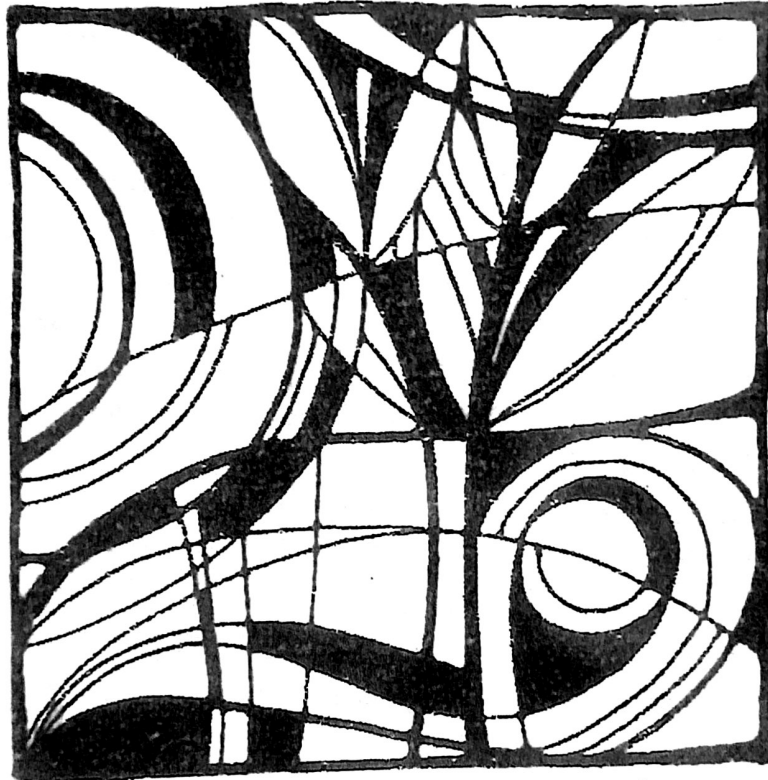


# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

*We wait for new heavens*



*and a new earth where  
righteousness  
is at home.*

2 P E T E R 3 : 1 3

We welcome you heartily in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd!

We are one flock of His worldwide fold. We try to heed His voice.

We are thankful that He knows each of us by name.

He is the Good Shepherd.

He gives His life for His sheep — for you and for me.

**2 ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2017**

## The Week Ahead...

Monday, Dec 11	9:00 am Sew In Love
Tuesday, Dec 12	7:00 pm Board Meeting
Wednesday, Dec 13	10:00 am Bible Study, 6:00 pm Soup Supper, 7:00 pm Advent Devotions
Friday, Dec 15	6:00 pm Pizza @ Round Table (Near the Vancouver Mall)
Saturday, Dec 16	9:30 am Bible Study, 5:00 pm MWT, 6:00 pm Worship
Sunday, Dec 17	8:30 am Worship, 10:00 am Worship, 6:00 pm Sunday Night Lights

## Announcements

- ◆ **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Please join us **THIS** afternoon at 3:00 pm as we welcome the season of Christmas in song. A spirit filled concert featuring our Choir, and Bells. Stay for the reception and fellowship following the concert.
- ◆ **ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS.** Come enjoy delicious soups, breads, desserts and fellowship at the Advent Soup Suppers will continue on Wed, 13 and 20 Dec. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex to indicate what soup, bread or dessert you would like to share. The supper begins at 6 PM followed by the Advent service at 7 PM.
- ◆ **ATTENTION PIZZA LOVERS...** Our monthly pizza dinner has been moved to Roundtable Pizza near the mall (5016 NE Thurston Way, Vancouver, WA 98662). Questions? Contact Tom Salisbury 360-254-5244.
- ◆ **SECRET SISTER** Your new Secret Sister's name and information is in your church mailbox.
- ◆ **JUST A REMINDER...** Sunday School will be on hiatus Dec 17-Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ **FLOWERS FOR TODAY** are given by Doug Ball.
- ◆ **THE LONGEST NIGHT** A service of light, comfort, and hope. St John's Lutheran Church (11005 NE Highway 99, Vancouver) Thursday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.
- ◆ **TIME CHANGE!** January 6th we'll be going back to 7pm for our Saturday night service. This service offers contemporary worship, and a built in time for responding to the sermon. We would love to have you join us to check it out.
- ◆ **THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY, DEC 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M.** Please contact Doug Hail or Rob Aguilar if you have items for the Board meeting agenda.
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS WEEKEND** This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. So you may be wondering how we're going to work our weekend service times. Here's the plan - Saturday Night- No service. Sunday Morning- One service at 10am. Sunday Evening- Service at 5pm, 7pm, and 11pm. We hope you can join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth.
- ◆ **GOOD NEWS, GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY!** Please join us, as we celebrate the good news of great joy, in Jesus' birth! Preschool Christmas Program - - Tuesday, December 19, at 6:00 pm Birthday Party for Jesus and family service project following program, in education wing. See you there!

