1st Sunday of Advent <u>Listen on your radio at FM 105.9</u> November 29, 2020 10:30 AM Zion Lutheran Church, Priddy TX Pastor Mark Schimmel



Gathering

God calls and gathers believers through the Holy Spirit, and in this worship service we hear the Word of God and respond as His people in prayer and praise. We begin our service sharing the news of the congregation and then join in reflection to prepare for worship. The invocation (2 Corinthians 13) calls God to be present with us. In the Kyrie, we greet our Lord and ask for his mercy and then join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving. Finally, we offer a prayer of the day to mark the time of the year and other special concerns of the church.

Greeting & Announcements

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord. C: Who made heaven and earth.

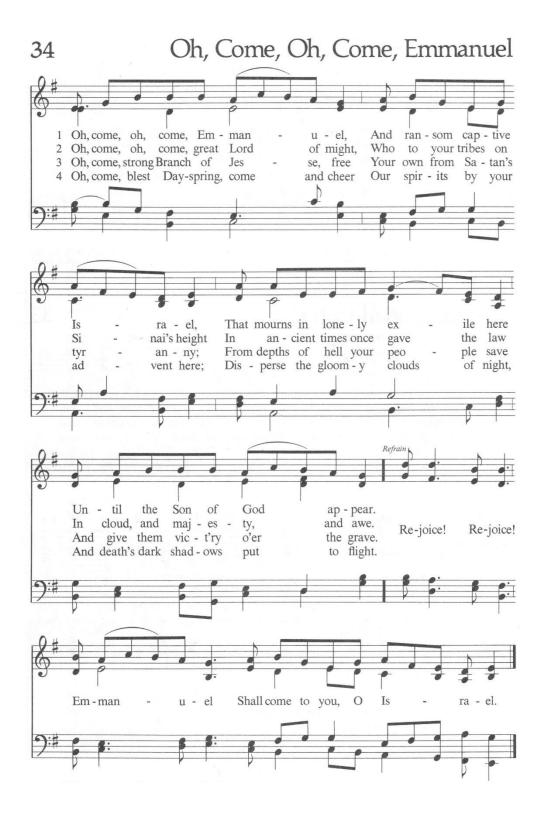
P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

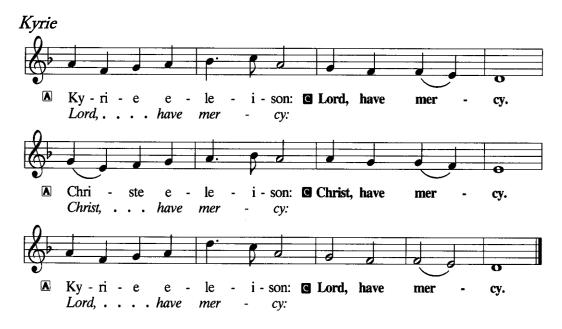
C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, that are penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**



Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.



Hymn of Praise





Pastor: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence — 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? 6We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 80:1-7

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

³Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!



The Gospel according to Mark 13:24-37 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴{Jesus said,} "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning - ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

TRUST, GUIDANCE

In the Morning When I Rise *Give Me Jesus*

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5. And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing, Give me Jesus.

Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

Exhortation

The Lord's Supper

The Preface (Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)
P: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.
C: And may the Lord be with you too.
P: Lift your hearts to Him in praise.
C: To the Lord our hearts we raise.
P:Let us offer praises true.
C: It is fitting so to do: Gratefully we sing To the Lord, our King!

Pastor:

Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto you, Almighty God, eternal Lord, merciful Father! Long ago, you made us in your image; and though we shattered it, in your mercy you sent your Son to restore your image in us. Having suffered for us and died our death, he lives and reigns at your right hand. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn ...

