



# Faith Lutheran Church

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*"Prepare the way  
of the Lord"*



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## ***THE PURPOSE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH***

*In the power, guidance, and strength of the Holy Spirit, we seek God's presence in worship to open our hearts and minds that He may be glorified and we may be empowered to love and serve all people, that souls may be won for Jesus Christ.*

*Second Sunday in Advent*

*December 8, 2019*

**Prayer upon Entering Church:** Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside, And help me to receive You This blessed Adventtide. From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me; 'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show. *Amen.* †

**Guests:** We welcome you in the name of our Savior and invite you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, why not make ours yours? If you have a spiritual concern, or would like to know more about our church, please consult with Pastor Winterstein.

**Holy Communion:** The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar here at Faith, please speak to Pr. Winterstein.

**Parish Nurse:** Carol Trunzo is available by appointment at 509 393-9938 or [cat121551@gmail.com](mailto:cat121551@gmail.com).

**Nursery:** We encourage all children to be in worship, but, at times, for you and those around you, you may consider using our nursery for your children age 3 and younger. We have helpers for our nursery so that you are able to stay and worship.

**Prayer Requests:** We encourage everyone to fill out the prayer cards located in the pew racks for any prayer request that you may have. Please hand the cards to the ushers at the time of the offering.

**The Rite of Friendship:** There is a red vinyl pad on the aisle side of the pew. During the offering please record your **first and last name** and, if you are a guest, please put your **mailing address**. This information helps us with ministering to the needs of guests and members. Members, please record address and phone number changes, as well as your current email address, if you would like to receive a weekly update from the church.

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# Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Invocation: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the  
near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -  
works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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At each ✠, one may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their Baptism. At each ❖ one may bow in reverence.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

## Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

- 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.*

## Confession of Sins

- 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.**

## Absolution

*[John 20:19-23]*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
**make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
**seek his presence continually!**  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
**his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
**children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**  
He is the LORD our God;  
**his judgments are in all the earth.**  
He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.  
 ❖ *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.*  
 In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

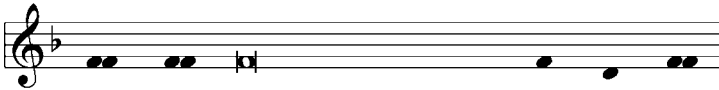
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** 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 mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
 let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

#### *The Righteous Reign of the Branch*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Proper

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

### Epistle

*Romans 15:4-13*

#### *Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

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

Matthew 3:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

### *John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

# Hymn of the Day: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344



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 Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, 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.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## Sermon

*Stand*



## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord ❖ *Jesus* Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
❖ *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;*  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is ❖ *worshiped* and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

*We welcome Mike and Kim Borman by Profession of Faith*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in your mercy:
- C** Hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

- 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.

## Proper Preface

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

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

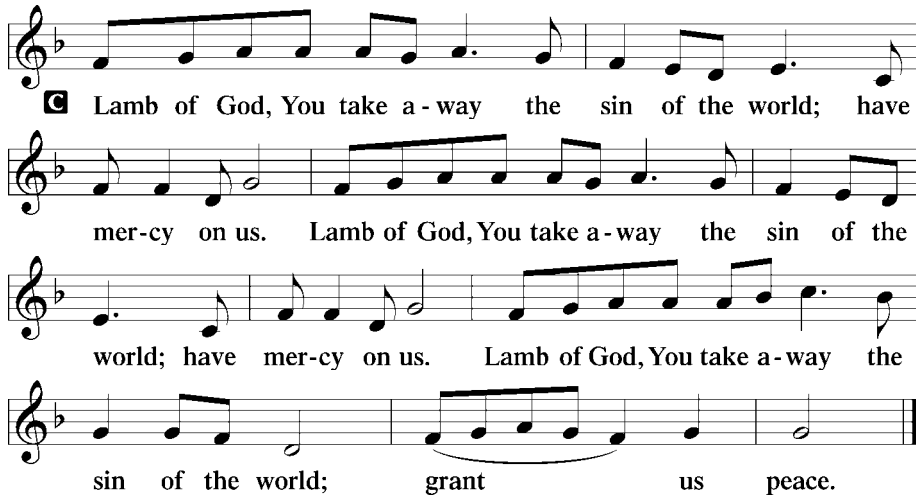
*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

*You may now share the Peace of Christ with one another, saying, "Peace be with you," or "The Peace of Christ"*

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



□ 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.

