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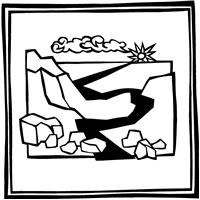
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**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 8, 2024, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer’s voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi’s prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the “salvation of God.”

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

alive in the world,

reviving creation,

arriving soon.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God

and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**

**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have turned away from our neighbors.**

**We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We plead: come to us.**

**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:

it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,

in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through ☩ Christ Jesus,

whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Away in a Manager (v. 1) ELW 277**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4**

1 See, 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. 2 But 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 washers’ soap; 3 he 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. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Luke 1:68-79**

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

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11**

3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, 4 always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy 5 for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God’s grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 171**

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, 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, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as 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.  
 5 Every 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,  
 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY All Earth is Hopeful ELW 266**

**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 power of 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 OF INTERCESSION**

…Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer**

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in December*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be the* ***ELCA Good Gifts Program****. This is being done in conjunction with the Sunday School.*

**OFFERING SONG** **Blessed Be the God of Israel ELW 250**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Creator God,

you made the whole world,

****even the farthest stars,

and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food

that we may live in expectation

for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg. 173**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the table.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,

for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,

for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,

for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us

as we feed the hungry in your name.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God of endings and beginnings,

God in the darkness and the light,

God, our hope for the journey,

☩ bless and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Messiah**

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| Someone’s shouting from the desert, Someone’s shouting from the sea.  Someone’s shouting from the mountain. Someone’s shouting from the valley.  Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King. |
| Someone’s shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold.  Someone’s shouting from the country. I am lonely, I am old.  Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King. |
| Someone’s shouting I am broken. Someone’s shouting make me whole.  Someone’s shouting come and change me. Someone’s shouting save my soul.  Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.  © Dakota Road Music. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission. One License # A-707882 |

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, December 8 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Second Sunday of Advent * Luke 3:1-6; Prepare the way of the Lord |
| Tuesday, December 10 | 6:30 pm | Council Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, December 11 | 7:00 pm | Midweek Worship  Confirmation Class |
| Sunday, December 15 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * Third Sunday of Advent * Luke 3:7-18; One more powerful is coming, baptizing with fire |

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| December 8 | Ben & Sue Lee | Kris Tarter | Tammy Neumann  Sarah Kopitzke | Robin Beeman | David Schneider | December:  Dave & Sue Schraeder  Andrea Hovick |
| December 15 | Charles & Mary Schlafke | Shelly Schneider | Dan & Pam Mundt | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| December 22 | Susan Schoolman | Tammy Neumann | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Pam Mundt | May Hill |
| December 24 | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |  |  |

***Poinsettias*** will be purchased, and you may give a donation to help defray the cost to Altar Care. Forms are available on the table in the narthex. Your check & form need to be returned to the church office by December 15th. Designate your donation “Poinsettia”.

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| christmas craft clip art - Clip Art LibraryThere will be a Fellowship craft project after church today. Refreshments will be provided. |

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| A poster with two chicks wearing santa hats  Description automatically generatedWe will have two Sundays of noisy offerings for ELCA Good Gifts in place of our typical pass around offering on December 15.  Bring your change as the children will be collecting it in buckets. The regular envelope will be available for the other services in December. |

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SOS is experiencing record high numbers. The shelves are the lowest they've been in a long time. The Winter Wonderland donations will help but are a month away. The food list: Mac’n Cheese, Boxed Rice Meals, Canned Pasta Meals, Tuna, Canned Chicken. **Supplies of nearly everything are low but especially needed are broth, brownie/muffin Mix, canned carrots, canned tomato products, mayo, and canned stew.**