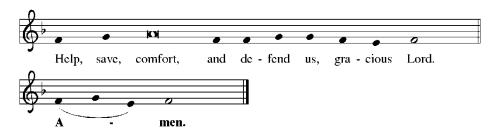
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

#### Stand

## GREETING

- ▶ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

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.

#### **C** Amen.

## Sit

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You call all nations to walk in your light

and to seek your ways of justice and peace,

for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.

Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

Rouse us from sleep,

that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes

and welcome him into our hearts and homes,

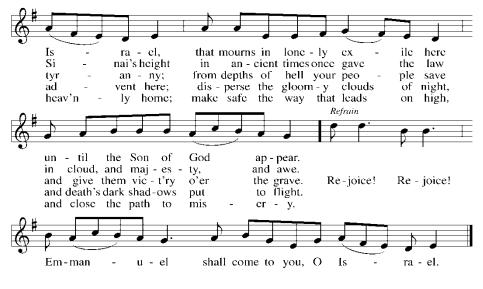
for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

**G** Amen.

HYMN: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Immanuel (Stanza(s) 1)

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1	Oh, come, oh, co	ome, Em - man	- u - cl,	and ran - som cap - tive
	Oh, come, oh, co			who to your tribes on
	Oh, come, strong Br		se, free	your own from Sa-tan's
4	Oh, come, blest I	Day-spring, come	and cheer	our spir - its by your
5	Oh, come, O I	Key of Da -	vid,come,	and o - pen wide our



CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### WORD

#### 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.

**A** reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord. A

Thanks be to God. C

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;\* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;\*

let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes. <sup>3</sup>Show me your | ways, O LORD,\* and teach | me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,\* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,\* for they are from | everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;\* remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright | is the LORD;\*

therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

## <sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in | doing right\*

and teaches his way | to the lowly.

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness\*

to those who keep his covenant and his | 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.

A reading from First Thessalonians.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless

before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**A** The word of the Lord.

## **C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation sings Alleluia:



Stand up and raise | your heads – Your redemption is | drawing near *Congregation repeats Alleluia.* 

## 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.

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all

who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

## **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sit SERMON

Pastor Weleck

#### Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* # 436

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

#### NICENE CREED

▶ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

- A We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace. Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

## **G** hear our prayer.

- A We pray for our community, and for comfort and security for all its people. Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- A We pray for good weather, for all who work to preserve God's creation, for rich harvests, and for an equitable distribution of food throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. Lord, in your mercy,

#### **G** hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

#### **G** hear our prayer.

■ Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

#### PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words.

#### MEAL

#### *Sit* OFFERING

ANTHEM: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Miller

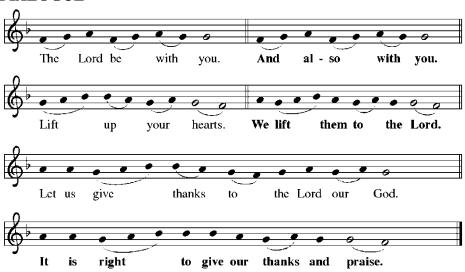
## Stand

#### OFFERTORY



**OFFERING PRAYERA** Let us pray...Merciful Father,

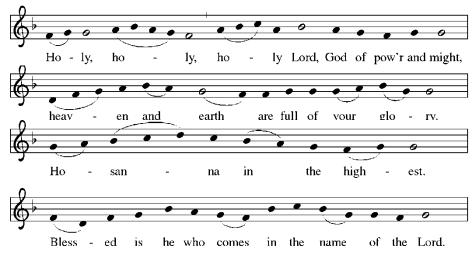
• we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### DIALOGUE

PREFACE

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)





## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

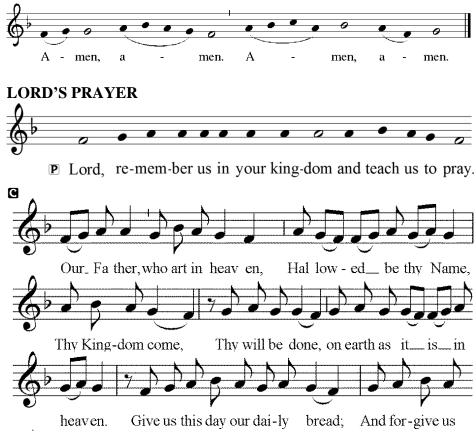


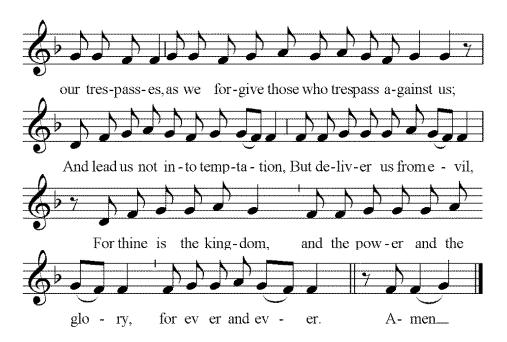
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a-gain.

 Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.





## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### Sit

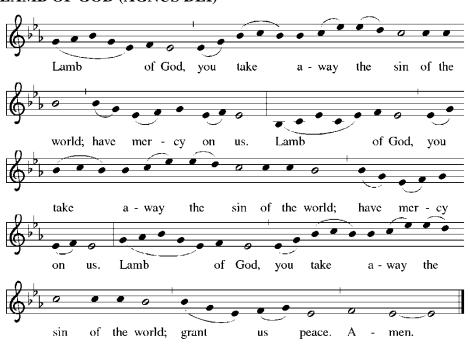
#### COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers sayThe body of Christ, given for you.and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to kneel at the altar rail for a blessing. The Body of Christ is received in the palm of the hand. The Blood of Christ is poured into a small glass which should be picked up on the way to the altar rail.

Music during the Communion: LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

**HYMN:** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* 

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#### Stand

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- ▶ The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us

First Sunday in Advent

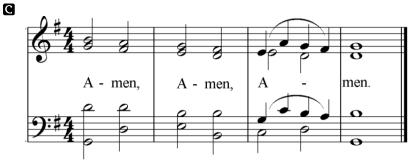
through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### SENDING

## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



HYMN: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

## DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God. С

**POSTLUDE:** Allegro Maestoso

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**The Christmas Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

**A Hymn of Praise** is not appropriate during Advent because of the season's preparatory nature.

**The liturgical color blue,** symbolic of hope, is used for the Advent season.

## Assisting in the Service

Acolyte: Dylan Firth Crucifer: Tyler Funk Torch Bearers: Billy Stender and Alex Schmidt
Ushers: 8:00 am: The Hess', the Stuffles, Karl Stefan, Sandy Trauger 10:30 am: Dick Allebach, Pat O'Hara, Karl Stefan, and Jack Schatz
Lectors: at 8:00 am: Justyne Neborak 10:30 am: Alan Shunk and Cynthia Snyder
Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine 10:30 am: Janice Reiff and Bill Penny
Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Jim Richvalsky
Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney, Debra Augustine and Sandy

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10:30 am: Donna Beishl

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<u>The Sanctuary Candle Lamp</u> is given to the glory of God by Gene Frank in loving memory of wife, Ernie Frank.

<u>The Flowers on the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Schatz, Jr. and family in loving memory of parents and grandparents, Warren A. and Jacquelyn Dieffenbach and J. Edgar and Thelma Schatz.

<u>The Wreaths</u> that adorn the church doors and windows are given, to the glory of God, by the Holcombe family in memory of loved ones.

<u>Concert Reception Volunteers Needed:</u> There will be a reception following the Christmas Concert here at Augustus on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The reception coordinator – Tracy Wessner – is in need of volunteers to help before, during, and after the reception as well as donations of sweets and savories. Please contact Tracy to offer your help at <u>gtwess@comcast.net</u>.

