

The Beginning Of The Gospel of

Jesus Christ The Son Of God

Mark 1:1



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2nd Sunday in Advent

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WORSHIP PLAN LBW SETTING ONE

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p. 56

P *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C Amen

P *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C Amen

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P *Most merciful God,*

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

P *Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C Amen

OPENING HYMN *"Awake! Awake, And Greet The New Morn"* WOVS# 633

GREETING LBW p. 57

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE LBW p. 57 (*spoken*)

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is The Feast"* LBW p. 60

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

C Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (*unison*)

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who
turn their | hearts to him.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND LESSON: 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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"*

(1st & 2nd verse only)

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST AND SECOND ADVENT CANDLES

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW p. 62 (*Sung*)

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

P *The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.*

C **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."

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: "The Gospel is..."

HYMN OF THE DAY: "On Jordan's Banks The Baptist's Cry" LBW# 36

APOSTLES CREED LBW p. 65

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P *.....Lord in your mercy,*

C **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN "Give Thanks" Bulletin pg. 11

OFFERTORY PRAYER LBW p. 67

P *Blessed are you,*

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With then we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING LBW p. 88

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Lift up your hearts.*

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS LBW p. 89 (*Sung*)

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER LBW p. 91

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST
AS LORD AND HIS REAL PRESENCE IN THE BREAD AND WINE
ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE*

BLESSING & SENDING HYMN

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Bulletin pg. 10

DISMISSAL

P *Go in peace. Serve your neighbor.*

C **Yes we will. Thanks be to God.**

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DECEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Baltic School Angel Fund

East: Call To Freedom

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Baltic: Technology Fund

East Nidaros: Call to Freedom





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Alliance Communications 'Keep the Change' Fund of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation has awarded Baltic Lutheran Church a grant for \$1000.00 to be put towards the church's Technology Fund. This puts us a little closer to our goal for audio/video equipment to purchase and install. We appreciate and thank Alliance Communication and the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation for their generosity.

2020 Christmas Eve Service Signup



In order to provide safer opportunities for attending Christmas Eve Services this year, we will offer an additional service to what we have done previously. Our parish will plan to offer two worship services at East Nidaros with one at 3:00 PM and another at 5:00 PM followed by one service at Baltic Lutheran at 8:00 PM. In order to help us decide if this additional service will be necessary, we are asking you to make reservations for these service times by using Sign Up Genius which will be linked to our Baltic-East Nidaros website. If you are unable to access this sign up option, simply email the church office at nidaros@alliancecom.net or by calling the church at 605-529-5471 and letting us know which service you would like to attend and the number of your family that plan on attending. At this time, it is our plan to offer the Lord's Supper at these worship services.

2020 Christmas Program

We are looking for members from **Baltic and East Nidaros** to help us put together a virtual Christmas Program this year since we aren't doing the traditional Sunday School Program. Our hope is to include members from both congregations and have a variety of music, personal favorite Christmas stories, reading the Bible Christmas story, kids reading poems or singing, pictures of members, etc. Your segment would be pre-recorded either in your home, or individually at one of the churches. Readers would not need to read the whole Bible story...it will be divided into small parts allowing more people to participate. It will be a great way for many of us to "see" our church family members that we haven't seen in many months and share the Christmas story with everyone. We will compile all the pictures & videos we receive to create our Christmas Program to "air" on Sunday, December 20th. If you would like to be a part of this very unique, special Christmas program, please contact Jenni Hartman (595-2948) or Kathy Hegge (366-4116). We would like to have all the pictures and videos completed by December 10th! Pictures and videos can also be emailed to: eastnidaros@gmail.com. The more people we can include, the better it will be!!

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

The musical score is written on ten staves. The first two staves contain the first line of lyrics. The next two staves contain the second line. The following two staves contain the third line. The last four staves contain the fourth line, which includes a 'Last time' box above the final two staves. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor).

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

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| Baltic | 9:00 Worship |
| East Nidaros | 10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship |

Things Happening Week of DECEMBER 6TH

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| Sun Dec 6 | Communion |
| Mon Dec 7 | 7:00 East Nidaros Council Meeting |
| Wed Dec 9 | 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic 6:30-7:30 Food Bank Open |
| Thu Dec 3 | 9:00 Bulletin Assembly 7:15 Health Board Meeting |

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

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| Baltic | 9:00 Worship |
| East Nidaros | 10:30 Worship 10:30 Online Worship |

Things Happening Week of December 13TH

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| Mon Dec 14 | 7:00 Baltic Council Meeting |
| Wed Dec 16 | 5:30-6:30 6th grade Confirmation @ Baltic 6:30-7:30 7th & 8th grade Confirmation @ Baltic |
| Thu Dec 17 | 9:00 Bulletin Assembly |
| Sat Dec 19 | 10:30-11:30 Food Bank Open 4:00 Service Of Remembrance at Baltic |

