

ADVENT II

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church
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Church of the Lutheran Confession
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CHRIST'S OFFICES FORETOLD

PRE-SERVICE PREPARATION: Psalm 22

HYMN 55: "Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come"

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you. *

C: And with you, His servant.

P: Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the LORD.

C: With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render:

With joy we come before Him,

In gratefulness implore Him,

With thankful hearts adore Him Evermore!

* To the melody of "O Come All Ye Faithful"

P: Behold, your King is coming to you!

**C: The LORD has raised a horn of salvation for us in the house
of His servant David.**

P: Prepare the way of the LORD!

C: Make the crooked places straight and the rough places plain.

P: O come, let us sing to the LORD!

C: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

Let us come into His presence with singing.

*Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;*

Let eve'ry heart prepare a throne And eve'ry voice a song.

P: Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same;

C: **That He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

P: That through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

C: **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

P: He offered up Himself; ...and with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

C: **After He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, He sat down at the right hand of God**

*He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held,
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.*

P: Jesus said, The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor;

C: **He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed,**

P: No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared him.

C: **This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.**

*He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace T'enrich the humble poor.*

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall
proclaim And heaven's eternal arches ring*

With Thy beloved name.

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 4:14-16;

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed, page 12

Hymn 156: "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 110:4

THEME: JESUS, THE CHRIST...OUR PRIEST!

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

Hymn 77 (1, 6, 10, 12-15): "All My Heart This Night Rejoices"

ADVENT PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 220 (1-2): "Jesus, My Great High Priest"

SILENT PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU

A heartfelt welcome to all in the name of Jesus, the Christ who is our Prophet, Priest and King. Please come again next Wednesday as we conclude our mid-week Advent worship of our coming Savior.

THEME: Christ's Offices Foretold

I: Foretold as **PROPHET**—November 30

II: Foretold as **PRIEST**---December 7

III: Foretold as **KING**---December 14

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRACTICE: Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we *are*, *yet* without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 110:4

The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

THE OFFICE OF CHRIST

The name Christ, strictly speaking, is not a proper name, but a designation of office. It signifies a person set apart by God for a particular work or role. In Old Testament Israel such a divine appointment was made public in a ceremony of anointing. This act symbolized God's promise to pour out His blessings on the individual whom He had chosen to be prophet or priest or king.

The promised Savior was to be the ultimate Prophet, Priest and King in one divinely appointed Person. He would be the LORD's Anointed One ---and that is precisely the meaning of the title Messiah (Hebrew) or The Christ (Greek). In carrying out His saving work on our behalf Jesus was and is active in all three offices from the time He began His ministry to this very day.