



Wednesday, December 11, 2024

You are the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13

Opening Hymn. . . . “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” *LSB* 334; vrs. 1, 4, 6

Invocation & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (*Two blue candles are lit on the Advent wreath.*)

P: Today, we light the second candle on the Advent wreath as we remember that in Old Testament times, salt was added to offerings—the salt of the covenant, a pleasing aroma ascending to God. Jesus, the Holy Child of Bethlehem, the Word made flesh, was born among us. Through Jesus his Son, God fulfilled his covenant promise to send the Savior, who came to offer himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world.

C: Jesus, through your sacrifice, you have brought us forgiveness and peace.

P: Jesus has called us to be both light and salt in the world. Jesus said, “Have salt in yourselves” (Mark 9:50). Salt preserves food and adds flavor. Through our words and actions, we bring the saving taste of Jesus’ love and compassion to the world.

C: Dear Savior, help us to reflect your love to the people we meet each day.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C: Lord God, we are called by our Savior to have salt in ourselves, to reflect his love and compassion, yet we often turn away from his will for us. Instead of sharing Jesus’ love, we seek to follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world. We should act with compassion toward others, but instead, we seek to satisfy our own needs. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son, born in Bethlehem, to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself and carried them to the cross. For his sake we are forgiven. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Jesus, teach us to speak and act with compassion and love. Teach us to have salt in ourselves!

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God...in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *LSB* 338; vrs. 1-2

Old Testament Reading ... *Leviticus 2:12-13*

Epistle Reading ... *Colossians 4:5-6*

Gospel Reading ... *Mark 9:50*

Sermon Hymn ... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB* 357; vrs. 1, 2, 7

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards
(Offerings go to J.J. Wolf Family Missionary in Africa)

Prayers

Each petition concludes with the following response:

P: Jesus, Prince of Peace,

C: Fill our hearts with the peace that you alone can bring.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

C: Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn... "Hark the Glad Sound" *LSB* 349

December Advent Worship Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and Family Advent Service, 7 PM. Chicken Strip meal at Noon and 5-7 PM. Free-will offering for J.J. Wolf Missionary Family

Sunday, Dec. 15: Christmas Preschool Program 1 PM.
Children's Christmas Program 3 PM.

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and 7 PM

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24:

✝ Candlelight Services at 11:30 AM, 4 PM & 11 PM.

✝ Contemporary Candlelight Service at 7 PM

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25: 9 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec. 29: (First Sunday after Christmas) 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31: Holy Communion
Worship service at 11:30 AM & 6 PM

