



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship
December 3, 2022
5:00 p.m.

Second Weekend of Advent

Prelude

Video - Advent Peace

(please stand)

Candle Lighting Litany

In this season of longing and anticipation, as streets fill with shoppers, bright lights, and tempting colors . . . ,

you lead us, Lord, along a different path

to a desert river and a prophetic voice—

a call to repentance,

a call to service,

a call to immerse ourselves in living water that will never run dry,

a call to prepare a way in our own lives for the Savior of the world to enter in,

to know the touch of tender mercy and rest in your forgiving love and peace.

(two blue candles are lit as the congregation sings)

Hymn “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

The Confession and Forgiveness

God, you have come among us at the perfect time and in the right place. Come to us now as we confess our need for you. Come and meet us in this time of prayer.

We live in a world that seems cold and hardened to your dreams. Only you can warm our frozen hearts and bring life where it doesn't seem possible. Forgive our sin.

Hymn “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry” ELW 249

We once were dead but now we are alive because of your love and mercy. Signs of new life are blossoming everywhere. Because of you, risen Christ, our sin is forgiven. We praise you and worship you! Let us pray together.

Emmanuel, God with us; help us to prepare for your coming among us. Help us to clear away the clutter and get ready for the unexpected. Bring your righteousness to us. Teach us how to be ready for you in this season. Amen!

(please be seated)

Message Matthew 3:1-12 Pastor Mark Boster

(please stand)

Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vv. 1, 3, 4 ELW 257

The 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, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers & Sharing of Peace

(sit)

Offering

(stand)

Offering Prayer

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The Table

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

He is the Son of David from the root of Jesse. On him rests the Spirit of the Lord; the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, power, knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

He comes to bring righteousness and justice.

He comes to baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Words of Institution

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Come, Holy Spirit, and help us to prepare the way for your only Son to come and make his home among us. Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us in your ways of righteousness and justice. Come, Holy Spirit, and teach us how to live in obedience, repentance, and transformation.

Lord's Prayer *(prayed together)*

(please be seated)

The Distribution

(please stand)

Blessing

Hymn

"Hark the Glad Sound"

ELW 239

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.