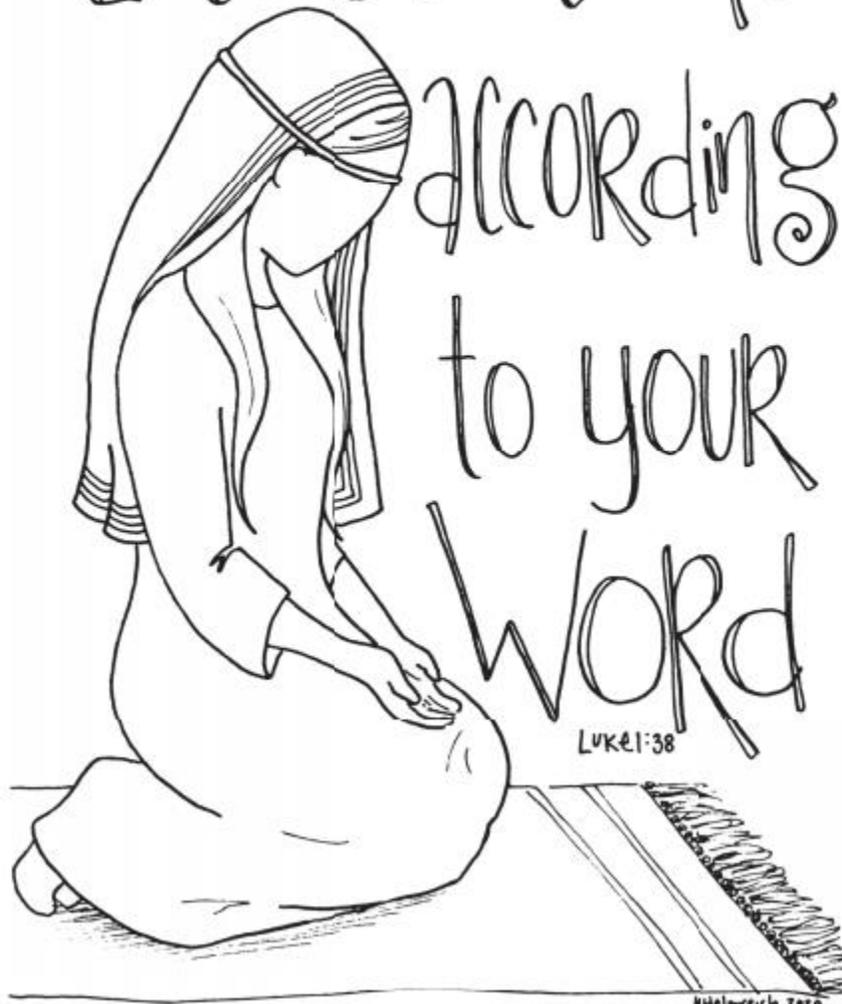


Christ Lutheran

December 20, 2020

Let it be to me
according
to your
word



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Opening Song/Hymn

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344
"The Advent of Our King" LSB 331 (Online)

Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

p.186 (in person only)

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Song of Praise

"Gloria in Excelsis" p. 187 (in person only)

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for Fourth Sunday in Advent

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

The Children's Chat

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:19

And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. 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. 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. 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.

Message Song/Hymn

"El Shaddai" (Praise Team)

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" LSB 347 (Online)

Message

"A Third Way"

We Go to God in Prayer

P: Lord, in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

The Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus

(p. 195)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: The gifts of God for you, God's people.

C: Amen.

We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

P: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

**C: We praise You, Father, and ask Your blessings on this meal, for You open
Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.**

Distribution Songs

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB 343

"Hark the Glad Sound" LSB 349

"Arise, Shine" (Praise Team)

"All Who Are Thirsty" (Praise Team)

The Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord God, our Heavenly Father:

**C: Thank you for this holy meal. Live in us, Lord Jesus, that we may always
live in You. Amen.**

Sending

P: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

C: that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

P: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

**C: My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight
of ev'ry people:**

P: a light to reveal You to the nations

C: and the glory of Your people Israel.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

C: that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C: Amen.

Closing Song/Hymn

(Praise Team)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357 (Online)

Postlude

The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1

What was the most important thing I learned today?



How can I use this in my life?

Unscramble Words from the Scripture Readings

DMIKNOG

AFHIT

PEGSOL

VAROF

HLICD

LENERAT

Answers: kingdom, faith, gospel,
favor, child, eternal



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The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

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