◆ **CUPCAKES NEEDED!!!** Do you enjoy baking cupcakes? We need several dozen cupcakes for the upcoming birthday party for Jesus! Our preschool families will be here for the "GOOD NEWS!" Christmas program, Tuesday, December 19, and we would like to provide cupcakes for the celebration and family time following the program! If you would like to help by providing cupcakes, please send a short note to Krista, at [preschool@vanflock.org](mailto:preschool@vanflock.org)! Cupcakes may be delivered throughout the day, Tuesday, December 19. Thank you for helping with this hospitality!

◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Following the Preschool program we'll be having a Birthday party for Jesus, as well as doing some simple service projects. As a table host you will explain the project to the families at your table. All the supplies will be set up and waiting for you. Please plan to arrive by 6:30pm. Sign-up in the entry outside Sara's office, or contact her ([dce@vanflock.org](mailto:dce@vanflock.org)).

**Nursery care is available at the 10:00 service with adult supervision.**

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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Vancouver, WA 98682  
DCEFM: Sara Eustice-Brown  
Preschool Director: Krista Moore

Worship Times- Sunday 8:30, 10:00 am  
Saturday 6:00 pm

**FLOCK TO HIS FLOCK:** *Be Won. Be One. Be Wanting More.*

2 ADVENT

December 10, 2017

## **THEME OF THE DAY**

Advent is a time of waiting. Today, we focus on the day of righteousness that God has promised. We wait with patience and perseverance to live in that time when love and faithfulness come together, when righteousness and peace live in harmony. Even as we wait, we prepare by being at peace in our own lives and with one another; we prepare by living in righteousness and faithfulness as if the new heaven were already here. As December hurries us along, Scripture invites us to slow down, to reflect on peace, to listen for words of comfort, and exhibit faithful patience to a harried world.

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** Canon in D - Holly Kirby, Andrew King,  
and Lori Brosious

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE LIGHT THE SECOND CANDLE - Peace**

## **KIDSTUFF**

### **WE GATHER (Psalm 85)**

*Leader: Lord, You were favorable to Your land;  
You restore the fortunes of Israel.*

**People: You forgave the iniquity of Your people and pardoned their sin.**

*Leader: Restore us again, O God of our salvation;  
Put away Your indignation toward us.*

