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The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

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BAPTISM OF CHRIST

SILENT MEDITATION: "Holy ground is the place at once attractive and fearsome, where God speaks and we listen; the place of empowerment, transformation and sending forth to live victoriously..." John S. Mogabgab

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Taste and See"

Bob Hurd

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "The Comforter Has Come" (vs 1-3)

COMFORTER

Oh, spread the tidings 'round; wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;
Let ev'ry Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:
The Comforter has come!

Refrain:

The Comforter has come! The Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n!
Oh, spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found:
The Comforter has come!

The long, long night is past; the morning breaks at last;
And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of the blast,
As o'er the golden hills the day advances fast!
The Comforter has come! [Refrain]

3 Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in His wings,
To ev'ry captive soul a full deliv'rance brings;
And thru the vacant cells the song of triumph rings:
The Comforter has come! [Refrain]

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 29)

One: The voice of God is heard throughout all creation!

All: **Let us worship God in spirit, singing: "Glory!"**

One: The voice of God is heard in the raging storms, the shaking earth and wild winds, bringing fear and anxiety.

All: **Let us worship God in spirit, praying: "Glory!"**

One: The voice of God is also heard in the stillness and peace of God's loving and welcoming presence amongst us.

All: **In spirit, let us worship and glorify our Glorious God.**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O Worship the King"

arr. Bruce Green

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Zoom on January 31st, at noon.
More information will follow.

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for Virtual Sunday School. For more information do the following contact the church office.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

9:30 AM Virtual Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 AM Online Worship

Monday—Friday, 10:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

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