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Services: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE May the love of our Advent King dwell in us richly.

Thank you for joining us as we gather to be fed by Jesus! If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 or FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend’s sermon.
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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Come, O precious Ransom, come, only Hope for sinful mortals! Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to you all portals. Come, your beauty let us view; anxiously we wait for you. Enter now my waiting heart, glorious King and Lord most holy. Dwell in me and ne’er depart, though I am but poor and lowly. Ah, what riches will be mine when you are my guest divine! Amen.



SERVICE THEME *The King Shall Come: Prepare To Meet Him*

ORDER OF WORSHIP *Service of Word & Prayer | 266-269*



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

These sentences will be spoken and the Advent candles lit immediately at the beginning of the service.

Advent 2

M: We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: **We remember Jesus who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.**

M: We hear his call to repent.

C: **We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.**

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

Two Advent candles (the Prophecy and Bethlehem candles) are lit. The service continues with the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort All My People | 312

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Isaiah prophesies about one who could come to prepare people to meet their sovereign LORD. This prophecy is fulfilled in the ministry of John the Baptist.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call out to her. Her warfare really is over. Her guilt is fully paid for. Yes, she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. ³A voice is calling out: In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD. In the wasteland make a level highway for our God. ⁴Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be made low. The rugged ground will become level, and the rough places will become a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh together will see it. Yes, the mouth of the LORD has spoken. ⁶A voice was saying, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry out?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like a wildflower in the countryside. ⁷Grass withers, flowers fade, when the breath of the LORD blows on them. Yes, the people are grass. ⁸Grass withers, flowers fade but the Word of our God endures forever. ⁹Get up on a high mountain, O Zion, you herald of good news. Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, you herald of good news. Lift it up! Do not

be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” ¹⁰Look, God the LORD will come with strength, and his arm is ruling for him. Look, his reward is with him. The result of his work is in front of him. ¹¹Like a shepherd he will care for his flock. With his arm he will gather the lambs. He will lift them up on his lap. He will gently lead the nursing mothers.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

LORD, In Your Mercy Hear My Prayer | **Psalm 85**

SECOND LESSON (sermon text)

2 Peter 3:8-14

St. Peter reminds us that judgement day will come at an unexpected time. So, prepare with daily repentance.

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: For the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to do what he promised, as some consider slowness. Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass away with a roar, the elements will be dissolved as they burn with great heat, and the earth and what was done on it will be burned up. ¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be destroyed, what kind of people ought you to be, living in holiness and godliness, ¹²as you look forward to and hasten the coming of the day of God? That day will cause the heavens to be set on fire and destroyed, and the elements to melt as they burn with great heat. ¹³But according to his promise we look forward to new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, dear friends, as you look forward to these things, make every effort to be found in peace, spotless and blameless in his sight.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

God raised up John the Baptist to preach a message of repentance and forgiveness, preparing people to meet their Lord and King.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²This is how it is written in the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who

will prepare the way for you. ³A voice of one calling out in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁶John was clothed in camel’s hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He preached, “One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! ⁸I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry | **316**

“What Kind of People Ought We to Be?”

Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn

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HYMN OF SENDING

Prepare the Royal Highway | **302 v 1, 4**

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Brent Nolte

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Barb Krug

10:30 ~ Tom & Joan Mrazek