



November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent
8:00 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *O Saviour, Tear Open the Heavens-* Johannes Brahms

Processional Hymn: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

H-59 vs 1, 2 & 5

*Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."*

*Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.*

*Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
With everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.*

Advent Candle Bidding Prayer

Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

Gloria: (Sung at 10:00 am, Spoken at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm)

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The First Lesson:

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 a 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (Spoken responsively.)

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- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, * how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

The Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn: *Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending*

H-57, vs 1 & 4

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne,
Savior, take the power and glory;
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.*

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 13:24-37

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the church and for the world;

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hop in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

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Most merciful God, we confess that 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 neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, while maintaining no physical contact outside of your family unit.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus (Sung at 10:00 am, Spoken at 8:00 and 6:00)

WLP-858

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (Sung at 10:00 am, Spoken at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm)

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table as you are directed to by the usher. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew. If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down when you come forward to receive.

Music During Communion:

God the Sculptor of the Mountains- Thornburg/Hancock

The Prayer after Communion

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: *Jesus Came, Adored by Angels*

H-454 vs 1 & 2

*Jesus came, adored by angels, came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for our redemption, lowly came on earth to die:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Came in deep humility.*

*Jesus comes again in mercy, when our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer to our earnest heartfelt prayer:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.*

Dismissal:

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *I Want to be Ready* -Traditional Spiritual

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Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Nic Parmer, *Interim Youth Minister*

Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator* • Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and are given by Duncan & Virginia Callicott in honor of their grandson, Ayden Boylan's, 18th birthday.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Ayden Boylan, Renee Reinhardt **Tuesday:** Adam Hughes, Carolyn Seabrooks **Wednesday:** Avery Beck, Jeep Garner
Thursday: Mike Gengler, Sean Patterson, Paul Deepan, Marc Hauser **Friday:** David Roth, Patsy Carter **Saturday:** Fred Loeffel, Barbara Roth, Zak Bryan, George Ross, Maggie Muenzen, Jim Messina

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sunday: Andy Peterson & Bob Barrett **Monday:** Jon & Laura Kinnard **Tuesday:** Wiley & Rachel Robinson **Thursday:** Rocky & Carla Myers

PARTICIPANTS:

	8:00 am	10:00 am	6:00 pm
Usher:		Karen Montefiori	Tom Stearns
Usher:		*	
Reader:	*	Robin Hensley	Philip Scharre
Altar Guild:	Kathy Ulezelski	Steve Thompson	Marida Stearns
Altar Guild:		Phyllis Thompson	
Musicians:		Derek Pell Kent Burnside	Don Michael Dicie

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Marietta Todd, Becky and Muff Farmer, Dave Berexa, Susan Hughes, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, Lloyd Griffin, James Dickerson, Ann Conway, Tina Morgan, Natalie Hennes, Jack Honeycutt, Tom Jordan, Terry O'Donnell, Michelle Blackwelder, Colleen Talbot, Frankie Dorsey, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Ashley Holt, Don Ratcliff, Robyn Painter, Fount and Dee Smothers, Jeni Burnside, Bill Muir, Jim Lauricella, Dorcas Mansell, Chip Talbot, Charles Sidberry, Ed and Lucetta Mannion, Phyllis Gray, Bob Abstein, Jane Montague, Michael Walters Young, Fanny Haynes, Michael, Kaleb, Martha, Alan, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Fred, Nolen, Noah, Delores, Joanne, Norman, Joe, Ernie, Libby, Ferris, Sue, Jackie and Wayne, Gary, Susan, Mike, Greg, Ray, Lorraine, John Michael, Claire, Reed, Marianne, Sean, Madelyn, David, Molly, Lauren, Claudia, Craig, John, Margaret, Nancy, Ruby, Kirby, Susan, Anne Marie, Cathy, Marian, Sidney, Ethan, Sahiba, Mimi, Don, Molly, Wendy, Gray, Mary, Cindy, Todd, Norma, Douglas, Jane, Helen, Sandra, Dick, Sean, Billy, Bill, Linda, Angela and Randi, Kathy, Judy, Jon, Will, Suzie, Carl, Oliver, Tonka, and David Williams.