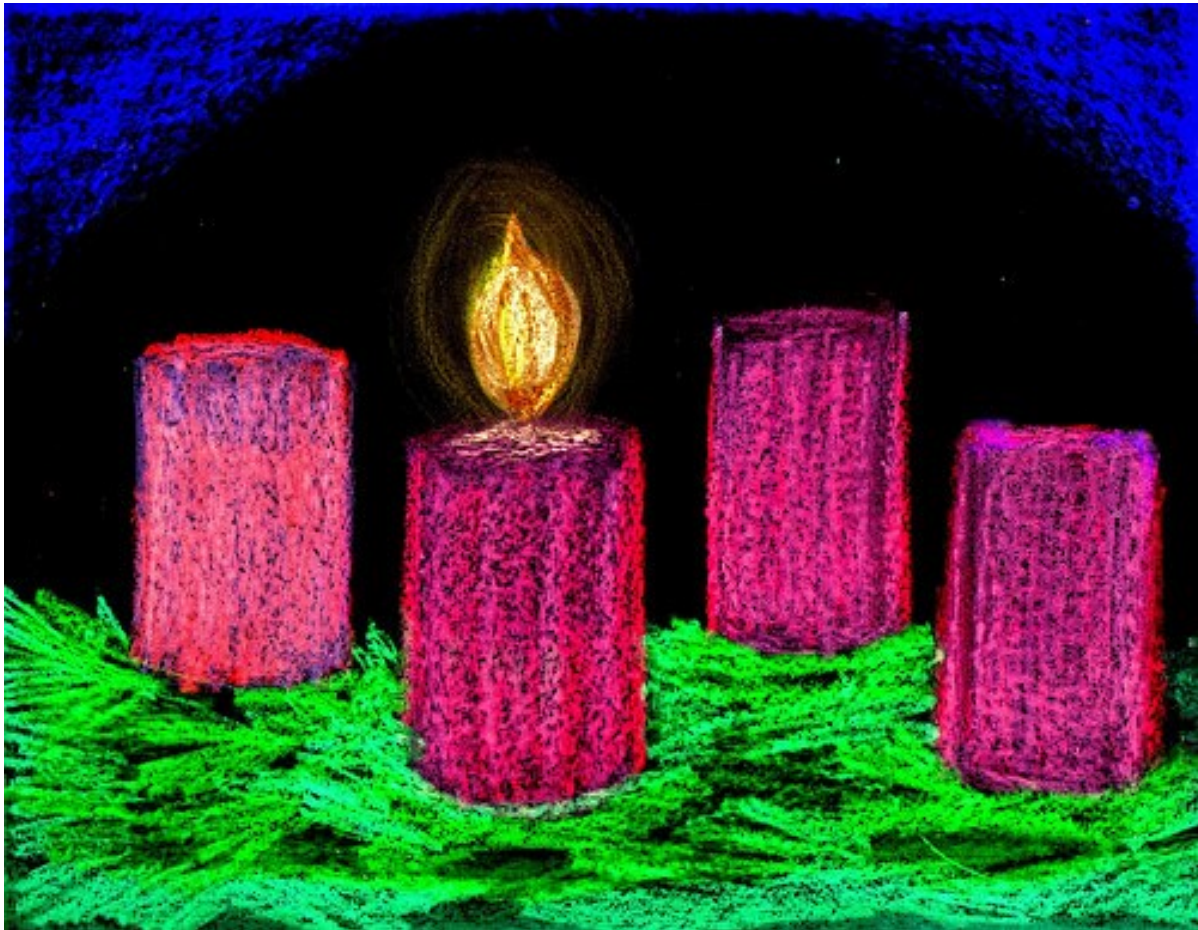


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PRELUDE

Gordon Young: Prelude in Classical Style
Junghoon Park, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy and gracious God,

we confess that we have sinned against you. Some of our sin we know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed – but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may live and serve in peace. Amen.

God's compassion and mercy are beyond measure, As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Sisters and Brothers in name of Christ you are forgiven. Let us receive this gift humbly and joyfully and ever be thankful to God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244 (vs 1, 3, 4)



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - ti - ence their cross and suf - f' - rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Read in unison

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
⁴O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH -

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240 vs.1

1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah

Let the light banish darkness

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE HOMILY



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
 Music: BESANÇON, French carol
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 again 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 THE CHURCH (Congregation Responds ...Your mercy is great.)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lloyd Larson: "Cornerstone"

▪ SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST ▪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **We give our thanks and praise.**

Father...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

ELW 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Sergei Rachmaninoff: Vocalise, Op. 34 No. 14

About Communion— At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

O Come O Come Emanuel

ELW 257 (vs. 1-4)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep Awake. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter”
("Come thou, Jesu, from heaven to earth"), BWV 650 (Arr. Feinberg)
Junghoon Park, Piano

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| Media Technician | Sara Wetz |
| Assisting Minister | Chaplain Paula Thistle |
| Communion Assistants | Eli Shenk |
| | Carson Prost |
| Lectors | Emily Sindt |
| | Maggie Albanese |
| Ushers | Gretchen Lebo |
| | Owen Zelenakas |
| | Emily Spain |
| | Elliott Spain |
| Communion Clean Up | Lillian Albanese |
| | Martha & Glenn Hollenbeck |

Opportunities This Week

Monday, December 4, 2023

10:00 am Flying Quilters (Fellowship Wing)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)

5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 7, 2023

11:30 am Mid-day Bible Study (Double T)

6:30 pm Good Night with God (Zoom)

Friday, December 8, 2023

6:30 pm St. Martin's School-Sip N' Shop Fundraiser (Gym)

Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:00 am Joyful Hearts (Fellowship)

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)



**Sunday, December 17th, at 3 PM
Bay Winds Winter Concert**

The Bay Winds Band has been rehearsing in our gym throughout the year and will present an enjoyable concert in our sanctuary featuring a variety of musical styles including holiday favorites- something for everyone! Reserve some time during a hectic season to sit back, relax and recharge.



HOWLIDAY PAWTY ❄️ DECEMBER 8TH ❄️ 6:30-9PM

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
5PM-8PM**

Dinner and Candle Light
Christmas Stroll

Fellowship Event for All Ages

Join us as "Mistress Mary" takes us around Annapolis on a candle light stroll and shares traditions from holidays past. Cost is \$20 per person and dinner (Restaurant TBA). Space is limited, to reserve your spot email

Laura at youthdirstmartins@gmail.com

by December 10th