*Sit*

### Distribution

**Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood:** Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

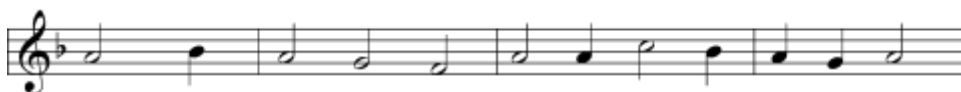
**Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood:** Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

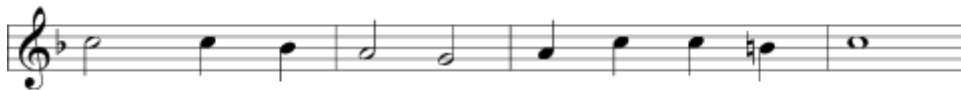
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1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

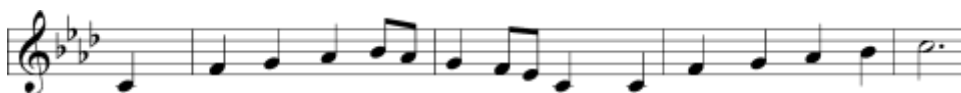


Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Hymn of the Month: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;  
 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,  
 3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,  
 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!  
 A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.  
 That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.  
 Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Distribution Hymn: 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.

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Sit

## Announcements

Stand

### Hymn to Depart: *When All the World Was Cursed*

LSB 346



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,  
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,  
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.  
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.  
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.  
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,  
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,  
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,  
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.  
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.  
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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**P** Go in the peace of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Please join us for fellowship, coffee and cookies in the Fellowship Hall after the service*



## Prayers

**Missionaries:** Rev. John & Sue Mehl, Danelle Putman, Loraine Rathman, Mark & Becky Schoepp, Faith Lutheran Preschool staff

**Our Synod's Leaders:** Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Paul Linneman

**Prayers for Our Nation:** Our President, our Congress, our Governor and Legislators

**Our Military:** Afghanistan: Jackson Nystrom; Germany: Jonathan Janos; Kuwait: Levi Barger; Stateside: Dakota Aldrich, Jonas Balloga, James Beedie, Robert Haight, Thomas & Monica Heuer, Gabriel Leishman, Zach Manyrath, Elizabeth Martin, Tim McCamey, Boston McWilliams, Nick Neely, Mark Pappal, Joseph Reese, Luke Sukow, Calvin Wischnofske

**Prayers for Comfort:**

**Prayers for Continued Healing:** Karen Bailey, Shad Bailey, Larry Barger, Keegan Beckman, Kathy Bennett, Al Berg, Malakiah Blackwell, Daryle Booth, Walt Brunner, Ted Conrad, Jacob and Mellissa Crosby, Pam Dais, Bob Donnell, Ray Ericksen, Doug Fischer, Gary Fischer, Pita Gonzalez, Steve & Jenny Hancock, Chad Hoffman, Ashlee Johnson and children, Linda Johnson, Janie Kester, Bob Koenig, Jennifer Lauer, Nick Leishman, Paul Lichtenberg, Melinda Lowery, Genevieve Marrapodi, Donaji Maydole, Jo Maydole, Maxine Melcher, Perci Owens, Clara Paul, Don Rosentrater, Leslie Simpson, Diana Snell, Stephanie Taylor, Karen Turnipseed, Ernie Vipond, Dwayne Visser

