



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent

December 5, 2021

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW #264 vs 1,2&4

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:

Refrain
Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

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: *Refrain*

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Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget

that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **C: Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

P: Today we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. We continue our preparation for Jesus' birth. We are waiting in a world filled with anger and pain; disharmony and disagreement; shadow and violence. But, we know that isn't where this story ends. We are waiting for the peace of God to come into our world, our community, and our hearts. And so we join together saying,

C: As we light our second Advent candle, we pray for the coming of the Peace of Jesus Christ, the child who comes to lead us.

A Child Will Come

Keep watch in the night for the heav - en - ly light that
tells of the Sav - ior's birth. An - gels will sing of the
love that he brings when the Prince of Peace comes to earth.

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Prayer of the Day

C: 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.

Anthem

“The Maiden and Her Child” - Lawton

Megan Hietala

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed 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.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And 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.**

⁷⁸In 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.**

Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

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: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Christ Be Our Light”

ELW #715

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the Darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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 Iturea 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.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

"All Earth Is Hopeful"

ELW #266 vs 1,2&4

- 1 All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free.

- 2 People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";
she conceived him, "God with us,"
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

- 4 We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live
in our world; he is present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

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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 of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

Offertory Song

"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"

ELW #286 vs 3

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord
And to us all your grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart,
That we may hold you in our heart.

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Offertory Prayer

P: God of our waiting and watching,

C: we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.

Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

ELW #294

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| 1 In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago. | 2 Heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty,
Jesus Christ. |
| 3 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb; | if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—
give my heart. |

Refrain

That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable,
a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.

- 1 What shall we call him, child of the manger?
What name is given in Bethlehem? *Refrain*
- 2 His name is Jesus, God ever with us,
God given for us in Bethlehem. *Refrain*
- 3 How can he save us, how can he help us,
born here among us in Bethlehem? *Refrain*
- 5 One with the Father, he is our Savior,
heaven-sent helper in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

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Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267 vs 1,2&4

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.



In Our Prayers This Week:

Merrle Asleson, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Dave Ganske,
Lee Hale, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke, Larry Hunstad, Joyce Jobe, Ann Julien, Kain
Kittleson, Dave Marsh, Adam Nelson, Tom Postel, Karyl Putnam, Pam Riebe, Sharon
Riser, Laine Sletta, Con Trapp, Linda Trimnell, Linda Wieland, Paul Wilker



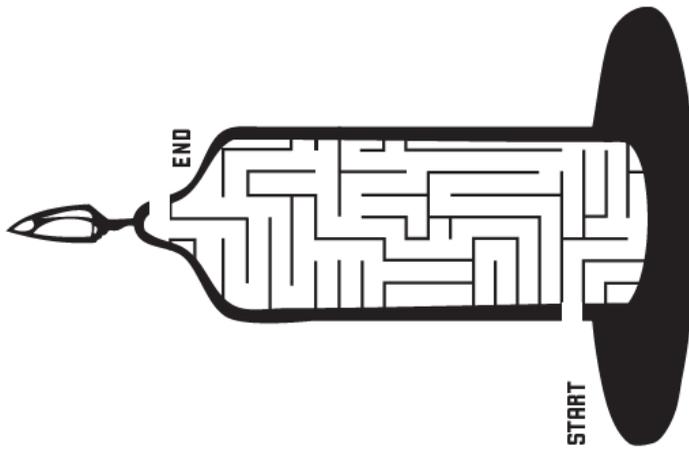
READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **second** Sunday in **Advent**.
- Advent is the church season before **Christmas**.
- During Advent we learn about **hope and peace**.

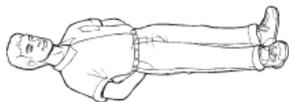
Work Your Way through Advent

Complete the candle maze. Do you know how many candles are on the Advent wreath this week?



Whose Feet?

Today's lesson says that God will guide our feet into the path of peace. See if you can match the footprints with the correct animal below.





OUR SAVIOR'S

Lutheran Church

NEW ULM, MN

Senior Pastor: Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner

Director of Music Ministry: Shannon Stuckey

Education Ministries Coordinator: Lindsay Medina

Business Administrator: Caryn Nelson

Choir Director: Madeline Cacciatore

Deacon: (8:30) Kari Zupfer

Acolytes: (8:30) Keira Sullivan, Dirk Haynes
(10:30) Eliana Cariveau, Hailey Jackson

Communion Server: (8:30) Deb Kaehler (10:30)

Lector: (8:30) Bert Marth (10:30)

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Apitz, Jeff Julien (10:30)

Associate Pastor: Dave Nissen

Office Administrator: Jen Geiger

Facilities Manager: Scott Kathman

Organist/Pianist: Shannon Stuckey

Soloist: Megan Hietala

(10:30) Alyssa Nissen



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	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget
11/28 General Offering	\$ 3,426.30	\$ 407,361.28	\$ 418,224.00
11/28 Building Fund	\$ 85.00	\$ 50,896.50	\$ 60,336.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,511.30	\$ 458,257.78	\$ 478,5650.00
11/28 World Hunger	\$ 5.00	\$ 7,159.00	

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