

Sermon Hymn: 2 Savior of the Nations Come

Sermon: Sin, Apathy, and Hope

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

Distribution Hymn: 472 Rise, My Soul to Watch and Pray

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 1 v 1, 2, 6 The Advent of our King

Ushers: This Week – Zack Vogel & Alex Vogel
Next Week – Hunter Boettcher & Jeremy Foltz

Greeters: This Week – Sharon Waldmann
Next Week – Dave & Andrea Stewart

Greeters & Ushers

It's that time of year again. We are putting together the next January - June list of Greeters and Ushers. Please let Pastor Swanson or Kelly Vogel if you would like to be added or removed from either list.

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The First Sunday in Advent – December 1st & 2nd, 2018



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Opening Hymn: 25 The King Shall Come

Prayer of the Day:

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Again and again the Lord had promised blessings for his people, if they would only obey his commands. Yet generation after generation had turned away from the Lord and sought self over Savior. When Jeremiah heard the Word of the Lord he was experiencing the wrath of the Lord carried out on rebellious Judah. To the faithful, come words of promise: Justice will be carried out on the wicked and there will be deliverance. The line of David will continue as a "righteous branch" sprouts. He comes to restore the desolate land and the decimated people. He comes to bring peace and safety. He comes to bring life. Therefore he will be called "the Lord Our Righteousness."

¹⁴ "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness."

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 25 p. 74

Second Lesson - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The Apostle Paul met the righteous branch of David face to face; he saw the promise of "the Lord Our Righteousness" fulfilled. Therefore he exhorts the Thessalonians and all believers - those who know the Christ's deliverance from sin - to continue living lives of faith and hope in the promise that the Lord Jesus will come again to bring us to eternal life.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we

pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.* (Revelation 22:20)

Gospel - Luke 21:25-36

Jesus has proclaimed to us that he will come again to judge the world. While it is not for us to know "the day or hour," our Savior would not leave us ignorant of the coming judgment. Eschatological signage abounds for those looking through eyes of faith. Yet, even as we anticipate his coming again to be our judge, we need not cower in fear, for with him comes the deliverance promised of old.

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."