

# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*Morning Praise - page 45 in Christian Worship Hymnal*

## First Sunday in the Church Year

*Advent 1 - November 29, 2009 - Pastor Mark Voss*

### *Morning Hymn*

Father, we praise you, now the night is over,  
Active and watchful, standing now before you.  
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation; Thus we adore you.

Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.  
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united. Joy without ending.

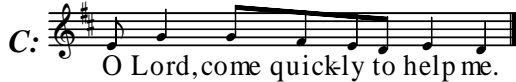
All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us your salvation.  
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation.

Texts revised from The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. Music from The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 revised by Kermit G. Moldenhauer.

*P: O Lord, open my lips.*



*P: Hasten to save me, O God*



*P: Behold the King comes: let us worship him.*

*Sing:*

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.  
Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv-ing,  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
the heights of the hills are al-so his.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land.  
Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our mak-er.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

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### ***Old Testament Lesson – Jeremiah 33:14-16***

<sup>14</sup>"The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>"In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.'

### ***Psalms 25 on page 74 in the front of Christian Worship***

### ***Gospel Lesson – Luke 21:25-36***



<sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup>Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup>Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>"I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my

words will never pass away. <sup>34</sup>"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

### ***Seasonal Response***

***The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out:  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.***

**Sermon Hymn**

*“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”*

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**Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night,  
On the earth its glory spending So that darkness takes to flight,  
Thus my Jesus from the grave And death's dismal, dreadful cave  
Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.**

**Thanks to you, O Christ victorious! Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!  
Death has now no power o'er us, You have conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because you did arise And have opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.**

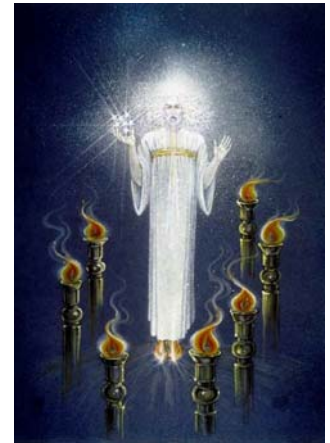
**You have died for my transgression; All my sins on you were laid.  
You have won for me salvation; On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet you in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.**

**Sermon**

***THE SAVIOR IS COMING TO TOWN  
“To Restore Eden”***

***Revelation 2:1-7***

<sup>1</sup>To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: <sup>2</sup>I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup>You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup>Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup>But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.



**Hymn**

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**Grant me grace, O blessed Savior, And your Holy Spirit send  
That my life and my behavior May be pleasing to the end,  
That I may not fall again Into death's grim pit and pain,  
Whence by grace you have retrieved me And from which you have relieved me.**

**For the joy your advent gave me, For your gospel's great reward,  
For your baptism which has saved me, For your supper and your Word;  
For your death, the bitter scorn, For your resurrection morn:  
Lord, I thank you and extol you, And in heav'n I shall behold you.**

## **Offering**

### **Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)**

*P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.*



### **Prayer of the Day – The Advent Prayer on page 123 in Christian Worship**

#### **Lord’s Prayer**

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.

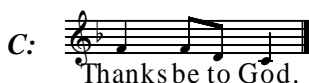
#### **Children’s Lesson**

#### **Prayer for Grace**

*P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us praise the Lord.*



#### **Blessing**

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



**Closing Hymn - “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We”**

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