

Advent 1 – 1. Advent 2023

Joint Worship Service on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 10:30am

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red) and the blue German Hymnal. The liturgy is printed in the worship bulletin.

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Organist: Dubravko Pajalic

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 257, 1 – 2 & 7: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Eingangslied # 19: 1 – 3: O komm, o komm, du Morgenstern

Call to Confession:

P: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and to our neighbour.

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage of sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbours as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Song # 17, 1: Wir sagen euch an den lieben Advent

Melodie: Heinrich Rohr (1902-1997)

Text: Maria Ferschl (1895-1982)

Wir sa-gen euch an den lie-ben Ad-vent. Se-het die
ers-te Ker-ze brennt! Wir sa-gen euch an ei-ne hei-li-ge Zeit.
Ma-chet dem Herrn die We-ge be-reit! Freut euch, ihr Chris-ten!
Freu-et euch sehr. Schon ist na-he der Herr

Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night, our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light. Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage. One candle is lit for the hope of the age. Rejoice, Christian people, rejoice every day. Jesus is on his way.

Prayer of the Day

Words from Psalm 80, 1 – 7 & 17 – 19:

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C: Stir up your might, and come to save us!

P: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

C: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

P: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

C: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;

P: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

C: the one whom you made strong for yourself.

P: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

C: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Reading from the Old Testament, from the book of Isaiah 64: 1 – 9: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself, we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.



Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to Mark 13: 24 - 37

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading of the Gospel - **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 241: 1 – 4: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Predigtlied # 11: 1 – 4: Wie soll ich dich empfangen

Thank you for your offering!

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Announcement with the introduction of our new treasurer Max von Trebra

Sharing of Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always - **C: And also with you**

Prayers of Intercessions

P concluding: God, we cry to you: **C: Come, Jesus, come.**

Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name.

Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.

Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute, und vergib uns unsre Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unseren Schuldigern.

Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.

Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn # 259: 1 – 2 & 4: Fling Wide the Door

Sendungslied # 1, 1 – 2 & 5: Macht hoch die Tür

Postlude

Dismissal: P: Go in Peace and share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God**

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