

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2008

Pre-service Meditation Psalm 57 - pg. 135



**1st Sunday
in Advent**

Opening Hymn 68

“The Advent of Our King”

Our Order of Worship:
Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

Psalm for the Day:

Zechariah 9:9 & Psalm 25:1-3

P: See, your King comes to you,
 C: Righteous and having salvation.

P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
 C: In You I trust, O my God.

P: Do not let me be put to shame,
 C: Nor let my enemies triumph over me.

P: No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame,
 C: But they will be put to shame who are treacherous
 without excuse.

P: See, your King comes to you,
 C: Righteous and having salvation.

P: GLORY BE TO GOD!
 ALL: ♪ “Glory be to the Father...”

~ The Gloria in Excelsis ~

"All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
 To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.
 God showeth His good will to men,
 And peace shall reign with us again;
 Oh thank Him for His goodness! "

(TLH 237:1 adapted)

~ The Collect ~

P: *Let us pray* - Stir up, we implore You, Your power, O Lord, and come that
 by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our
 sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with
 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

ALL: "A- - - men"

Scripture Readings

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
 and that believing you may have life in His name.” - John 20:31

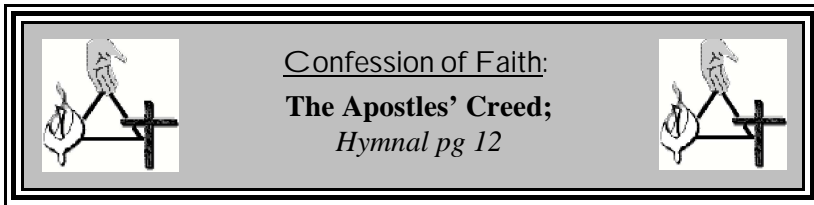
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1-8 Thou, O

LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting. 17 O
 LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart
 from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.
 ...Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down,
 that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, 2 As when the melting
 fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to
 thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! 3 When thou
 didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the
 mountains flowed down at thy presence. 4 For since the beginning of the
 world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye
 seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for
 him. 5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those
 that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned:
 in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. 6 But we are all as an
 unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do
 fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And
 there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold
 of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because
 of our iniquities

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Alleluia! (Ps 24:9)

ALL: ♪ Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility. Amen (TLH 56:1)

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. 35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.



Hymn 74 "Once He Came in Blessing"

~ The Sermon ~

1 Corinthians 1:3-8 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

EAGER FOR ADVENT

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The Offertory

♪ "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me..."

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~

Hymn 60

"Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

The Benediction

Closing Hymn 58:9

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee"

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

BIBLE CLASS Our study of the Gospels continues this morning by looking at a rather peculiar section. How do you view the money you have? What do you use it for? How does Jesus want you to use it? Jesus seems to address these questions and concludes with the familiar statement, "You cannot serve God and mammon [material possessions - money]." Please join us!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING Following Bible Class and Sunday School this morning we will be decorating the church for Christmas. To ease the decorating process there are suggested decorating areas. Please look at the decorating sheet on the bulletin board to find out your area. We rejoice that you would be willing to give of your time and talent to help decorate the Lord's house!

CHRISTMAS INSTRUMENTALISTS If there are any in the congregation who would like to contribute to our Christmas Eve service by playing an instrument, please speak with Pastor.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES Advent is a season of looking back at God's preparations to send His Son into the world and looking forward to the Second Coming of God's Son into the world. How can we prepare ourselves to meet Him? Through the use of the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. To help prepare ourselves we've adopted the custom of having a mid-week Advent services, beginning this Wednesday at 7:30. We hope you will be able to join us as we prepare to welcome our Lord and Savior!

THE UMELC - Upper Myanmar Ev. Lutheran Church The following information comes from our visitation team (Larry Hansen, Mark Bohde, David Koenig) to Myanmar this past October:

In our discussions things look very positive on agreement on God's Word. The Christian church in Myanmar is a persecuted church. We even had to abide by a variety of restrictions while there. And because these people are Chin, a tribal minority, they further face persecution. Pray for them:

- That we will have doctrinal unity and can work together,
- That they bear up with joy in Christ under the persecution,
- That the Lord would relieve the famine conditions in Chin State due to rat infestation and devouring of rice.

While their initial contact was with other Lutherans, we are now the focus of their attention.

The UMELC has a total membership of 5630, consisting of 9 ordained pastors, 12 church workers in 56 congregations and 3 schools.

This week at Prince of Peace . . .

Today

10:15 Gospels Study / Sunday School (OT40)
11:00 Christmas Decorating
12:00 Potluck Dinner

Wednesday

5:00 Catechism Class in Oakes
7:30 Midweek Advent Service

Sunday, December 7 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:15 Gospels Study/ Sunday School (NT 1)
11:00 Adult Choir / Christmas Eve rehearsal



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