



Second Sunday of 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.

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

Opening Hymn: Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

Confession and Absolution

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

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

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

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day: Here I am to Worship

SH 36

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

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

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

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf

hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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

Lamb of God

SH 65

What the Lord has Done in Me

SH 37

Closing Hymn: The King of Glory Comes

SH 9

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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
Tellers: Gibsons
Music: Led by the Beacons

Altar Guild: Eleanor & Deborah
Lector: Erwin Theim

Coming Up...

Tuesday, December 17th: 10:00 am Bible Study

Thursday, December 19th: 6:00 pm Mid-week Advent Service 3

Saturday, December 21st: 3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal

Sunday, December 22nd: Fourth Sunday in Advent
10:30 am Worship Service

Sunday, December 22nd: Lutheran Hour: "Does It Matter If Jesus Is God?" (Luke 2:10-11) Jesus sets a good example, but good examples can't help dead people. Only God's Son can make us alive again. 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 Tuesday, 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.

Bible Studies: Bible Studies are on break after December 17th.

Christmas Cards: Frustrated not being able to send Christmas Cards? You can use the mailslots at the church to send them to our members. Pastor Chandler will also deliver cards to shut-ins (Margaret Scherly, Harold Beck, Otto Welk, Dorothy Gorby) if you give them to him by Sun. Dec 22.

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



Advent Season

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

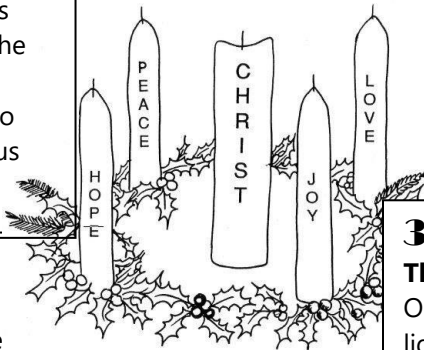
The Bethlehem Candle

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.



3 JOY

The Shepherd's Candle

On the third week of Advent light the pink candle that symbolizes JOY. What joy the humble shepherds must have felt to witness the birth of the Messiah. The shepherd's candle reminds us of the joy that Jesus has brought us.