

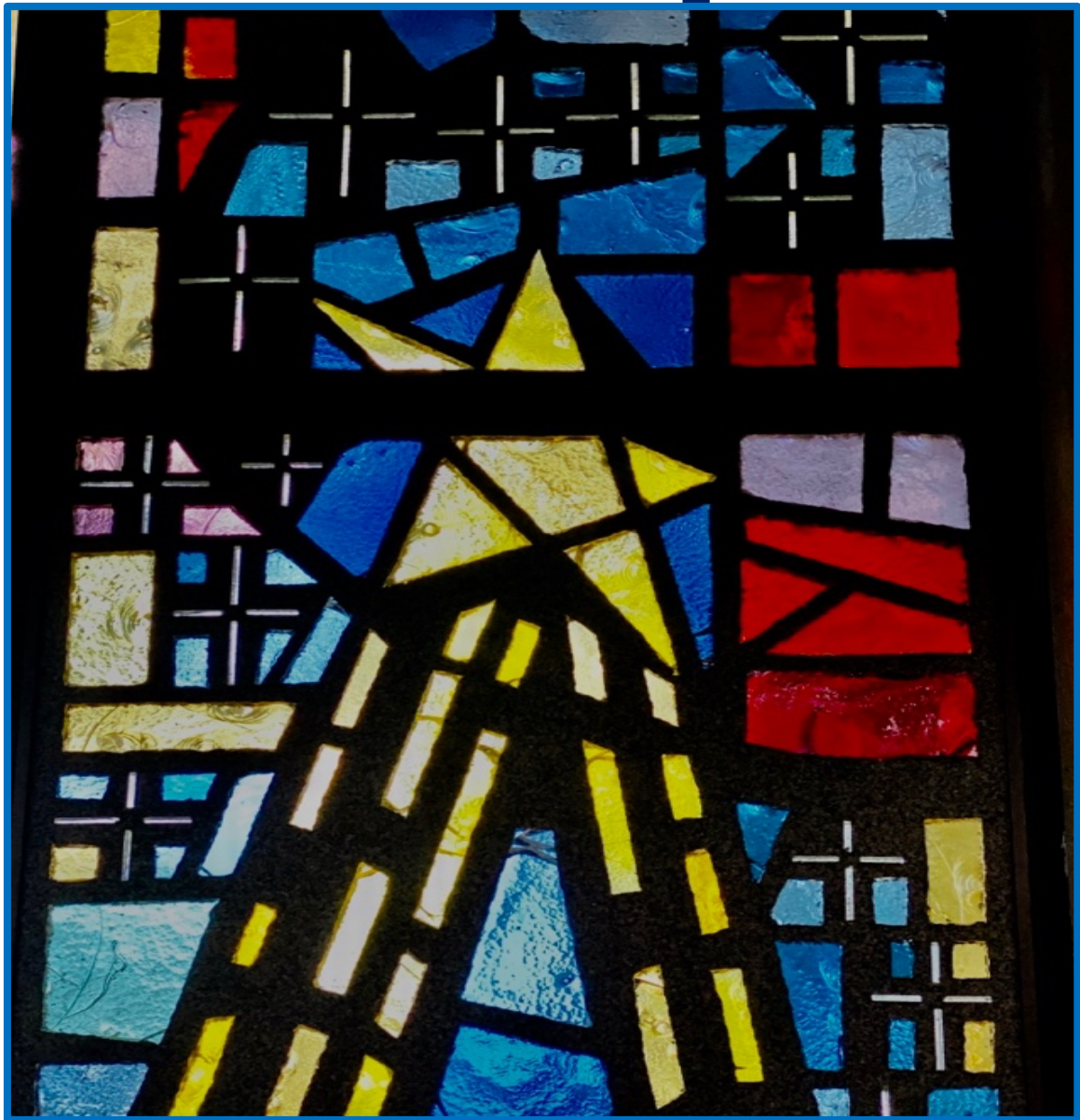
Advent Season 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

December 6th 2020

e-Worship



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GATHERING

GATHERING SONG # 259 Fling Wide the Door

- 1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.
- 2 He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;
he brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
for saving us from wrong.
- 3 Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king's commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
our only strength for good.



*Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
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P. Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

P. Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Loving and forgiving God,

we confess that we are held captive by sin.

In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger;

we have not loved our neighbor;

we have not been Christ to one another.

Restore us, O God.

Wake us up and turn us from our sin.

Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:

by God's endless grace

your sins are forgiven, and you are free—

free from all that holds you back

and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.

