

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. – Isaiah 11:1-2

Prelude and Silent Prayer

God Calls Us to Worship: Micah
5:2

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. AMEN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

(Hymn 211)

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay.
For Jesus Christ our Savior,
Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray.

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy,
For Jesus Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day.

From God our heavenly Father,
A blessed angel came.
And unto certain shepherds,
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born,
The Son of God by name: *Chorus*

Fear not, then said the Angel,
Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Savior,
Of virtue, power, and might;
So frequently to vanquish all,
The friends of Satan quite; *Chorus*
The shepherds at those tidings,
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a feeding,

**In tempest, storm, and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
This blessed babe to find: *Chorus* AMEN**

Responsive Reading: Zechariah 2:10-13

Leader: Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion!

***Congregation:* For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst, says the LORD.**

Leader: Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people.

***Congregation:* And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.**

Leader: And the LORD will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

***Congregation:* Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation! AMEN**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Hymn 203

Confession of Sin: Psalm 19:12-13

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. AMEN

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

***Congregation:* Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. 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

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 53:5-6

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Hymn 197

Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of the Apostles Creed

We believe that Jesus Christ—true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary—is our Lord. He has redeemed us, lost and condemned persons, saved us at great cost from sin, death, and the power of the devil, not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this He has done that we may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom,

and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence,
and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules
eternally. This is most certainly true. AMEN

Intercessory Prayer

Ephesians

6:18

*With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit,
and with this in view, be on the alert with all
perseverance and petition for all the saints. AMEN*

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.**

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

**For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen**

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

God Consecrates Us with His Word

The Reading of the Scriptures:

Luke 1:57-

79

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon:
Lord”

“Before the Face of the

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn

218

Benediction

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Hymn

737

God Communes with Us

Elder: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us
pray.*

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation:

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O

merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness,

But in Your manifold and great mercies.

**We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs
under Your table.**

But You are the same Lord;

You ever love to show mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,

So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,

And to drink His cup,

That our sinful bodies may be made clean by His

**body, and our souls washed through His most precious
blood,**

And that we may evermore dwell in Him,

And He in us. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn 208

God Commissions Us

Romans 15: 12-

13

*And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse;
and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him
the Gentiles shall hope.” Now may the God of hope fill
you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may
abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN*

Christ Church

*Worshiping Christ and equipping God's people
to extend His Lordship
down through our generations
and out into the world.*

**The Lord's Day
Covenant Renewal Service
Second Sunday of Advent**

December 6, 2015