

The 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. 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 thence 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!

The 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!

The Disciple:

Crying in the Wilderness

The phrase *Crying in the Wilderness* has always given me a shiver of excitement. Here is this man who is bold and tells his message to anyone who will listen. Saint Mark doesn't even have to think up an introduction to John. In the second verse of his Gospel he simply quotes the words of Isaiah written hundreds of years before Mark's time. (Mmm, the Bible sure is consistent in what it says!)

John's message was quite simple: "...a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mk 1:4)." And that is still the message today. Although John was very bold in declaring this message he was very humble in his relationship to Jesus, whose sandals he was not worthy to untie. John is an excellent example for us to follow. He was bold in his message but humble in his relationship to God.

At the very end of the of the Gospel Reading appointed for today, Mark quotes John's interesting prophecy when he says, "...He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (1:8)." We have the promise of the help of the Holy Spirit and the promise that God's Word will not return without success. We all face a "wilderness" of sin and unbelief in our world every day. We probably won't cry as loudly as John, but our humble and quiet task is to tell the words of repentance and salvation in the wilderness of our daily world.

Go: "Cry" the message of repentance and salvation



Singing Faithfully at CHRISTmas Services

Children's Programs

Dec. 14 ~ 6:30p Day School Christmas ~ gym
Dec. 17 ~ 10:45a Sunday School Christmas ~ gym

CHRISTmas Season

The Angels' Song~Gloria in Excelsis Deo~Glory to God in the Highest!

Christmas Eve 3p: Traditional Christmas ~ sanctuary
5p: Contemporary Christmas ~ gym
7p: Traditional Christmas ~ sanctuary
Christmas Eve Vigil 11p: with Holy Communion
Christmas Day 10a: with Holy Communion
1st Sun of Christmas Dec. 31: 8, 10:45a ~ Holy Communion
New Year's Eve 6p: with Holy Communion

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Witness ✕ Mercy ✕ Life Together

December 10, 2017 | 10:45 AM | 2nd Sunday in Advent



Welcome, Guests!

The Lord bless you as you worship with us!



Information...

●ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our monthly *In-Sites* has highlights, in-depth announcements, calendars, up-coming events ~ in worship folders 1st Sunday of each month; extras on triangle info-kiosks

●INFO-KIOSKS:

Look for the triangle stands. They have specific ways you can connect with **WITNESS, MERCY, and LIFE TOGETHER.** Let us help you find ways to serve our Lord!

✕ **IN THE NAME OF JESUS** ✕

Song Set Jordan Smith

At Your Name Beautiful

Invocation

Confession of Sin and Forgiveness

Baptism Welcome, Oakley Wallace Larson!

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Song Give Me Faith

Scripture Readings

2 Peter 3:8-14 p. 1019 [ESV](#)
Mark 1:1-8 p. 836 [ESV](#)

Witness✕Mercy✕Life Together

Offering Please fill out the Fellowship Book. Thanks!

Children's Chat Jack Lipski

Prayer

Song Aftermath

Message Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Prayers

Blessing

Sending Song

✕ **TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY!** ✕

Songs of the Faithful

Advent 2017



Mary's Song
Dec. 6



Zechariah's
Song Dec. 13



Simeon's
Song Dec. 20

Advent Event
5:30p supper
6:15p program
7:00p worship

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