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9:00 am

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: "The Advent of Our King" LSB# 331 vv. 1, 4, 6

The advent of our King, our prayers must now employ
And we must hymns of welcome sing, in strains of holy joy

As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And His true members all unite, with Him in Heav'n to reign

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free
With Father, Spirit, ever one, through all eternity

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Matthew 24 says: *Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.* For the times we have been lax in our study of God's Word, we have not been faithful in worship, other ways we have not prepared for God's messages, and for all other sins we've committed, let us confess ourselves to our Heavenly Father.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we confess,

People: that there have been times we have not prepared as we should for all You seek to give. For those sins and all other sins that we have committed, we are sorry and ask Your forgiveness. We plead for the mercy of Christ to be granted to us, and we seek healing and restoration according to Your Gospel ways.

Pastor: As we move into this season of Advent, God reminds us that He has prepared for us the way unto salvation through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is His message that gives us life and eternal comfort. Because of your confession, God in His mercy has chosen to forgive you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of God's Word, I announce His forgiveness to you this day, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB# 515 vv. 1, 4 (sung to tune LSB# 644)

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon is drawing nigh
Up, pray and watch and wrestle, at midnight comes the cry

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear
Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, that sets Your people free

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Dear Heavenly Father, help us to listen more intently to Your Word and call us to further preparation for the return of Your Son. May these words inspire us to greater living in this life. In Jesus 'name we pray.

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, The 24th chapter:

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came

and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB #332 vv. 1,4,6,8

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home
Marvel now, O Heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth

Then stepped forth the Lord of all, from His pure and kingly hall
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began

For You are the Father's Son, Who in flesh the vict'ry won
By Your mighty pow'r make whole, all our ills of flesh and soul

God to the Father sing, glory to the Son, our king
Glory to the Spirit be, now and through eternity

SERMON

Pastor Jesus Morales
“A No Regret Advent: Week One”

OFFERING/PRAYER CARDS - *The offering plate is located on the rear table for you to place your offering in as you enter or leave church. **When the offering is received, an usher will bring it forward, along with any prayer cards, to the altar. If you have any prayers to include, please pass them to the usher as they come forward. For those who are***

worshipping at home, you may continue to mail your offerings to the church office, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 0S501 Summit Dr. Winfield, IL 60190. Thank you!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, as we draw closer to celebrating the birth of Your Son, help us not be robbed of opportunities to prepare more fully. Help us understand the power of this preparation, so that we treasure the anticipation and journey.

We pray for those traveling this Thanksgiving weekend, that You would be their protector and guardian.

Bless our ministries of service to the community. Bless other organizations as they too seek to serve those that many reject or overlook.

Be with seasonal workers as they deal with unruly customers, greater and mounting pressure, and deadlines that seem to never end.

Heal the sick, (especially...). May they be granted relief from their suffering.

Remind all of the need for Sabbath rest, especially during this holiday season.

For these prayers and all other prayers that we lift to You, we pray for answers and blessing. Hear us and assure us for the sake of Jesus, in accordance to His ways and through the prayer He has given, praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May our holy God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, help you in your planning throughout this week and this season. May He help you with patience and understanding, especially in times of great stress. May your worship of Him who loves us reflect that spirit of peace that only our Lord can give.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You: LSB# 334 vv. 1,2,6 (sung to tune LSB# 523)

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight
O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly, all that may please You best

Your Zion strews before You, green boughs and fairest palms
And I too will adore You, with joyous songs and psalms
My heart shall bloom forever, for You with praises new
And from Your name shall never, withhold the honor due

He comes to judge the nations, a terror to His foes
A light of consolations, and blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing, O glorious Sun, now come
Send forth Your beams so cheering, and guide us safely home

Church Announcements

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF GREG CINERT'S BIRTHDAY, BY HIS PARENTS, KAREN AND GEORGE.