May you be strengthened in God's love,

✠ comforted by Christ's peace,

and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

P. Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin.

A. As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved.

O house of David, come,

C. let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray,

C. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and 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.

³A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD| God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their |
hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a
thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow

about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading

P. The holy gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

C. Glory to you, O Lord.



¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Special Music

SERMON

Grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus. Amen.

This is our Second Sunday of Advent, the Sunday when we proclaim Peace. Our prayer of the day today says: *strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ*. Our prayer reflects clearly the gospel text of this morning, John the Baptist proclaimed *a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*. These are the good news, good news means *Evangelion*, which means gospel.

These words used to proclaim an imperial victory or the advent of a new Roman emperor (*Good News, Gospel, Evangelion*). But those were imperial good news, those were the gospel of this world. John was proclaiming another kind of good news, another gospel, another *Evangelion*, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is why Mark the evangelist declares:

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
This is just the beginning of the good news, not the imperial good news, not the controlled Roman good news, not the good news of an earthly emperor, but the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

With this simple affirmation the evangelist Mark crashes directly against the Roman machinery, the imperial news media, and declares the real good news, the good news that are not made by the Roman empire. Mark is proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, the good news that are coming from God.

John is a very original messenger, a messenger that proclaims the good news from the wilderness, a preacher that preaches from the margins. John is not proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ from the center of power, he is not preaching inside the temple, neither in a synagogue, nor in the main squares. He is not in the market, not in the amphitheater, not to the teachers of the law, not surrounded by scholars and politicians, no, John is preaching the good news in the wilderness, John is preaching from the margins of society. John is preaching a message that to be heard demands that we move from our comfort zone into a very challenging context. You have to abandon your house and your comfort and go to find the messenger in the wilderness.

But John is also connecting his preaching with the history of Israel. John is preaching from the Jordan banks, from the same place where Elijah disappeared. John is declaring that the ministry of the old prophets is restored again, and God is again speaking to his people.

John doesn't look like a nice guy, his words are strong and judgmental, he is not preaching a light gospel, he is not politically correct, he doesn't look conventional, he is completely the opposite of someone that wants to look acceptable. The Bible says:

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

John preaches in a non-conventional place, an unconventional gospel, and looks and eats like a very strange person. John doesn't fit with the mainstream religious schools of thought and preaching, he is a marginal, he is eccentric, he is not from the mainline Jewish tradition, he is not a Pharisee, he is not a Sadducee, he is a voice preaching good news to all who want to experience authentic repentance and spiritual renewal.

I wonder if a congregation today would call a pastor like John the Baptist, a pastor that invites you to worship in the wilderness, a pastor that doesn't look and doesn't preach like a pastor, a pastor that confronts you with a harsh voice and cranky words, a pastor that *clothes with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and eats locusts and wild honey*. He or she definitely will look not only different, but will also make you wonder: how can this be a church? How can this person be a pastor?

Well, those were probably was the same questions that were disturbing the mainstream religious leaders of the established synagogue and the temple. But that was definitely not a problem for the common people. The ordinary people, the people that were waiting for God's word immediately observed John not as an eccentric, but as the voice of Elijah, and the voice of the old prophets that was calling them to remember the source and the ground of their faith: the go back to the wilderness, the go back to God, go back, return. That is exactly the meaning of the word: repentance. Return, comeback, return to God and live again, go back to the living word of God and find the real meaning of faith, hope and love.

And ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In other words, John is saying: do you think I am a radical, wait and meet the guy I am preparing the way for. Wait to find the real Messiah, wait and meet Jesus, who won't be just water, but authentic fire. If John looks radical, be ready, said John, the Son of God will be more radical.

John wants repentance preparing the way, Jesus will call to a more radical repentance, one that not only prepares the way, but one that demands that your

whole life become a complete act of living sacrifice and thanksgiving honoring God and serving God with radical gratitude for God's salvation.

John demanded conversion to the kingdom that was coming, Jesus demanded total surrender of our lives to the kingdom and total incarnation of the values of the kingdom in all our life. Not just to prepare the way, Jesus demanded us to be the way, to incarnate the way, to become a living way of life and truth.

We are here to proclaim peace from the wilderness, to announce repentance not only as a preparation, but as a lifestyle. Forgiveness not only for one moment, but forever. And not only a baptism of water, but water that is transformed with the fire of the Spirit.

We are here to proclaim this good news in words and deeds. Luther declared in one of his pastoral writings that we need to follow three fundamental steps in our life with the word of God.

