

GOD'S BETTER FUTURE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022



Welcome to Church of the Savior

If You Are Visiting: We'd love to meet you! Please connect with Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen after the service, to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Masks Are Optional: Following CDC and state guidelines, wearing masks during the service is optional (unless you have tested positive). During the Peace and after the service, "If you see a mask, please ask" whether that person would like a handshake or hug.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship classes are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all. The Fireside Room will be open for anyone who needs extra space.

Today is the Second Week in Advent, the four-week preparation period before Christmas. During this season of Advent, we use the color purple in worship. In the liturgical year, purple is the color of waiting and preparing; the church uses it during both Advent and Lent. During Advent, the purple banners, vestments and altar coverings can remind us of two things. First, purple symbolizes somberness, appropriate for these four weeks of allowing ourselves to remember how much we need the Light of the World to enter our darkness. Second, purple is the traditional color of royalty, a color that looks forward to the arrival of the tiny baby who is also the King of Kings.

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PRELUDE & WELCOME

Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude as we quiet our minds and prepare our hearts for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

- Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near. All: Come let us adore him.
- Celebrant: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is My Light

During the song, acolytes will light candles in the Advent wreath and on the altar.



Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

Dawning Light Of Our Salvation

Long in darkness Israel wandered; Long in mortal shadows, we Walked in bondage and self-pity, Trod in paths of sin and grief. In the prophets' words He told us, Long the God of Israel spoke; He alone in strength would save us From the hands of all our foes.

Ev'ry valley be exalted! Ev'ry mountain be made plain! Crooked ways repent and straighten; All creation bend in praise!

He shall raise a mighty Savior; Born of David's lineage He Comes in covenant love to claim us From our sins to set us free. Light to those who dwell in darkness. Life to those from death who flee. Joy unto the earth and gladness, To your pathways dawning peace!

Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior, David's Son and yet his King, Dawning light of our salvation, Of your saving power we sing! Stand, oh lame, and dance, ye broken. Know the Savior's healing grace. Come, oh deaf and hear Him singing; Turn, oh blind, behold His face! Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10

 ¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord— ³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling[a] together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

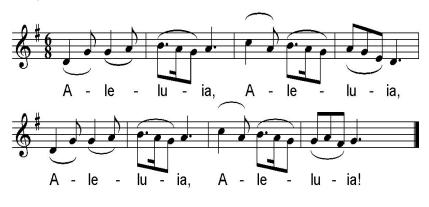
Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- ² That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!
- ¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,

make straight paths for him."

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will

baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

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A Wolf Moves in Next Door to a Lamb...

Kevin Miller Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying

You may stand.

All: 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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. Intercessor: Come, Lord Jesus. Come, light of the world! All:



THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

- All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.
- Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

Comfort, Comfort All My People

"Comfort, comfort all my people; Speak of peace," so says our God. "Comfort those who sit in darkness, Groaning from their sorrow's load. Speak to all Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell them that their sins I cover, That their warfare now is over."

John the Baptist's voice is crying In the desert far and near, Calling people to repentance For the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

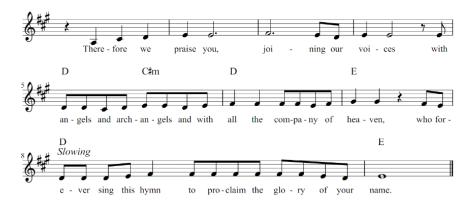
Straighten out the crooked highway; Make the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, Ready for His holy reign. For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread abroad, And all flesh shall see the token That His word is never broken. You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Celebrant: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them to the Lord.
- Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 - All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

All:



Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:





Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

- All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.
- Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

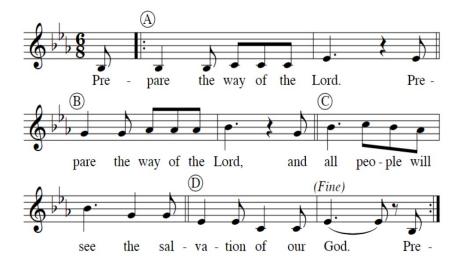
All:



- Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
- Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will release you row by row, beginning with the Fireside Room.

Prepare the Way of the Lord



Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You. You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You. You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You. You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You Lord.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it. You're working. You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

God of Justice

God of Justice, Savior to all, Came to rescue the weak and the poor; Chose to serve and not be served. Jesus, You have called us. Freely we've received, Now freely we will give.

We must go, Live to feed the hungry, Stand beside the broken, We must go. Stepping forward, Keep us from just singing, Move us into action, We must go.

To act justly every day, Loving mercy in every way; Walking humbly before You, God. You have shown us what You require Freely we've received Now freely we will give

Fill us up and send us out, Fill us up and send us out, Fill us up and send us out, Lord.

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored. He has done great things, we will say together. We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our God. We are not consumed by the flood; Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid. For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength.

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one. And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom.

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

You may be seated for announcements.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, Wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, Protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you, May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

- Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.
 - All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve

Save the dates for our Christmas Eve service at 5 pm on Saturday, December 24, and for a prayer and praise service, with Communion, at 5 pm on Saturday, December 31st.

Advent Materials

We are providing sticker devotional books, countdown candles, and the Jesse Tree devotional books for those of you who are interested. The suggested donation per household is \$10.

Gingerbread Nativities

Please join us for our annual tradition of building Gingerbread Nativities together. It will take place on Saturday December 10th, at PHCC after the service. A light dinner will be provided. Please let us know if you will be attending in person or if you would like a kit to build at home. Fill out the online form found on our website. https://friendsofthesavior.org/event-details/gingerbreadnativities

Outreach Christmas Store

We are once again excited to support the Outreach Christmas Store, a oneday event hosted by Outreach Community Ministries that allows local low-income families to purchase Christmas gifts at reduced cost. You can support the store in two ways: first, donate one (or more!) gifts or order online from Amazon or Target (search for "Christmas Store at Outreach Carol Stream" to find their registry) and have gifts shipped directly to Outreach by Monday, December 5th. Second, consider volunteering either at the store on December 10th or in a variety of other roles preparing for the store – find the volunteer application online at weareoutreach.org/ events/christmas-store/.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Last Youth Group meeting of the year tonight after the service. Dinner included.

Youth Confirmation: Confirmation is now open to 7th and 8th graders (in addition to high schoolers). Classes will be held on Jan 7, and Feb 4, from 9:30am to 1:30pm at PHCC in the Fireside Room. Please contact Sydney to register. Please contact Pastor Steve to ask any questions.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

God's Better Future

November 26, Robert Gallagher, Isaiah 2:1-4 "Our Messiah, the LORD of the Nations"

December 3, Kevin Miller, Isaiah 11:1-10 "A Wolf Moves in Next Door to a Lamb..."

December 10, Kevin Miller, Isaiah 35:1-10 "The Water Park in Death Valley"

December 17, Kevin Miller, Isaiah 7:10-16 "The Pregnant Virgin"

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This Year's Giving Goal: \$325,000 As of November 26:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$297,465 Actual Giving = \$261,411 Over/(Under) = (\$36,054)

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