**People: Will You be angry forever?  
Will you prolong Your anger to all generations?**

*Leader: Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice?*

**People: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord; grant us Your salvation.**

*Leader: Let steadfast love and faithfulness come together.*

**People: Let righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

*Leader: Let faithfulness spring up from the ground;*

**People: Let righteousness look down from the sky.**

*Leader: The Lord will give you what is good.*

**People: Righteousness will go before him, making a path for his steps.**

## **WE CONFESS**

*Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

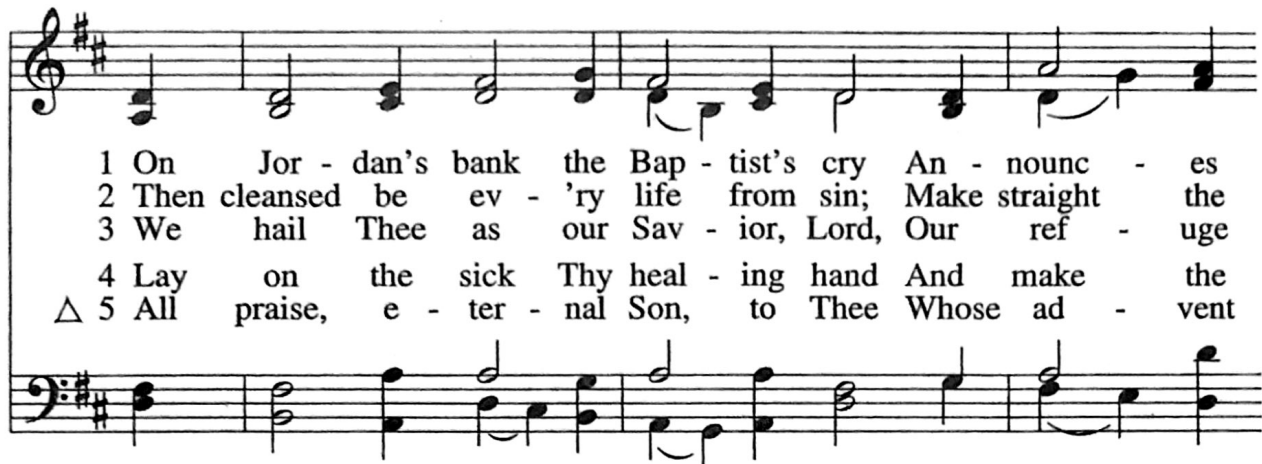
*Leader: Advent is a season of waiting—a waiting that is anything but passive. As we prepare to make room for Christ to dwell within us, we acknowledge that our own sin stands in the way of living the fullness of life God promises us in Christ. Therefore, let us be truthful with God, in the presence of one another. Let us give God the gift of our honest and humble confession.*

**People: Loving Lord, Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. We have been lukewarm disciples. We have lacked the zeal of John the Baptist. Instead of coming clean, we run away. Instead of letting our voices cry out in the wilderness, our cries have been weak and half-hearted. Instead of proclaiming the Gospel with conviction, we have shrugged and stammered. Instead of clothing ourselves in humility and faith, we have put on power and prestige. Instead of giving You the glory, we have puffed ourselves up with pride. Forgive us, O God. Transform us into authentic discipleship and newness of life. In Jesus we pray. Amen.**

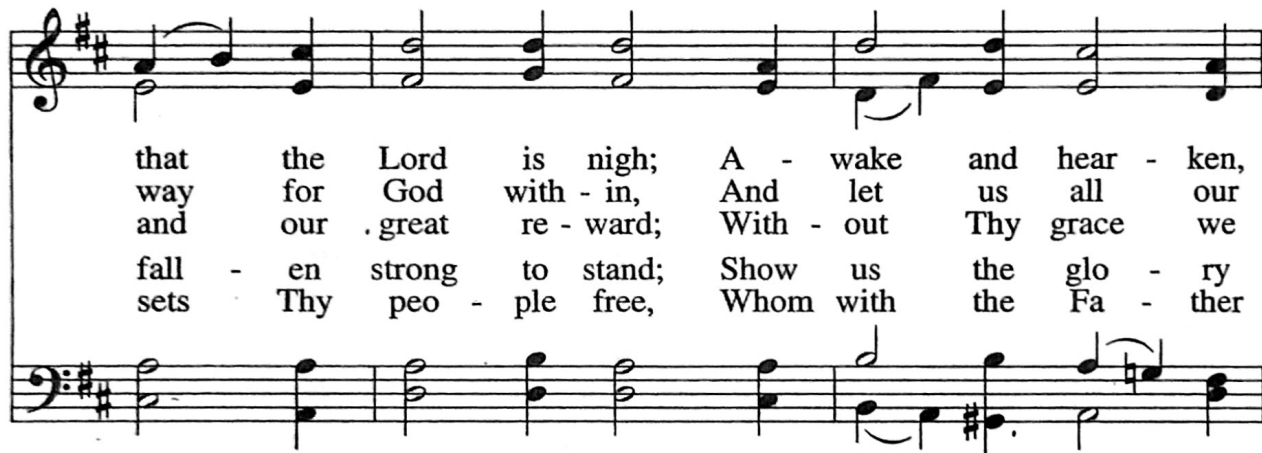
*Leader: “Comfort, O comfort, my people,” says our God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem; cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” Friends, believe the Good News. By the grace and love of God, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Be at peace.*

