



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.

Candle Lighting Hymn: He Came Down

He came down that we may have hope,
He came down that we may have hope,
He came down that we may have hope
Hallelujah forever more.

He came down that we may have peace,
He came down that we may have peace,
He came down that we may have peace
Hallelujah forever more.

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

LSB 344

Confession and Absolution

Order of Service will be found in the printed Divine Service 5 Booklet

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

Oh, that my people would listen to me,

that Israel would walk in my ways!

**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.**

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

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

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 66:1–12; antiphon: v. 12b

¹Shout for joy to God, all the earth;*

²**sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!**

³Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

⁴All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;*
they sing praises to your name.”

⁵Come and see what | God has done: *
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

⁶He turned the sea into dry land; *
they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,
⁷who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—*
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

⁸Bless our God, O peoples; *
let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹who has kept our soul among the living *
and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; *
you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net; *
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

¹²you let men ride over our heads; *
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

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

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve

what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day: The Power Of Your Love

SH 77

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

Sit

Sermon

Service of the Sacrament *(refer to booklet)*

Distribution Hymns

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

LSB 683

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334

Closing Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336

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Prayer Requests

Margaret, Gail, Jean, Bruce, Ruth, Erna, Lillian B, David, April, Judith, Lynn, Paul, Queen, Eve, Noah, Hannes, Courtenay, Laura R., Wayne, Andrew S, Adele, Sabine, Tim R, Sean, family of Carsten Frandsen

Serving

Elder: Michael Rumsch

Altar Guild: Eleanor & Deborah

Tellers: Andriulaitis & Frandsen

Lector: Bert Weiss

Organist: Barbara Guidetti

Coming Up...

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

Wednesday, December 11th: 4:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday, December 12th: 6:00 pm Mid-week Advent Service 2

Saturday, December 14th: 3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal

3:30 pm Tree Trimming

5:30 pm Potluck Supper

Sunday, December 15th: Third Sunday in Advent

10:30 am Worship Service

Sunday, December 15th: Lutheran Hour: "Sorrow Welcomed Here" (Zephaniah 3:14-20) The church welcomes people, but does it also welcome their problems? Dr. Michael Zeigler says the church should be a place that makes room for both joy and sorrow. 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

Belle Voci: The choir will break for December and will restart rehearsal on Thursday, January 2nd at 3 pm.

Amica Prayer Service: Pastor will be conducting a service on Saturday, December 24th at Amica Jubilee House on 1900 Richmond Street. Anyone who would like to volunteer can meetup at the church for 1:30pm to walk over or be at Amica for 1:45 pm to assist guests in time for the 2:00 pm prayer service.

Tree Trimming and Games: Come join us decorate the sanctuary on Saturday, December 14th at 3:30 pm then join us downstairs for games. Bring your favourite games and snacks. At 5:30 pm join us for a Potluck supper.

Join us this Advent Season! Bring a friend or a neighbour.



Advent Season

December 12 th	Mid-week Advent 2 Service	6:00 pm
December 15 th	Third Sunday in Advent	10:30 am
December 19 th	Mid-week Advent 3 Service	6:00 pm
December 22 nd	Fourth Sunday in Advent	10:30 am
December 24 th	Christmas Eve Service	5:00 pm
December 25 th	Christmas Day Service	10:30 am



Please feel free to take a Advent card (available in the Narthex) and invite a friend or neighbour to our Advent and Christmas services

2 PEACE

The Bethlehem Candle

On the second week of Advent we light the candle that symbolizes PEACE. There was no room in the inn for Mary and Joseph. The Bethlehem candle reminds us to keep room in our hearts for Jesus always.

1 HOPE

The Prophet's Candle

On the first week of Advent we light the candle that symbolizes HOPE. The prophets of the Old Testament promised a Messiah and Jesus is the fulfillment of their promises.