**Prayers for Shut-Ins:** Joy Deich, Elsie Dobrowolski, Tom Oelke, Harriet Robinson, Mim Schwich, Judy Visser

**General Prayers:** For those seeking employment and/or experiencing hardship in these difficult times, and for the preschool children

**Prayers for Marriages and Families:**

**Prayers for Safe Travel and Spiritual Growth:**

**Expectant Mothers:** Angelia Corley

## Announcements

**Congregational Meetings:** There will be a Coordinating Committee today at 6:30 pm. The Voters Meeting will be December 15 at noon; the primary topic of discussion will be the 2020 Budget. Please plan to attend these important meetings.

**Children's Christmas Program:** Please join us Saturday, December 21, at 6:00 pm for a special evening of sharing the Good News of our Savior's birth. There will be special presentations by the children and other members of the congregation. Come and help spread the Christmas Cheer!

**Quilt Raffle:** Tabitha will be selling raffle tickets for two beautiful Christmas quilts all this month! Tickets are available each Sunday after Worship and will be \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 22, after Worship. You may view the quilts in the Narthex all month.

**Poinsettias:** Would you like to donate a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season? Plants may be left on the counter in the Old Narthex by December 15. Thank you!

**Christmas Decorating:** All families are welcome to join in DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS! We will meet Saturday, December 14, at 1:00 pm. Cookies and good cheer will be served!

**Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ:** *Issues, Etc.* is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Each week you'll hear interviews on topics like: Christianity & Culture, Media Coverage of Religion, Pop Christianity, Bible Stories, The Lutheran Confessions and Lutheran Catechesis. You can listen live or on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

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<b>Sunday 8 Second Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> Coffee Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Bible Study <b>Coordinating Committee</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am 11:00 am <b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Preschool Schedule</b>	Pre-K, Monday, Wednesday, Friday Preschool, Tuesday, Thursday	8:30 am-11:30 am 12:30 pm-3:30 pm 9:00 am-11:30 am 12:30 pm-3:00 pm
Monday 9	SAIL Exercise Class	11:30 am
Tuesday 10	Matins Naomi Fellowship	8:30 am 2:00 pm
Wednesday 11	Matins SAIL Exercise Class Adult Bible Study <b>Advent Worship</b>	8:30 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b>
Thursday 12	Matins Tabitha Circle Christmas Party Choir	8:30 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm
Friday 13	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Ladies' Bible Study SAIL Exercise Class	7:00 am 9:00 am 11:30 am
Saturday 14	Decorate the Church for Christmas! Christmas Dinner	1:00 pm 5:00 pm
<b>Sunday 15 Third Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> Coffee Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Bible Study <b>Voters Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am 11:00 am <b>12:00 pm</b>

**Today**

**Next Sunday**

Ushers	Byron Lee Stan Delzer	Merle Wischnofske Carl Ericksen
Organist	Susan Rumble	Laura Cornwall
Altar Care	Maxine Melcher & Marilyn Delzer	
Chancel Flowers	<i>Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Nick &amp; Sabra Siltman in celebration of Nick's recent birthday</i>	
<i>Offerings</i> Last Week:	\$3,200	<i>Attendance</i> Last Week: 72
		<i>Average</i> Attendance Last Month: 76



### About the Cover

A locust-and-honey-eating prophet wearing a camel's-hair garment and a leather belt calls out in the wilderness. The Lord sent John the Baptist with the call of repentance. For us today in the season of Advent, preparing the way of the Lord born to us on Christmas morn still runs through repentance. By God's Law, He reveals our sin, and by the Gospel of Jesus, He delivers the forgiveness that has been won for us on the cross.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 11:1–10

- 1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- 2 And 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.
- 3 And 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,
- 4 but 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.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- 6 The 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.
- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- 9 They 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.

<sup>10</sup>In 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.

### Epistle: Romans 15:4–13

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>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."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup>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.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>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."

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>"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. <sup>12</sup>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."