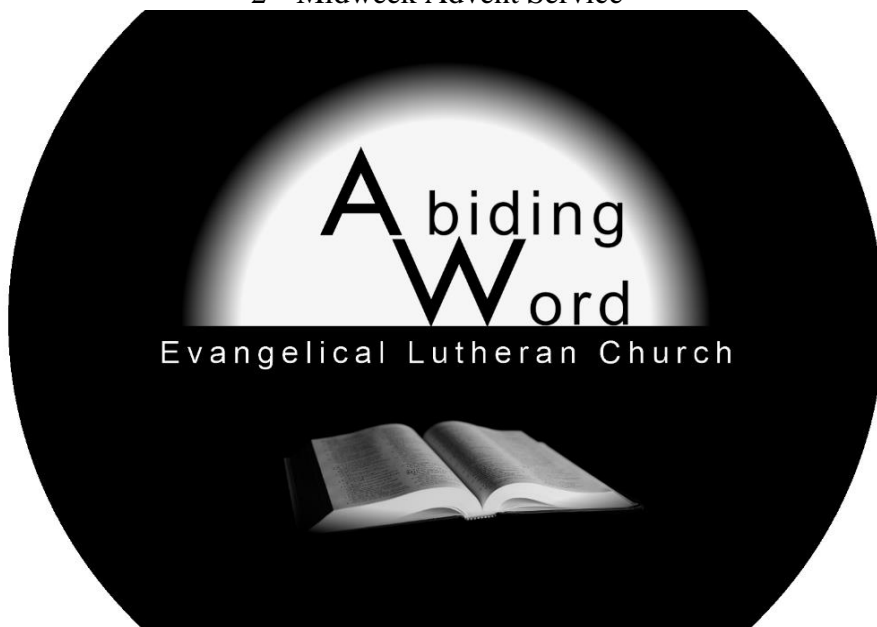


December 7th, 2022
2nd Midweek Advent Service



8470 Landen Drive Maineville, Ohio

*At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship)
We grow in the Word (education)
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*

The Glo - ry of the Lord's sal - va - tion, Whose birth
 stirred heav'n - ly choirs to song, Still shines up - on our gen - er -
 a - tion As days grow short and times grow long. Then be pre -
 pared, O Chris - ten - dom, To greet the King when he shall come.

M: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come. (Revelation 1:4)

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: The kingdom of heaven is near; therefore, let us repent of our sins.

C: **Merciful Father, forgive us for becoming too attached to this world. We repent of the many times we have allowed its vain pursuits and short-lived pleasures to lure us away from your Word. Guide our feet on the path of your Truth, and keep our eyes of faith focused on the skies, always prepared for Christ's return.**

M: Our heavenly Father is merciful and has sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for your sin. He promises to walk beside you all the length of your days, protecting you from the evil one. Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts
C: **to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)**

M: There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.
C: **He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.**

M: He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. (John 1:6-8)
C: **Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God.**

M: And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah,
C: **to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children**

M: and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous
C: **—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. (Luke 1:16,17)**

As we a - wait the Con - so - la - tion, A dis -
tant voice that goes be - fore To preach re - pent - ance, pre - par -
a - tion, The sin - ners' hearts to God re - store. Re - joice and
sing, O Chris - ten - dom! One great - er still is yet to come!

M: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
C: **because he has come and has redeemed his people.**

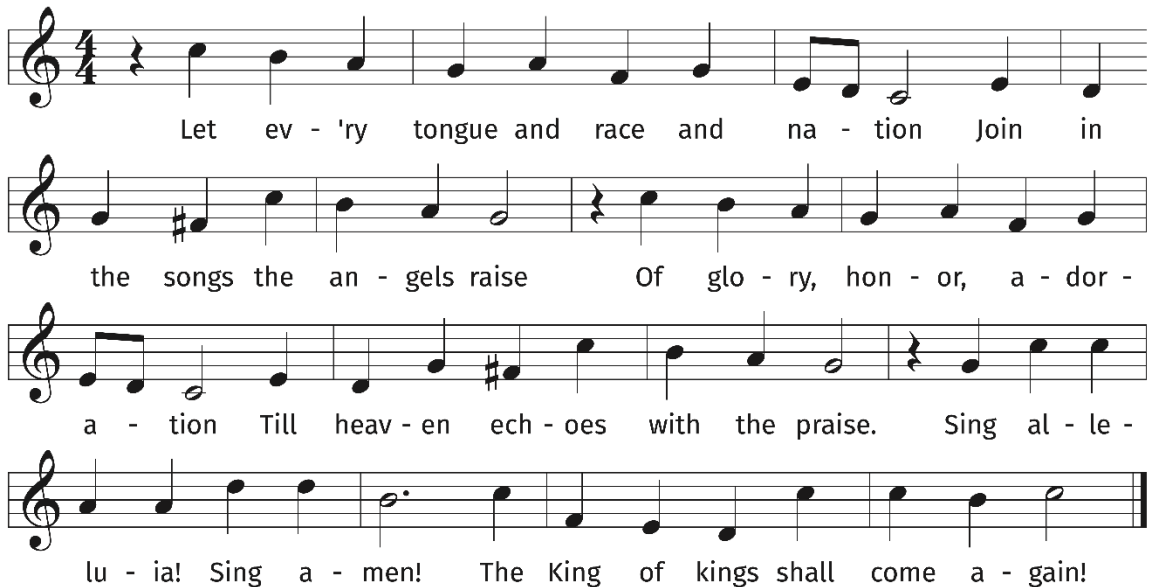
M: And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
C: **for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,**

M: to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,
C: **because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven**

M: to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,
C: **to guide our feet into the path of peace. (Luke 1:68,76-79)**

M: To him who is able to keep you from falling
C: **and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—**

M: to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority,
C: **through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 1:24,25)**



Let ev - 'ry tongue and race and na - tion Join in
the songs the an - gels raise Of glo - ry, hon - or, a - dor -
a - tion Till heav - en ech - oes with the praise. Sing al - le -
lu - ia! Sing a - men! The King of kings shall come a - gain!

M: Lord, God grant us your Holy Spirit that we may believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

LESSON

NUMBERS 24:17 & REVELATION 22:16

¹⁷“I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near.
A star will come out of Jacob;
a scepter will rise out of Israel.
He will crush the foreheads of Moab,
the skulls of all the sons of Sheth.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

M: The Lord will come again in glory.
The Spirit and the Church cry out: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

HYMN: COME, YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES RAISING

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SERMON

NUMBERS 24:17 & REVELATION 22:16

The Star of Jacob – the Bright Morning Star

HYMN: HOLY IS YOUR NAME

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Stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will,

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice learning, and health to this and every place,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil,

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: O Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part



ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen



your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry



peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

HYMN: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

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