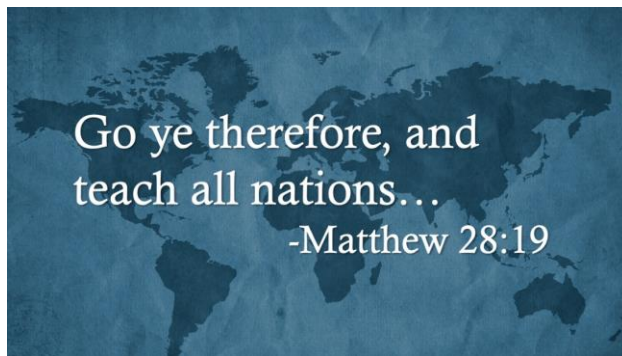
DON'T MISS THIS – MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CHRIST OUR SAVIOR YOUTUBE CHANNEL. This year, the pastors in our partnership from Christ Our Savior, Word of Life and New Song churches will record the mid-week Advent Worship services, and they will be offered for your convenience to watch when your schedule permits. *The first Mid-Week service will be posted at 7:00 pm this coming Wednesday, November 30.* You can find our YouTube Channel on the Christ Our Savior home page at www.coslwin.weebly.com

A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER DECORATIONS. Thank you for your generosity in making our church beautiful at this joyous time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus!



CAN YOU BE AN ANGEL THIS CHRISTMAS FOR A NEEDY CHILD? Our giving tree is now located at the back of the church with gift tags for children of needy families in Winfield Township. The tags will list the age of a child with gift suggestions, including sizes. If you are able, please take a gift tag and purchase a gift, wrap it, and bring it back to church with the gift tag attached, **no later than December 18.** We are also collecting gift cards, or cash contributions to purchase gift cards, for the family for food, clothing, or other Christmas gifts to put under their tree. **Please designate "2022 Christmas Gift" on your check**

with any cash contributions. A separate basket will be near the offering plate on the table at the back for your checks or cash. Please help brighten the holidays for a child from a needy family in our local area! If you have any questions, you may contact Dawn Wolter at (630) 738-9942. Thank you for your generosity, and sharing the Christmas spirit of giving in a very special way!!



DURING NOVEMBER'S MISSION MONTH, we are featuring FEYISSA MULETA, a missionary to Ethiopia from Tensae Church

Feyissa's missionary journey -- Having served on student ministries for more than a decade since he was a student at Addis Ababa University, Feyissa has developed a special heart for evangelism, discipleship, leadership development and community

transformation. His greatest passion is equipping vibrant, godly and visionary leaders of leaders.

It is over five weeks since he returned to Ethiopia after more than six years of studying for his Master's and most of his Ph.D. in the USA. It has been a joy for him to reunite with his wife and kids, who returned to Ethiopia more than a year before his return. While much of his time has been dedicated to helping his family's transition over the past five weeks, he was also able to meet the staff at International Leadership University (ILU). ILU is a Christian University committed to educating women and men in Theology, missions, and leadership, both in undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. Feyissa is serving as an Academic Dean and teacher at ILU. He is grateful to God that he joined an incredible team of young leaders who are committed and eager to help educate women and men for God's redemptive work in Ethiopia and beyond. In addition to teaching his classes to equip pastors, ministers and other leaders to bring the Word of Christ to both cities and rural Ethiopia, he will be starting his Doctoral Research at Trinity International University, which recently approved his Ph.D. candidacy.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for Feyissa and his family, and all the missionaries who are at work in Ethiopia and around the world. If you would like to contribute to Feyissa's mission team, you can make a contribution directly at: <https://give.cru.org/2845153>. Or you can give an amount in your offerings, by designating an amount on your check to "missions." All mission offerings in any amount are gratefully appreciated! Thank you for your prayers and sacrificial financial support of missions. Your partnership in the gospel keeps missionaries like Feyissa in the missions field!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! – On Saturday, December 17th at 4 pm, we will be having a **Christmas Concert and Sing-a-Long** featuring the **JUA Ensemble, "Eight Hands and Four Pianos"** at **Christ Our Savior!** The program will also include adult choir members from Tensae Church bringing you an Ethiopian Christmas carol, as well as the Spanish Christmas music from our own Spanish worship team! Cookies and hot cocoa will be served. You won't want to miss this!! Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors!!

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART IS NOW ON THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD! REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AS A REMEMBRANCE OR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS

– If you would like to place flowers on the altar to mark a special occasion or give Glory to God, there's a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance to reserve a date. Just sign your name, date and occasion – and take an envelope for payment of \$30 per Sunday, with checks payable to The Altar Guild. Flowers are yours to take home after the service.