Luther says: first we need to read the scriptures praying (*Oratio*) and learn the meaning of eternal life when we are reading the word of God, because the word is a living word.¹

Additionally, we need to meditate (*Meditatio*) we need to read, reread and reflect and understand the deep meaning of the word of God. Don't be satisfied with a superficial reading of the word of God, read the word as many times as needed to find its deep meaning and powerful message.

¹ Pastoral Writings Volume 4. Pages 483–487.

And finally, we need to struggle with the word (*Tentatio*), we need to accept that the word is always confronting us with the power of the voice of God and challenging the world. Luther explains us that our faith is not merely an interior experience but implies also an external confrontation with our culture and values.

The word of God confronts what we have inside us with what we find outside us. This is not only a devotional experience. Struggle (*Tentatio*) is not a mystic reading, but a confrontation of the world with the message of the word of God.

This is what John proclaimed, a confrontation of the world outside us using the message of the good news. Because the word of God demands loyalty to God and to the truth of Jesus Christ the Son of God. However, that demand many times implies a critic to the culture that surrounds us, because it doesn't reflect the values of the word of God. We need to remember that like John we are here to proclaim the need of permanent repentance, and the grace of God that is always ready to forgive and restore.

God welcomes those who come by way of the baptism of repentance of sin. Only God can accomplish our salvation, the same God that invites us to repent is the same God that creates a way to change and renewal. To come to God in repentance is to move from the complacency and comfort zone where we live to a new life. To be baptized with water and fire is to be baptized to incarnate the gospel in words and deeds. It is a permanent call to the world that the world also needs to repent and to accept the good news of Jesus Christ.

John is inviting us to persevere in our discipleship, to learn and live the word that we read, to meditate and accept the struggle that implies to be a Christian in

our world nowadays so that our prayer of the day comes back with the words:
strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ.

It is interesting that the peace of God comes only after we are in peace with God, and to be in peace with God is to be reconciled with God, it is to be back to God and have the fire of the Spirit illuminating our heart and mind.

We are celebrating that we have peace with God, so remember that this peace is the fruit of our return and our reconciliation with God. Jesus is the way, the life and the truth that incarnates this reconciliation and now we are Jesus's messengers of reconciliation, but first we need to remember that it is important to help the people to remember the importance of repentance.

Help your friends and family to go back to Christ and his kingdom at this Christmas time. This is the time to remember that authentic peace requires this return to God, this is the gift of Advent, peace if you return, peace for the journey and peace to be shared with all the world.

Let us move from the center and the comfort zone to the wilderness and the margins, and accept the eccentric messenger of God, John the Baptist, who is inviting us to be ready to celebrate that repentance along the path to permanent peace.

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY
249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

A. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, you teach us to wait for you with faithfulness and patience. Sustain and support us in our doubts and questions. Nurture our faith as we discern and enact your mission.

Loving God, you set the stars in the sky and breathe life into the earth. Renew the face of creation where it is in need of your healing touch. Mend the wounds of environmental damage and restore balance to ecosystems so that all creation can declare your praise.

We say

Come Lord Jesus...

A. Steadfast God, you never tire of seeking justice. Where people suffer from discrimination, judgment, and injustice, speak words of truth and comfort.. Lead us toward a world where faithfulness will sprout underfoot and righteousness rain down from above.

Leading God, you ask us to make uneven ground smooth. Make even the disparities between your people. Sustain and support people with physical and intellectual disabilities. Accompany disability advocates who work for a world accessible to all. Teach us to celebrate the great diversity in our midst.

We say

Come Lord Jesus...

A. Tender God, you know sorrow and joy alike. We pray for those in our families and congregation who are not joyful in this holiday season. Comfort those who grieve, be a companion to all who are lonely, tend those who are sick or struggling with depression, and gather all people in your healing embrace. Eternal God, we give thanks for the saints who have prepared your way in the wilderness and taught us to continue their faithful work. Make their generous lives an example for all.

We say

Come Lord Jesus...

A. Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

P. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

SENDING

P. The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,
✠ now and forever.

C. Amen.

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG
264 Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

*Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!*

2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing: *Refrain*

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HYMNS FOR ADVENT SEASON

Sunday	Gathering Song	Hymn of the Day	Sending Song
Dec. 6 th	259	249	264
Dec. 13 th	302	265	239
Dec. 20 th	288	251	269