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

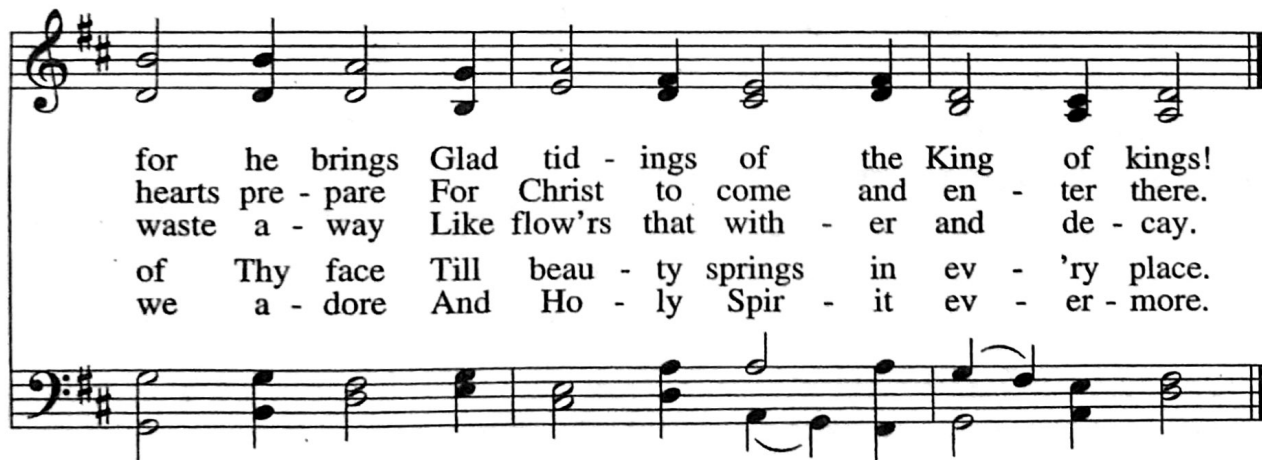
# WE SING: "On Jordan's Bank"



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.





### "Open our Eyes, Lord"

O - pen our eyes, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we want to see Je -

sus, \_\_\_\_\_ to reach out and touch him, \_\_\_\_\_ and

say that we love him. \_\_\_\_\_ O - pen our ears, Lord, -

\_\_\_\_\_ and help us to lis - ten. \_\_\_\_\_ O - pen our

eyes, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we want to see Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_

## **WE PRAY**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray...*

**People: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Your only Son. By His coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11**

{To a people weakened and despondent in exile, the prophet proclaims good news of deliverance.}

### **EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

{Do not doubt the promised return of Christ; it means God is being patient with us.}

### **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:1-8**

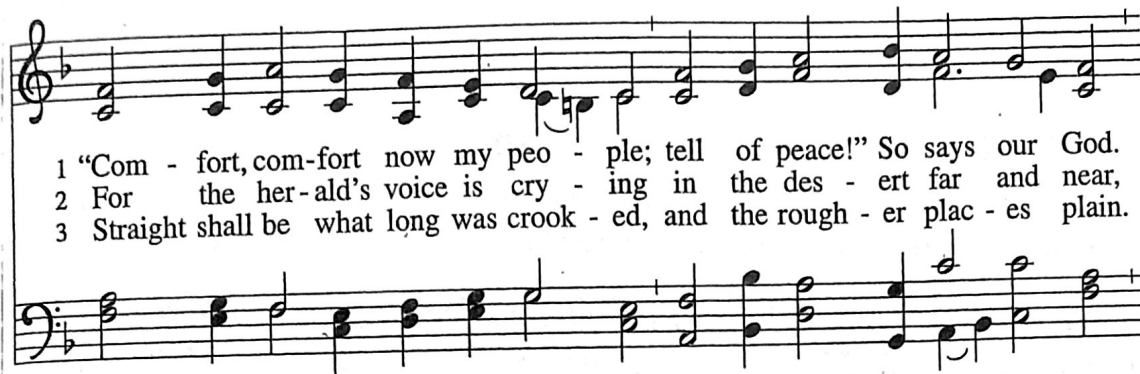
{Out in the wilderness, John preached a baptism for the forgiveness of sin.}

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is  
patient  
with you, not wanting  
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to perish, but  
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to come to  
repentance.

