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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27, 2011

“You, O LORD are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is Your name.” (Isaiah 63:16)

Preservice meditation: Psalm 32, pages 130-131 (red hymnal)

OPENING HYMN: 62 (red hymnal) “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

A Service of Word and Sacrament (page 12 in The Worship Supplement)

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

God, who brought us to believe in Jesus, will keep us in our faith until Jesus comes again!

Responsive Reading from Psalm 143

L: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

C: DO NOT BRING YOUR SERVANT INTO JUDGMENT, FOR NO ONE LIVING IS RIGHTEOUS BEFORE YOU.

L: I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

C: LET THE MORNING BRING ME WORD OF YOUR UNFAILING LOVE, FOR I HAVE PUT MY TRUST IN YOU. SHOW ME THE WAY I SHOULD GO, FOR TO YOU I LIFT UP MY SOUL.

L: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

C: FOR YOUR NAME’S SAKE, O LORD, PRESERVE MY LIFE; IN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, BRING ME OUT OF TROUBLE.

Second Lesson: Mark 13:32-37

By faith in Jesus we are ready whenever the Judgment Day comes.

The Apostles’ Creed (page 15 in The Worship Supplement)

Children’s sermon

HYMN 92 (red hymnal) “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

THE SERMON: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 64:1-8
“GOD SENT HIS SON TO SAVE SINNERS”

The Offertory, page 16 (Worship Supplement)

The Offering

HYMN 709 (Worship Supplement) “God Loves Me Dearly”

Special Prayers, The General Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction (page 21 in the Worship Supplement)

CLOSING HYMN: 715 (Worship Supplement) “Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

WELCOME, VISITORS! We’re very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the entryway.

WEDNESDAY: MIDWEEK BIBLE HOUR: 6:00 PM. We’re on 1 John 2:7.

THURSDAY: CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:30-7:30 PM.

THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, we will DECORATE the SANCTURAY for CHRISTMAS at 9:00 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our CHILDREN PRACTICE AFTER CHURCH for the Christmas Eve Service; our CHURCH ICE SKATING OUTING is from 3:00-5:00 PM.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS are Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; and Mark 1:1-8.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING will be divided equally between the ILC ACADEMIC CENTER, the CLC GENERAL FUND, and the COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY OF

MOUNTAIN VIEW (for the area needy). We MAY ALSO DESIGNATE OFFERINGS FOR THIS ANY TIME DURING THE ADVENT SEASON.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Vance Fossum of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI. Pastor Delwyn Maas of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, now has that call.

ELECTION RESULTS from last Sunday’s voters meeting: President: Tyler Dassow, Vice President: Michael Slattengren, Secretary: Nick Hasulak, Treasurer: Brenton Horrillo,

Financial Secretary: Chris Holt, Board Elders Chairman: Michael Slattengren, Board of Education Chairman: Daniel Gullerud, Board of Property Chairman: Scott Mueller, Board of Missions

Chairman: Ben Wright. Our officers will be installed during our Sunday service on January 8.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE: We may place DONATIONS of CANNED and PACKAGED items in the big BOX in the NARTHEX for the area NEEDY.