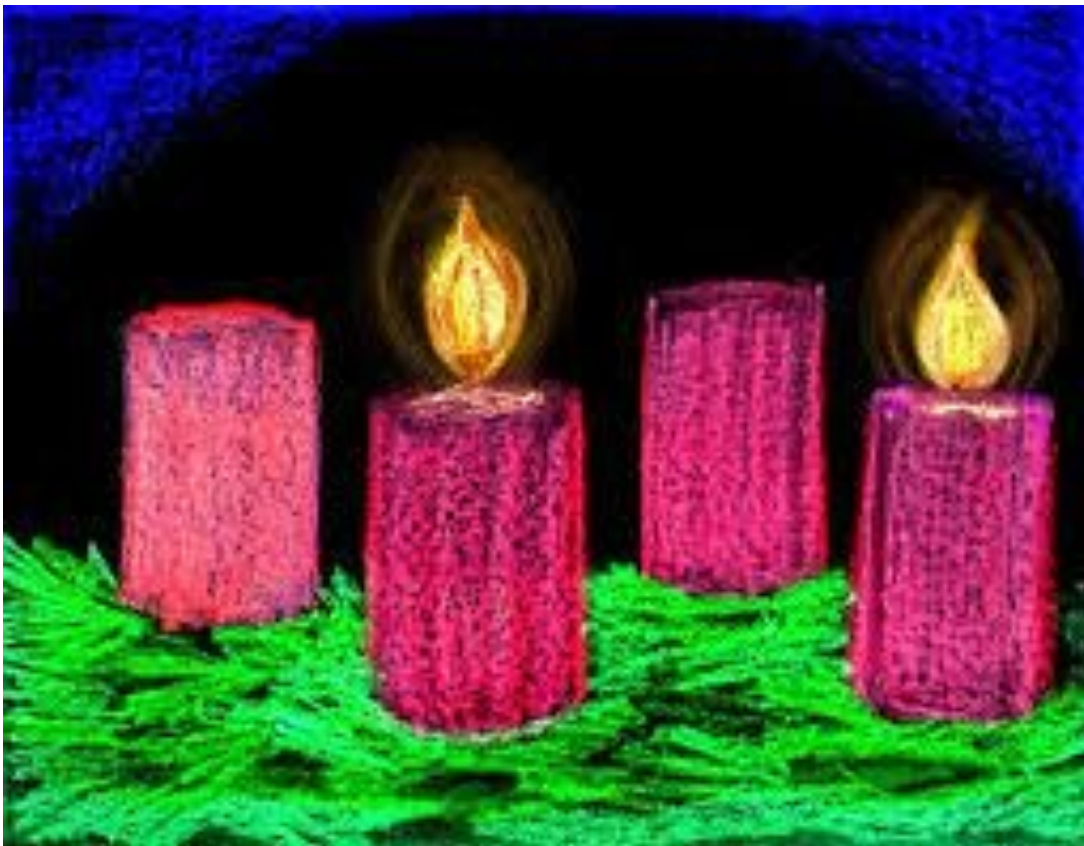


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

PRELUDE

Bach: Choral Prelude "Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme"
(Awake, the Voice Commands), BWV 645 (Arr. Busoni)
Junghoon Park, Piano

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

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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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 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.

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

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240 vs.2

- 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:1-8

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

THE HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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.

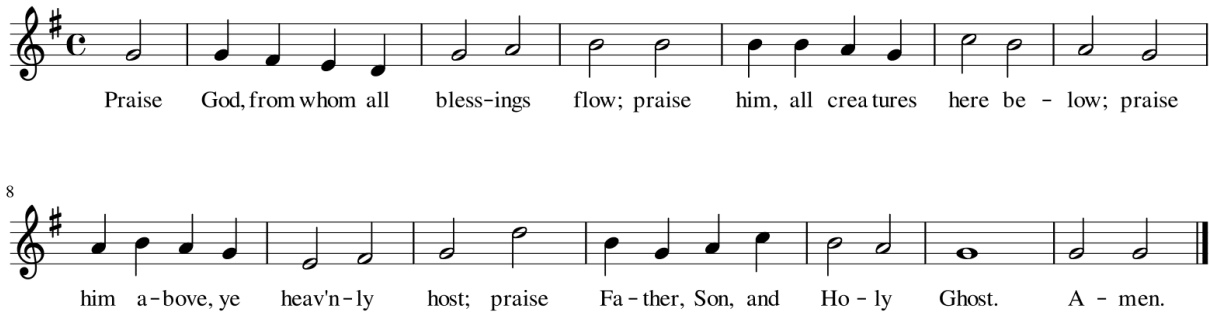
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"What Child is This?"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

▪ 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:

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 (Sung by the Choir)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Bruckner: "Locus Iste" (This Place)
 Junghoon Park, Organ**

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



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Bach: Siciliano, from Flute Sonata, BWV 1031 (Arr. Kempff)
Junghoon Park, Piano

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Director of Music Ministry	Junghoon Park
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Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Mel Tuckfield
Communion Assistants	Judy Houston Linda Wetz
Lector	Kim Rosekrans
Ushers	Betty & John Knupp Martha & Glenn Hollenbeck
Communion Clean Up	Cathy & Dick Jones Alan Bitonti

Opportunities This Week

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- 7:00 am** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)
- 5:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 pm** Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 14, 2023

- 11:30 am** Mid-day Bible Study (Double T)
- 6:30 pm** Good Night with God (Zoom)

Sunday, December 17, 2023

- 8:00 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 am** Sunday School (Fellowship)
- 10:00 am** Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 pm** Bay Winds Concert (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm** Dinner & Candle Light
Christmas Stroll (Downtown)

all it takes is a *Spark*(le)

Featuring music inspired by light and the spark of creativity
 Holiday favorites, some with a twist - Minor Alterations No. 2 (Lorrien),
 Three Wise Guys (Giroux), Lux Aurumque (Whitacre)
 Contemporary works - Incandescence (Sims), Ignition (Stalter)
 In Living Color (Copley), Sunlight Dancing (Buckley), and more

The **BAY WINDS** Band

Sunday December 17 @ 3pm
St. Martin's Lutheran Church
1120 Spa Road
Annapolis, MD 21403



This performance is supported in part by the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County (ACAAC)



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