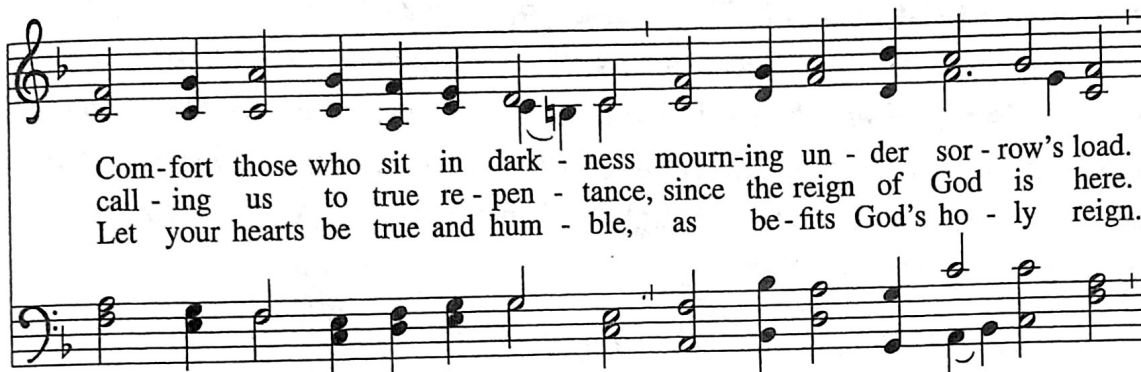
2 Peter 3:9



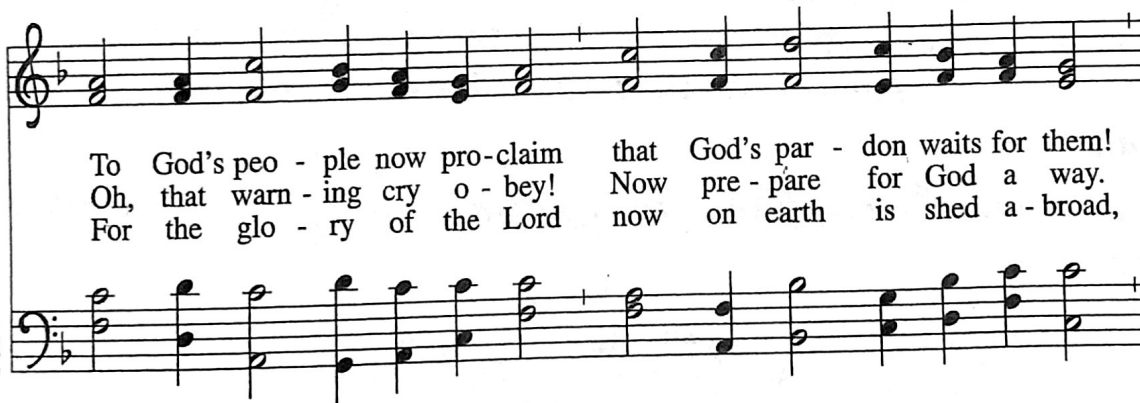
# WE SING: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"



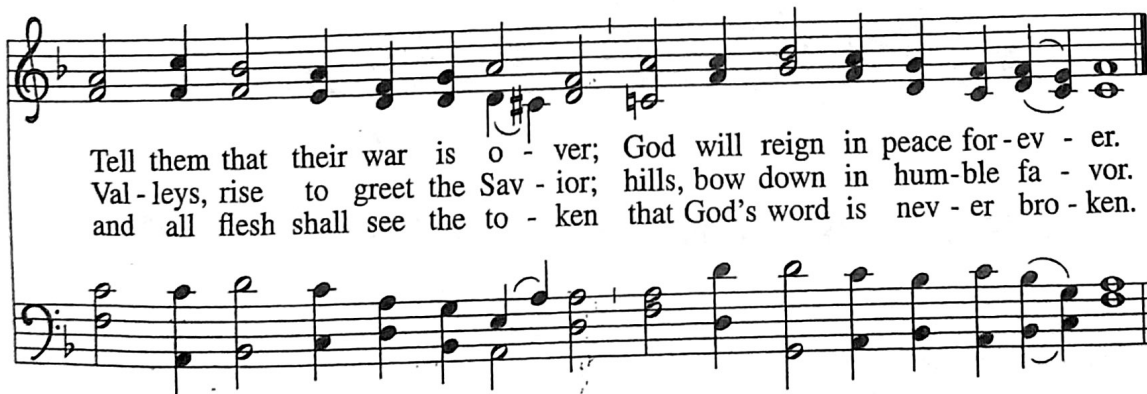
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

## **MESSAGE: Comfort...or Peace?**

### **WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE: – The Apostle’s Creed**

*Leader: A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?”* (Isaiah 40:6)

**People: I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

*Leader: “One who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”* (Mark 1:8)

**People: And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*Leader: You must not forget, dear friends, that one day is like a thousand years to the Lord...The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise to return, as some think. No, he is being patient for your sake.* (1 Peter 3:8-9)