The Sanctus(Angels We Have Heard on High)
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, all praise be given!
All your glory fills the earth,
All your power fills the heavens!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Blessed is the King who came, Bringing love and life divine! Blessed is the King who comes In the bread and in the wine! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (Hark! The Herald Angels)

God our Father, God of fame, Hallow'd be your saving name; Everywhere your kingdom come, Far away and here at home; May we to your will comply As the angels do on high; Grant each day our daily bread, Thankful that by you we're fed, Thankful that our care you've planned; All we have is from your hand.

Grant that we, our sins forgiv'n, Follow in the way of heav'n; May we, even at our worst, Show forgiveness shown us first. Guard us from the tempting devil, And deliver us from evil, Yours the kingdom, so sing we, Pow'r and glory ever be Unto you while ages run. Yea, amen! So be it done!

The Agnus Dei (Once in Royal David's City)

Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, Mercy to your people give. Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, May we in your mercy live. Lamb of God, we all implore: Grant us peace forevermore.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Communion Policy: We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. All the baptized who understand they are sinners in need of forgiveness and who believe, as Christ's words clearly state, "This *is* my body", "this *is* my blood", and understand that Christ offered himself as a sacrifice for sin *once for all* – as his words say; "*for you*, for the forgiveness of sin" - are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Those who have not yet received instruction are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

The Nunc Dimittis (Away in a Manger)

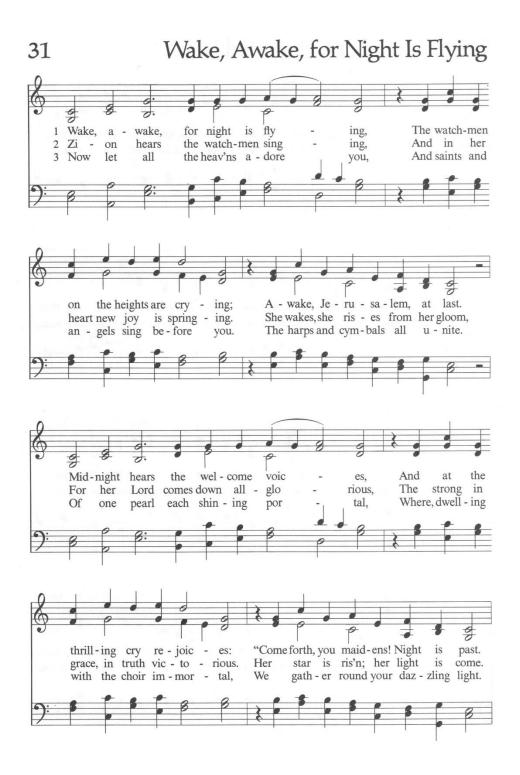
Lord, now in your mercy your servants release As your Word has promised. Oh, grant us your peace. Our eyes your salvation and mercy behold, Prepared for the nations, as prophets foretold.

A Light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see The glory of Isr'el, the Promised One he Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Son, With Father and Spirit eternally one.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this your salutary gift; and we ask you in your mercy to strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ; your dear Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

The Benediction (O Little Town of Bethlehem) Pastor: Now may the good Lord bless and keep, His love in you increase; Lift up His face with shining grace, And grant eternal peace. To Father, Son, and Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three. Be thanks and praise through all our days And to eternity!





Dismissal

Prayer Concerns:

Sue Kingman, Rick & Melanie Holmsley, Nell Helmcamp, Melvin Eilers, Jr., Earnest Scherp, Christian Doll, Troy Mauldin, Harold Kreuger, Stephanie Krueger Hamann, Christy Wells, Ruth Schwartz, Debbie Tiemann, Travis Tiemann, Neil Muxworthy, Ruth Heitman, Craig Smith, Ann Kunze, Fred Hartley, Melanie Bartek, Harriet Fischer, Roberta Stegemoller, Caroline Martin, Jennifer Heubner, Marci Kirscht, Ruth Wossilus, Ethel Schoen, Marilyn Weaver, Gladys Struempler, Julia Pax, Victor & Elnora Limmer