

the SECOND SUNDAY *in* ADVENT

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Welcome to the Family"

Praise Team

OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *LSB 357, stz. 2*

- 2 **O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,** *Refrain* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**
Who ord'rest all things mightily; **Shall come to thee, O Israel!**
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION (*Please stand*)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy...name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* WORD

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*please be seated*)

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.

Isaiah 40:1-11

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

2 Peter 3:8-14

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

EPISTLE

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 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**

ALLELUIA and VERSE *(Please stand)*

(9:00 am) - "Alleluia"

Praise Team

All: Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.

Spoken Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3:4b, 6*

All: Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.

(11:30am) - "Common Alleluia and Verse"

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

C **Glory to You, 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 to You, O Christ**

APOSTLES' CREED

(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)

(9:00am) - **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (*please be seated*)

During the HYMN OF THE DAY, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.

HYMN OF THE DAY "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344

SERMON

OFFERING

Kay Kaepf

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please stand*)

After each petition of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude...

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the WORSHIP card, located in each pew rack.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P The table is prepared. Welcome to the table.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

Come to the table

Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To ev'ryone who hears this song

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

LSB 596

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

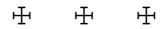
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB 621



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