**People: 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.**

*Leader: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.* (Isaiah 40:1)

**People: Amen.**

**THE LORD IS GOOD  
AND HIS COMPASSION  
IS INTERTWINED WITH  
EVERYTHING HE DOES**  
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### **WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

**CHOIR: “Following the Star to Bethlehem”**

## **WE PRAY**

### **THE PASTORIAL PRAYER**

**In our prayers this week:** Bill Wright, Jerry Berg, Jeremy Spetman, Matthew Bunt, Barbara Bombach, Quinton Bo, Esther Lowe, Art Kohnke, Eileen Mitchell, Tom Harris, Nancy Huddleston, Teri Madsen, Stan Zbylut, Steve Oberst, and Jim Unger.

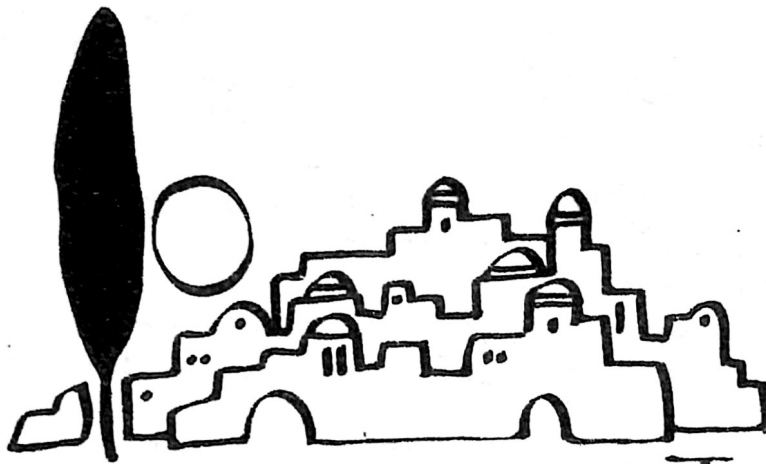
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.



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## **WE GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

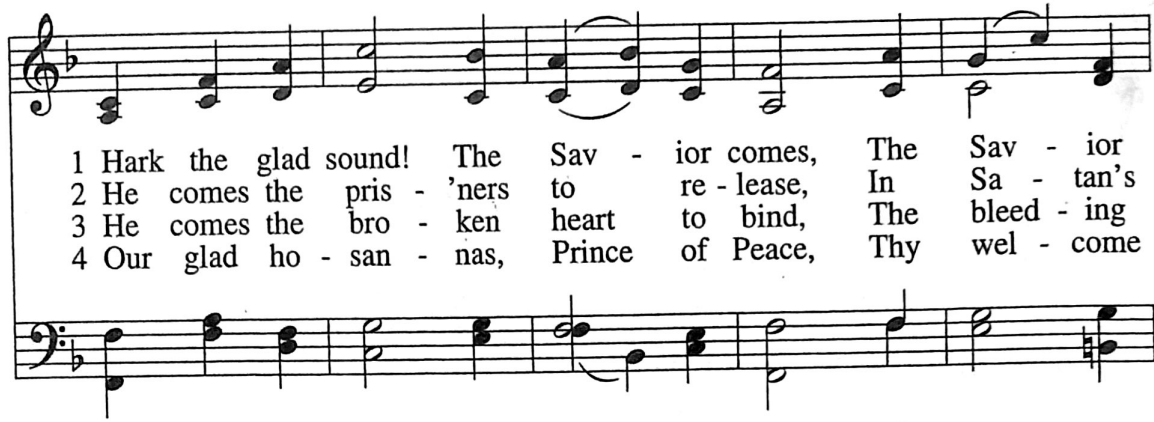
*Leader: Prepare the way for the Coming One.*

**People: Lift up your voice and sing: "Here is our God!"**

*Leader: Go forth now to become instruments of His peace,  
the embodiment of His love,  
the voice of His comfort,  
the hand of His caring,  
the hope of His promise;  
and may almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always.*