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December 6th 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Day e-Worship Experience	Morning and Evening Prayer	Morning and Evening Prayer	Morning and Evening Prayer	Morning and Evening Prayer	Morning and Evening Prayer	Morning and Evening Prayer
	Online Bible Study 11 am Jeremiah		9am.10 am Bishop and Pastors			
Social Networks Updates		10 am Executive team coordination	12 pm Pastor & Deacon time	Pastor & President Time 11 am	Pastoral Care Team Updates	Website and social media worship preparation
		Holy Conversations 12pm-2 pm	Holy Conversations 2pm-4 pm	e-Worship Recordings 1pm-3pm	2 pm. Pastor & Barbara Property updates	
	Social Networks Updates	Sermon Preparations	Social Networks Updates	Worship Planning	Pastor & Nancy Coordination	Social Networks Updates
		Pastor & Naoko Coordination	Staff coordination	Social Networks Updates	Holy Conversations 4pm-5pm 6pm-7pm	
		Social Networks Updates	Bulletin Review		Social Networks Updates	
					Publications Review	



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LCOS by the Numbers

Members attending (on campus) service last week:

Financial Giving and Gifts

This Year at LCOS:

Our Spending Plan for the 2020 calendar year calls for total expenditures of \$352,212 to support the mission and ministries of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.

This Month at LCOS:

Our Monthly Need for December 2020 is:	\$29,351
Giving received to support LCOS Ministries through 12/6:	\$ 4,189

Mortgage Reduction Fund

The members of LCOS agreed in 2009 that each of us would do what we can, above our regular giving, to stay current with our church mortgage AND reduce the principal when possible. Please consider your ability to put monies aside to help meet our payments. Simply mark "Mortgage" and your name on an envelope, then place your gift in the offering plate. All monies received will be applied to the mortgage. Thank you!

<i>Fund Balance at November 30th:</i>	<i>\$1,704</i>
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Kaye Prox Food Bank



*"Serving
God's
people
with the
help of
God's
people!"*

The Kaye Prox Food Bank served 85 families the week before Thanksgiving, and 51 families the week before that. Each family received their usual bag of food & bread items, plus a kit for their Thanksgiving dinner. We are so grateful for the generous donations of food items and funds that made it possible, and for all of the volunteers who pitched in to pack and distribute it all!

In other news, Chronic Tacos, which has a restaurant at 10420 N. Dale Mabry in Tampa, is running a **holiday donations campaign** to benefit local food banks. From November 23 through December 31, they'll ask their customers if they'd like to donate \$1 toward local food banks. For every \$1 the customers donate, Chronic Tacos will match it. We are delighted to be one of the two Hillsborough county food banks who will receive those donations.

December Schedule for Kaye Prox Food Bank Drive-through Service (2 pm - 3:30 pm each day):

Fridays, December 4, 11, 18
Wednesday, December 23
Closed, week of December 28

Christmas Special Distribution

On December 18 and 23, we plan to distribute kits for a special holiday meal. Donations and volunteers welcome! Please contact us at volunteerkayeproxfb@gmail.com with questions. Here are the items we plan to provide on December 18 and 23 (must receive donated items before December 17):

- Cans of sweet potatoes/yams
- Boxes of Stove-Top Stuffing
- Boxes of Instant Potatoes
- Canned green beans
- Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Cans of French's Onions
- Gravy (jar or dry packet)
- Ham (-3 lbs, canned or fresh)



Dear disciples: during this time of crisis, I invite you to pray with me daily these short prayers and read these Bible verses in solidarity with all the world and our fellow LCOS disciples. I will be saying these prayers daily at 10 am and 5 pm. You are invited to form a prayer group with your family at home or individually pray these prayers.

Pastor José Luis La Torre Cuadros.

MORNING

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2 Chronicles 7, 14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Pray a silent prayer for the world, your family and our church.

Heavenly Father. We pray in solidarity with our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. We pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. Loving God, console them and grant them peace. We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. Healing God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good. In Jesus' name.

Pray the Lord's Prayer.

Amen.

EVENING

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

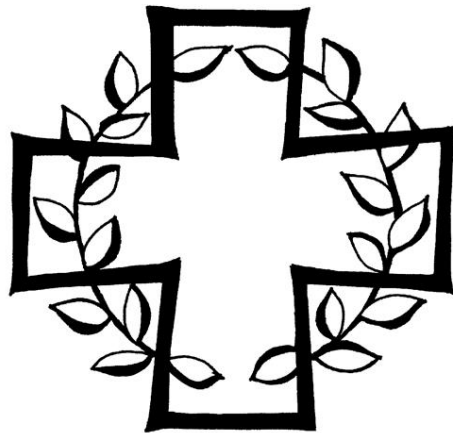
Psalm 91, 3-6

*For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.*

*He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness.*

Pray a silent prayer for the world, your family and our church. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.





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