

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**The Second Sunday in Advent**

**December 10, 2017**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude  
Ring of the Bell  
Welcome

Opening Hymn: #347, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

Confession/Catechism Review

P: What is confession?

**C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: Do you know that you are a sinner who stands in need of God's forgiveness?

**C: Yes.**

P: Do you repent of your sins and seek God's grace in Jesus Christ?

**C: Yes.**

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's forgiveness?

**C: Yes.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively ..... worship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Creedal Hymn: #953, "We All Believe in One True God"

Congregational/Choral Hymn: "Hark the Glad Sound"

Arr. Sara Sorenson

**Congregation and Choir:**

**1)**

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long:**

**Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.**

**2)**

**He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.**

**Choir alone:**

**3)**

He comes, He comes, He comes,  
He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace, He comes, He comes to enrich the humble poor.

**Choir and Congregation (Soprano Descant)**

**4)**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved Name.**

Children's Message: "Getting Ready for the Coming King"

Hymn of the Day: #337, "The Night Will Soon Be Ending"  
Verses 1-4

Sermon: "Watching the Clock?"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #350, "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude

### **ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP**

Everyone is invited to attend the special Advent midweek worship services at 7:00 PM on the Wednesdays of Advent. This year's preaching series is: "Prophets with Advent Messages." This week we will hear from the prophet Micah.

### **SNOW SHOVELING**

A schedule for winter snow shoveling has been posted on the bulletin board. We need volunteers to help clear sidewalks and driveways around the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.