

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 07 – LCFS Giving Tree Donations (go to: www.lcfs.org for details)

Dec 02, 09, & 16 – Midweek Advent Services (7 PM)

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Family (7 PM) –

Christmas Midnight & Communion (11:30 PM)

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8; John 3:16; Matthew 5:16*

P: As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking for our entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying, stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C: that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.

P: What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?

C: I do confess.

P: So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Do you also repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

C: I do repent.

P: So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus’ sake, will forgive you all your sins?

C: I do believe.

P: So you should believe as Holy Scripture declares, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?

C: I do promise.

P: So you should promise for Christ the Lord says, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

C: I do believe.

P: As you believe, even so may it be to you. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C: that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance. Amen.

HYMN No. 601 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”

All who believe and are baptized
Shall see the Lord’s salvation;
Baptized into the death of Christ,
They are a new creation.
Through Christ’s redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav’nly band
Of ev’ry tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray:
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.
Help us in our infirmity
Through Jesus’ blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Carlin Elise Schefelker

Presenting this child for Holy Baptism are Carlin's parents: Nathan & Keatyn Schefelker;
her God-parents: Kelby Kujawa, Quinton Kujawa and Calan Kujawa.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C: the light no darkness can overcome.

P: Let Your light scatter the darkness
C: and illumine Your Church.

HYMN "We Light the Advent Candle"

We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise
That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior
Who wins for us God's favor.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued
from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for
You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

(Rend the heavens and come down)

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:3–9* (Thanksgiving)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm 24:7*

P: Alleluia, Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
C: that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 11:1–10* (The triumphal entry)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 672 “Jerusalem the Golden”

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest,
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare!

Within those walls of Zion, Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph, To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.

Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

SERMON "New Year, New Sights" Mark 11:1-10 Pastor Matt

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

All: 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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord smile upon you and ☩ give you peace.**

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 338 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**