

MIDWEEK II

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## Midweek Advent II

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **OPENING HYMN**

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring ...... LSB 353

## **SERVICE OF LIGHT** p. 243

Stand

- L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
- C the light no darkness can overcome.
- L Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
- **C** and the day is almost over.
- Let Your light scatter the darkness
- **C** and illumine Your Church.

PHOS HILARON p. 244 J

Sit

PSALM 141 p. 245 J

#### READING

L A reading from 2 Corinthians, 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother.

To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in

comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### READING

L A reading from Luke, 3:1-9

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

- In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- **©** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

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**SERMON** by Pastor Berry

#### SERMON HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People ......LSB 347

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Focus presentation
To Julie Dlouhy for operating the projector
To Care and Share for the desserts after our

Holiday Schedule

Midweek Advent Service: 12/20 at 7p

Christmas Eve: Divine Service at 9a w/Children's Program

New Years Eve: Divine Service 8a