

**Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**  
**Advent 2 – December 6, 2009 – Pastor Mark Voss**  
*From page 26 in the front of the hymnal.*

**HYMN – “The Advent of Our King”**

**CW 1**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.*

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

**PRAAYER AND PRAISE**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY (KYRIE)**

*P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.*

**C: (sing) Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.*

**C: (sing) Christ, have mercy.**

*P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.*

**C: (sing) Lord, have mercy.**

*P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.*

**C: (sing) Amen.**

*P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.*

**O LORD, OUR LORD**

**C: (sing) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.**

**You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight.**

**You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.**

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O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father,  
you came to live with us; you made your Father known.  
You washed us from our sins in your own blood.  
You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!  
O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

*C: (sing) Amen*

### ***THE WORD***

***FIRST LESSON – Malachi 3:1-4*** <sup>1</sup>“See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup>and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

### ***MUSICAL SELECTION (10:30a) – Grades 1-8***

*“Behold a Branch Is Growing”*

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***GOSPEL – Luke 3:1-6*** <sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar--when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene-- <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet



"A voice of one calling in the desert,  
Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.  
<sup>6</sup>And all mankind will see God's salvation."

*C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!*

***THE SAVIOR IS COMING TO TOWN***  
***“To Defend the Truth”***

***Revelation 2:12-17*** <sup>12</sup>To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. <sup>13</sup>I know where you live--where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city--where Satan lives.

<sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup>Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup>Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

***NICENE CREED***

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

***OFFERING***

***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.*

***THE SACRAMENT***

***Lord’s Supper:*** God’s word requires proper preparation and understanding for receiving the Lord’s Supper. We practice membership communion, and ask that those who partake first become members or belong to a congregation of our church body, the Wisconsin Synod. Please ask for an informational sheet from one of the ushers for a fuller explanation from the scriptures. Thank you!

*P: The Lord be with you*

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*

*C: (sing) And also with you.*

*C: (sing) We lift them up to the Lord.*

*.C: (sing) It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)**

**Sing: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.**

**You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.**

**I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.**

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: (sing) Amen.**

**Sing: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A-men.**

**PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION AND DISTRIBUTION**

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**THANKSGIVING**

**C: (Sing) Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy**

**With shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: (sing) Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN – “There’s A Voice in the Wilderness Crying”**

**CW 13**