**People: Amen.**

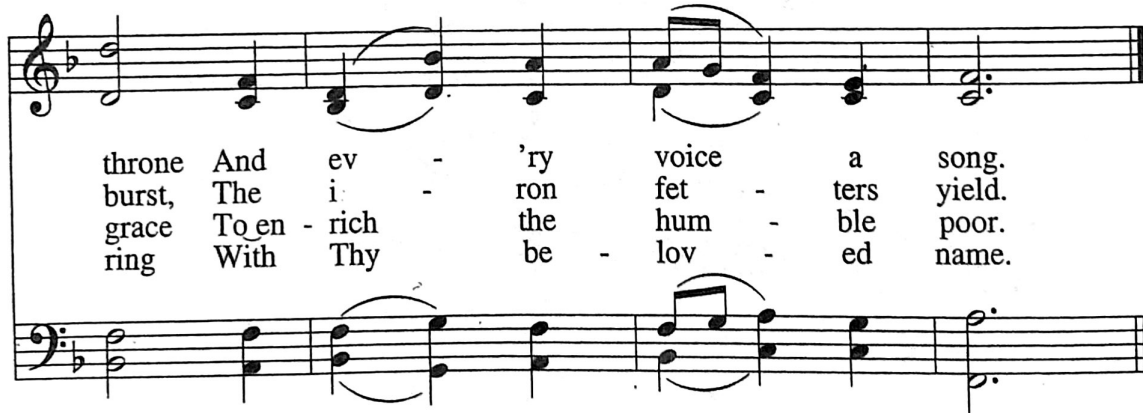
# WE SING: "Hark the Glad Sound"



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 bond - age held.. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.



## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6:00pm: 14

Sunday 8:30: 71                      10:00: 129

Sunday School: 10              Bible Study: 33

Advent: 59

General Fund Contributions received last week: 7,767

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

### ~Today~

Accompanist: Kylie Johnson

Scripture Readers:

(8:30) Victoria Hays

(10:00) Dave Miletich

Greeters:

(8:30) Betsy & Vance Ablott

(10:00) Dan & Heidi Wahlstrom

Ushers:

(8:30) Neil &

Gladys Green

(10:00) Corey Colter &

John Spetman

Soundboard: (8:30) Phil Muske

(10:00) Doug Hail

Offering Counters: Mary Ann Dove &

Joan Brown

### ~Next Sunday~

Accompanist: Kylie Johnson

Scripture Readers:

(8:30) Vance Ablott

(10:00) Terry Olson

Greeters:

(8:30) Ken & Arlene Pankow

(10:00) Dave Miletich

Ushers:

(8:30) George Mouchette &

Tom Salisbury

(10:00) David Jarrett &

John Tyger

Soundboard: (8:30) Art Khonke

(10:00) Tim Brown

Offering Counters: Kathy Nelson &

Dave Jarrett

Communion Asst.

(8:30) Neil & Gladys Green

(10:00) Daniel VanGundy & Carole Pearce

Communion Prep.: Sandra Salisbury &

Chris Mouchette

*Just a thought...*

"Failure is success if we learn from it."

~ Malcom Forbes

"PREPARE  
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THE WAY  
OF THE  
**LORD**"  
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# **Christmas Eve Worship**

**Sunday, Dec. 24th**

*10:00 am: Worship - Fourth Sunday in Advent*

*5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship  
Carols and Glow Stick Service*

*7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship  
Carols and Glow Stick Service*

*11:00 pm: Christmas Eve Worship  
Eucharist and Candlelight*



## 2 ADVENT – December 10, 2017

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

#### Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry for her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from God double for her sins.  
A voice cries out:  
In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill shall be laid low.  
The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough  
places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and the people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.  
A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All the people are like grass,  
their constancy is like the flowers of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of the Lord will stand forever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings.  
Lift up and do not fear; say to the cities of Judah:  
"Behold your God!"  
See, the Lord comes with might;  
his arm rules for him; his reward is with him;  
and his recompense is before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd.  
He will gather the lambs into his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep. [NRSV]

### EPISTLE LESSON

#### 1 Peter 3:8-15a

You must not forget, dear friends, that a day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake.

He doesn't want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. For the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heaven will pass away with a terrible noise, and everything in them will disappear in fire. And then the earth and everything in it will be exposed to judgment.

Therefore, since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives you should be living as you look forward to that day and hurry it along—the day when God will set the heavens on fire and the elements will melt away in flames.

But we are looking forward to the new heavens and the new earth he has promised; a world where everyone is right with God. And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for all these things to happen, make every effort to live a pure and blameless life. And be at peace with God [NLT]

### GOSPEL LESSON

#### Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: "*See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight!'*"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside, and all the people of Jerusalem, were going out to see him. They were baptized by him in the River Jordan, after confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." [NRSV]

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28