		CALE	NDAR OF EVENTS
Sunday	11/29 8:00 am Holy Communion in the Chapel		Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
			Advent 1
Monday	11/30		
Tuesday	12/1	6:30 pm	Cubs Dens 2 and 4
		7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	12/2	6:00 pm	3-in-1
Thursday	12/3	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir
		7:00 pm	Cub Scouts Den 5
Friday	12/4		
Saturday	12/5		
Sunday	12/6	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
			Advent 2
		2:00 pm	Family Stages Cinderella
		7:00 pm	Cub Scout Leader Meeting

POINSE	<b>15 Christmas Poinsettias</b> ETTIAS CAN NOW BE ORDERED FOR CHRISTMAS! lude payment with your order. Make checks payable to: AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND					
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## 2015 SILVER SPRINGS CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

#### Gifts

Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls
kickballs, playground balls
Scented bath products for girls, boys, men and women Plastic bottles only, no spray bottles, please
Ethnic haircare products
Pillow Pets
Wireless headphones
Dream Lites or Twilight Turtles
Cute purses (short or no handles)
T-Shirts/Zipper hoodies
Sizes girls/boys 12 – 16 & womens/mens S–XXL

Aeropostale, Nike & American Eagle are favorites Pajama sets in sizes kids M–XL & Adult S–XXL Adidas or Nike Slides (sandals) sizes 3–11 adult Adjustable baseball hats Nike or PA sports teams Fuzzy posters to color with washable markers Arts sets and Sculptey clay sets Superhero Figures (no weapons, please)

Superman, Batman, Ironman, Hulk, Cpt. America Radio-Controlled vehicles & Robots Air Hog is a favorite Matchbox/Hotwheels car sets Racetrack sets for Matchbox/Hotwheels cars Football gloves & Basketball shooting sleeves Baby Dolls & Accessories – all ethnicities

American Girl and Baby Alive-types are favorites Portable radios/CD players (detachable cords only) Board Games and Card games and Bop-it/Simon type Scooters & Skateboards with helmets and pads Beyblades & Accessories Large stuffed animals Minion movie toys Puzzles (150 pieces or less)

#### **Stocking Stuffers**

Children's DVDs (G or PG only) Novelty socks for girls (sizes adult 3–11) Sports socks for boys and girls (sizes adult 4–13) Batteries: AAA, AA, C, D, and 9 volt Crayons, colored pencils, and washable markers Novelty toothbrushes and toothpaste Bracelets (no elastic, please) Pretty hair accessories Football cards Sports watches Light up bouncy balls Fun lip gloss Journals (not spiral bound)



## Senior High Youth Group 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Sale



What: Homemade Christmas Cookies When: Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Where: Cookies will be available for pick up after each service on the 6<sup>th</sup> How much: \$8.00 for 2 Dozen

The cookies will be assorted and arranged on a plate. <u>Please preorder</u> to ensure you get a tray of these freshly baked homemade cookies. (chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter etc.)



Sr. Youth Group Cookie Sale ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I would like:

2 dozen (\$8) \_\_\_\_

\$1:

3 dozen (\$12) \_\_\_\_ I will pick up after the 8 am. Service \_\_\_\_ I will pick up after the 10:30 Service \_\_\_\_\_ If you have any questions please contact: jhalteman@dejazzd.com



Thank you for supporting our Senor High Youth Group.



## AUGUSTUSP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Conducted by RACHELAPPLEBY

# FEATURING:

The Augustus L.C. HANDBELL CHOIR St. Andrew's L.C. BRASS ENSEMBLE Augustus L.C. & CHURCH CHOIRS St. Andrew's L.G. CHURCH CHOIRS Laurie Mueller ORGANIST



FREE WILL OFFERING



CHRISTMAS EVE AT AUGUSTUS: 5PM AND 7PM IN THE OLD CHURCH 9PM IN THE BRICK CHURCH

First Sunday in Advent