PASTOR JESUS IS NOW HOLDING A NEW MEMBER CLASS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

The class currently meets at church on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and it features a 12-week course titled "God Connects." It helps to answer questions such as, *Why Jesus?... Why the Bible? ...Who is the Holy Spirit?*, as well as provide valuable information about our church doctrine and the Christian life. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Jesus and he will give you more information about joining this class, or tell you when the next class may be scheduled. *Note: if you are transferring membership from another LCMS church, your attendance at this class is not mandatory, but would be a great refresher and chance to have your questions answered! Pastor Jesus will be very happy to facilitate the transfer for you.*

HELP SPREAD THE NEWS!....CHRIST OUR SAVIOR'S SPANISH WORSHIP SERVICE IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

Our service in Spanish for our Spanish-speaking friends in Christ is on Sundays from 11 am to Noon. This is an important ministry and Christ Our Savior wants to reach out to Winfield and our neighboring communities to meet the growing need. Please pray for the success of this new ministry, and help spread the word to those who may be interested! Be sure to say hello to our Spanish friends and make them all feel welcome at Christ Our Savior!

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE ARE NEEDED! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BRING TREATS!

If you would like to help with our fellowship of coffee and treats on Sunday morning after our 9 am service, we would love to have you bring a treat for our members! The coffee and water is provided, but we need volunteers who can provide a sweet treat (coffee cake, cookies, muffins, breads, etc.) to share with everyone. Interested? There's a sign-up sheet on the back table where you can sign up for the date you want to help. Thank you!!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS – Please pray for the following individuals who are in need of your prayers:

Healing or receiving medical treatment:

June DuBois

Pat Gengler

Charleen Smith, Dawn Wolter's mother

Anne Rumchaks and Joey Basile, Susan Mosteller's friends

Edward Dring, Shirley Dring's son

Dianne, Shirley Dring's daughter

Al Arbeiter

Dawn Ziemer

Dave Larson

Monica, Mary Larson's sister

Jeff Lasky

In the military:

Randy, nephew of Susan Mosteller

And all cherished members who are currently shut in or resting at home.

PLEASE NOTE PASTOR JESUS' CONTACT INFORMATION – Pastor Jesus is available to minister to our congregation's needs at any time and welcomes the opportunity to serve you. He is available 24/7 to provide pastoral care, prayer, or information. He also makes congregation home visits or visits members in the hospital or nursing facility, or administers Holy Communion at home. If you have a need or want to request a visit, please contact him at 1-630-518-1517 or jesusmorales466@yahoo.com.

OUR BENEVOLENT FUND provides confidential emergency assistance to members who are in need of financial, spiritual or other temporary support, such as housing assistance, help paying for medical or prescription expenses, or help during hard times due to lack of employment. Please contact Pastor Jesus in person to discuss your needs, or you may contact him by phone at 1-630-518-1517.

PLEASE NOTE OUR SPECIAL FUNDS ARE CONTINUING IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.

We thank our members for their generosity in supporting our various special funds that are helping us in our ministry at Christ Our Savior. Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted – just indicate the fund and the amount of your donation on your check or offering envelope when you place it in the offering plate. The funds include:

PARSONAGE FUND
PARKING LOT FUND
BLESSING BOX FUND
BENEVOLENT FUND

We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity!

WITH WINTER APPROACHING – OUR BLESSING BOX CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR COMMUNITY!

If you are able, please consider picking up a few items during your regular shopping trips to help those less fortunate and dropping off items for our Blessing Box. *The most needed items currently include all kinds of paper products, disposable baby diapers, feminine products, personal care items, and detergents and sanitizers. Non-perishable food items, including pasta, rice, beans, baking items, tuna, canned meats and sauce are also appreciated.* With winter approaching, gloves, mittens, socks and hats can also make a difference. Please keep in mind that during extreme temperatures, freezing may occur. Cash contributions are also welcome. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE! The aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other cans are recycled by United Scrap Metal, who buys the pop tabs at a market rate and makes an additional contribution to Ronald McDonald House. There's a large collection bottle on the back table for your convenience. Thanks so much for your help in collecting tabs and making a big difference!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PRAYER CARDS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH PEWS AND CAN BE USED FOR PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING.

An usher will collect these cards during the service, and they will be presented to Pastor Jesus during our offering, when they will be added to our congregation prayers. If you would like a prayer shared with all members via email or on the "Prayer Corner" church website, contact Deb Odefey (1-630-209-9918) for the "Prayer Chain" and she will make sure your prayer request is communicated to our church family.