

Second Sunday of Advent



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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021
Liturgical Color: Violet/Blue

- ◆ *= the assembly will please stand
- ◆ **Please note: ELW refers to the red hymnal in the pews.

GATHERING

Prelude

Cherie Hockenberger

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Mick Shriver

P Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

C Come let us Adore Him

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“O come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Verse 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

****Blessing of Paraments:***

P Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God’s blessing as we set apart these Paraments to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, O God, creator of the universe,
for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift;
you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children;
and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice,
and joy.

Send your blessings on these paraments, which we set apart today;
may they adorn this house, show us the beauty of holiness, and so
proclaim the glory of your majesty. To you, O God, be all glory
and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

****Gathering Song***

Cherie Hockenberger

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264



Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

****Opening Prayer***

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**



*Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, 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 descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- A** ⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.
- C** ⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**
- A** ⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
- C** ⁷¹**from the hands of all who hate us,**
- A** ⁷²to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
- C** ⁷³**This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:**
- A** ⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you¹ without fear,
- C** ⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**
- A** ⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
- C** ⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**
- A** ⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- C** ⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow
of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



The assembly stands.

ALLELUIA

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano

Refrain: All

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia. lu - ia!

*Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He 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 the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out 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 be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel...

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Pastor Mick Shriver

Hymn of the Day

Cherie Hockenberger

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

ELW #254



Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

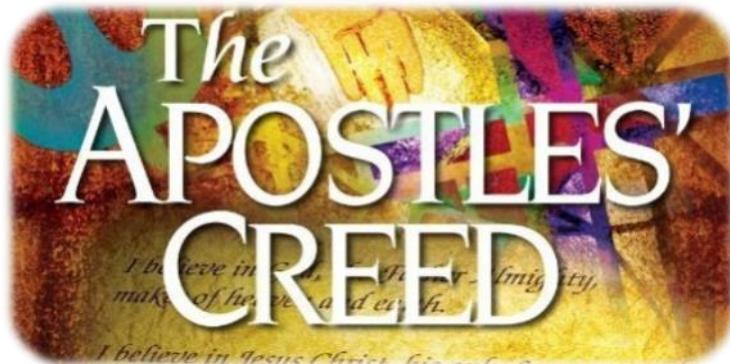
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**Apostles Creed*

☐ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.





***Prayers**

*The faithful offer their petitions and concerns to God.
God hears our prayers.*

A In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

Other petitions are given, concluding with...

P God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

****Confession and Forgiveness***

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

****Peace***

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is seated following the peace.

Announcements:

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

- P I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory/Offering Song

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.' The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with some grace notes and a steady bass accompaniment.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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***Great Thanksgiving (Sursum Corda)**

- 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 our thanks and praise.

***Preface**

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)**



S 144b

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.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

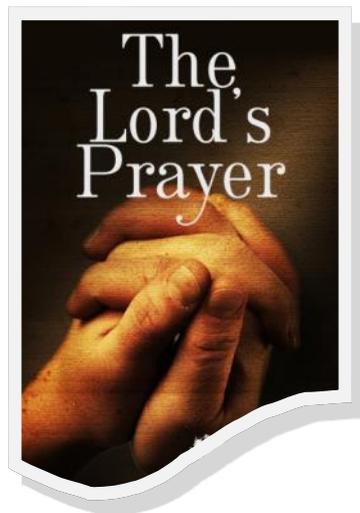
P All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



*The Lord's Prayer

- Ⓒ 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 Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

- Ⓒ Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.



***Fraction**

- P** Alleluia, Alleluia! Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.
- C** Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)**

S 146

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
sin of the world; grant us peace.

***Invitation to Communion**

- P** God invites his children to come to the Feast.
- C** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to the Lord's table. Baptized Christians of any age are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those not receiving Communion may cross their arms to indicate they would like to receive blessing.

Communion will be received by intinction and for those who do not wish to come forward and receive Communion that way may take Communion at their seats. (Communion elements are available in the baskets located at the entrance to the sanctuary).

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

- P** O Lord, in union with the faithful at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered by the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I can not receive you physically, I pray you come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all of the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

Amen.



Communion Hymn

Cherie Hockenberger

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry”

ELW #249

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on - us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Anniversaries, Birthdays & Thanksgivings

**Prayer after Communion*

- A** Let us stand and pray together...
- C** Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

Amen.



SENDING



****Blessing***

- P** The God of hope,
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait
- C** Amen.

****Sending Hymn***

Cherie Hockenberger

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

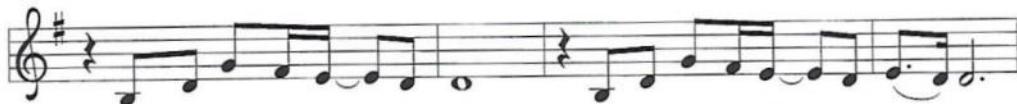
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****The Sending***

- A** The worship is ended. The service now begins.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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Pray for our Members: Doris Anderson, Robert Barrington, Ann Bird, Ronnie Buskirk, Wayne Buskirk, David Hawley, Charlie Hayes, Dennis Healy, Bridgette Hubbard, Rich Laaksonen, Larry McDonald, Gene Shank, Herb Tacktor.



Pray for our Friends: Dr. Anthony, Hunter Bowman, Jack Burns Randy Fisher, Graeleigh Jensen, Leah Mitchell, Laura Ochs, Edward Ritzema, Christopher Rivera, Michael Saucedo, Mason Stapley.

Pray for those at home:

Pray for those in care facilities: Mary Gwen Barrington, Sherry Johnson, Lorraine Keson, Stephanie Vineyard.

Pray for our Armed Forces, especially our members: *Army* - Christian Boomgaard, *Reserves* - Tad Reed; *National Guard* - Jeremy Horstman, Jordan Martz.

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

Pray for our Parish Family: our area churches and our Synod, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world, especially for the people of Bethany Lutheran Church in Kaleva. Rev. Zachary Nelson. North/West Lower Michigan Deans: Gary Bunge, Rev. Julia Schneider-Thomas, Rev. Joan Oleson, Rev. Emily Olsen, Rev. Chrisy Bright, Rev. Scott Torkko and Rev. Sarah Samuelson

Worship Assistants

Sunday: December 5, 2021—Second Sunday of Advent

Altar Guild:	Lyn Kolb and Mary Hoffman
Assisting Minister	Mary Hoffman
Chalice Bearer	Anna Anderson
Lector:	Hjordis Rivet
Ushers:	Gregg Walker and Art Hoffman
Coffee Hour:	Gale Martin

Sunday: December 12, 2021—Third Sunday of Advent

Altar Guild:	Marty Mielke and Sharon Welton
Assisting Minister	Anna Anderson
Chalice Bearer	Lori Kratz
Lector:	Glandville Family
Ushers:	Gregg Walker and Art Hoffman
Coffee Hour:	Gale Martin

