



Second Sunday in Advent

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The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as our Lord says, Christ gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Those who believe this, have been baptized, and have been confirmed in the Lutheran Church are welcome to receive the Supper in fellowship. If you have not, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing (crossing your arms over your chest) and are invited to speak with the pastor about taking communion in the future.

Divine Service Setting Three

Processional Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343, sts. 1, ref, 2

Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Service of the Word

LSB 186

Introit

Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

it took deep root and filled the land.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Kyrie

LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son,
that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds;

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,

"Behold your God!"

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 85

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
²You forgave the iniquity of your people;*
you covered all their sin.
³You withdrew all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot anger.
⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,*
and put away your indignation toward us!
⁵Will you be angry with us forever?*
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
⁶Will you not revive us again,*
that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,*
and grant us your salvation.
⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,*
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**
⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,*
that glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,*
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before him*
and make his footsteps a way.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–14

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,
³the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit

Hymn of the Day: For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855 sts. 1,7,3-4

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus	<i>LSB 195</i>
Lord's Prayer	<i>LSB 196</i>
The Words of Our Lord	<i>LSB 197</i>
Pax Domini	<i>LSB 197</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>LSB 198</i>
<i>Sit</i>	
Distribution Hymn:	
What the Lord has Done in Me	<i>SH 37</i>
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending	<i>LSB 336</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
Nunc Dimittis	<i>LSB 199</i>
Thanksgiving	<i>LSB 200</i>
Benedicamus & Benediction	<i>LSB 202</i>
Closing Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns	<i>LSB 348</i>

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Prayer Requests

Margaret, Gail and her family, Jean, Bruce, Wilfred, Ruth, Lillian B, Robert, David, Laura, Judith, Lynn, Paul, Queen, Eve, Noah, Hannes, Gloria, Courtenay, Laura R.

Serving

Elder of the Month: Bert Weiss

Altar Guild: Deborah & Eleanor

Tellers: Gibsons

Lector: Stephen Gruben

Organist: Richard Uhl

Coming Up...

Tuesday, December 12th: 10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13th: 7:00 pm Midweek Advent 2 Prayer Service

Thursday, December 14th: 12:00 pm Lunch and Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 16th: 10:00 am Confirmation Class
3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17th: Third Sunday in Advent
10:30 am Worship

Sunday, December 17th: Lutheran Hour: "Life After Landing" (Isaiah 61:1-2) What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hear this inspirational message on KAWZ, 88.3 FM at 7 a.m. Sunday. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

Midweek Advent Services: Join us this coming Wednesday, December 13th for Midweek Service Advent 2 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!

Christmas Day Potluck: There will be a Christmas potluck luncheon on December 25th, 12:00pm, right after Christmas worship service for people of Hope Lutheran and Living Hope church. Everyone is invited to join in fellowship with one another! Please bring food to share. If you're able to help with set-up, etc., please contact Louise Rushton. God's blessings for the Christmas season!

