**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 8, 2019**

+ PREPARATION +

As We Gather

*On this Second Sunday of Advent our yearning for deliverance continues, voiced by Isaiah in the Old Testament Prophecy as he speaks of a coming day of wholeness (shalom). At the same time we first hear in this season the voice of John the Baptist (familiar Advent figure) telling us to repent (turn around) in anticipation of God entering human affairs in a new way.*

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness *(If you are able, please stand.)*

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sins against God and neighbor.

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

**P** God of all time,

**C** we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

**P** Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are being made new. Rejoice in this good news!

**C** Amen.

*(Following the Confession and Forgiveness, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)*
Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev’ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory  
Foretold in sacred story:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God’s Word!

3 Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev’ry nation  
Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him!  
All nations, now adore Him!  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God’s Word!

4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav’n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God’s Word!

Advent Litany

P We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness.

C Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (Choir sings stanza 1; All join on stanza two:)

1 Light one candle to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.
2 Light two candles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.

He shall bring sal-va-tion to Is-ra-el, God ful-fills the prom-ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent-ly lead them home-ward.
Prayer of the Day

Let us pray ... Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Advent  O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  LSB 357

(All please sing)  O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

(All please sit)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Old Testament Prophecy  Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah prophesies a coming day of wholeness (shalom).

1There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
2And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
3And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
6The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.
7The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den.
9They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
10In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
Psalm 72

1 Give the king your justice, | O God,* and your righteousness to the | royal son!
2 May he judge your people with | righteousness,* and your poor with | justice!
3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,* and the hills, in | righteousness!
4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
   give deliverance to the children of the | needy,* and crush the op- | pressor!
5 May they fear you while the | sun endures,*
   and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!
6 May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,* like showers that wa- | ter the earth!
7 In his days may the righteous | flourish,*

Epistle Romans 15:4-13

Life together in the Christian Community.

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

10 And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

11 And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

12 And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
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Choir Anthem  Waiting for a King

Waiting for a king; when will he come?
Waiting for a king; God’s holy One.
Will the world be ready? Is his Advent near?
Waiting for a king; when will he appear?

Waiting for a king; when will he come?
Waiting for a king; God’s only Son.
Will the world receive him? Will he stand alone?
Waiting for a king to come and take his throne.

In the fullness of time the Prince of Peace will come,
The promised Messiah, God’s chosen One.
For those who are righteous, hope will be restored.
Their eyes will be opened, eyes will be opened,
Eyes will be opened, they will know the Lord.

Waiting for a king, ruling in might.
Waiting for a king to shine in our night.
Will the world be ready when he comes to stay?
Waiting for a king; will this be the day?

(Please stand to greet the reading of the Holy Gospel.)

Alleluia and Verse

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\text{G} \quad \text{Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.}
\]
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume 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. Even 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.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

(All please sit.)

Children’s Message

Candace Church

Sermon

(All please stand.)
Hyman of the Day

On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry

LSB 344

1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
   Announces that the Lord is nigh;
   Awake and hearken, for he brings
   Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;
   Make straight the way for God within,
   And let us all our hearts prepare
   For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
   Our refuge and our great reward;
   Without Thy grace we waste away
   Like flow’rs that wither and decay.

4 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
   Whose advent sets Thy people free,
   Whom with the Father we adore
   And Holy Spirit evermore.

Confession of Faith (The Apostles’ Creed)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

(All please sit.)

The Offering is Gathered

Offering Verse – (Please stand as the Offering is brought forward.)

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
Prayer of the Church

(P) Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(after each petition)
(P) Hear us, O God,
(C) Your mercy is great.

(The prayers conclude:)
(P) Hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors.
(C) Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

(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.

Benediction

(P) May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
(C) Amen.
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
   Behold, the King of glory waits.
   The King of kings is drawing near;
   The Savior of the world is here.
   Life and salvation He doth bring;
   Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
   To God the Father raise
   Your joyful songs of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
   Make it a temple set apart
   From earthly use for heav’n’s employ,
   Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
   So shall your Sov’reign enter in
   And new and nobler life begin.
   To God alone be praise
   For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
   My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
   O enter with Thy grace divine;
   Thy face of mercy on me shine.
   Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
   Until our glorious goal is won.
   Eternal praise and fame
   We offer to Thy name.

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, AFTER SERVICE WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

“JESUS SAID, “ASK, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE, THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL.” THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR RESPONDING TO OUR NEED FOR SOCKS FOR CHRISTMAS. YOU GAVE OVER 560 PAIRS OF SOCKS!! THAT IS THE MOST WE HAVE EVER BEEN GIVEN BY ANY GROUP THAT HAS COLLECTED SOCKS FOR US. WE ARE SO OVERJOYED FOR SUCH GENEROSITY. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. ROSALYN AND KAREN

TODAY, RON BERCHEART’S FUNERAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AT 1:30PM ON UNIVERSITY & 5TH.
SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES COMING UP

Wednesdays, December, 11, 18

*Midweek Advent Services*

“People of Advent”

*Supper at 6:00; Advent Service at 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday, December 22

*Children’s Christmas Presentation in Morning Worship*

Tuesday, December 24

*Christmas Eve Service – 9:00 p.m.*