

✠ Second Sunday in Advent ✠

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8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



*Gathering People to Christ,
Building Believers in Christ,
Serving the World as Christ*



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word “Sacrament” means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God’s promise. “He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*,” as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: The problem with good works is not *that* we should do them but *why*. Our works reflect what it is we believe and hold dear. Works are the fruit of repentance and faith and do not add to what Christ has done in His mighty work of redemption. The call to bear the good fruit of repentance is not to work harder to be saved but to manifest in our everyday lives that we are saved, that we belong to the Lord, and that He has accomplished all things for our salvation. John faced a generation impressed with their works and empty of faith in God’s mercy. We should know that doing works is not a choice. Hearts of faith will produce the good fruits of repentance. This is the calling of Christians and the mark of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

Communion Procedure: Then, ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the

side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. **Grape juice** is in the outer ring and **is lighter** in color than the wine. The **wine is darker** in color. After communing, return to your seat via the *side* aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a “quiet room.” It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

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Members and Visitors: *Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate at the entrance. Thank You.*

Prelude

**"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"**

**arr. Mark Hayes
arr. Teresa Wilhelmi**

Welcome

Stand

Hymn

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

LSB 343, sts. 1–4

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Memory Verse

Galatians 4:4-5

C ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His _____, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Candle-Lighting Song

See Insert

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philippians 1:6

P May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

C May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Salutation and Prayer 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.



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—

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Sit

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1–10

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.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4–13

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

⁸For 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, ⁹and 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."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all You Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol Him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

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

¹³May 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.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"O, Come to Set Us Free"

by Mary McDonald

Men's Chorus

Stand

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to

him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But 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? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Even 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.
11“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. 12His 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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.

Sit

Children’s Message

Bob Brantsch, DCE

Hymn

“When All the World Was Cursed”

LSB 346, sts. 1–4

Sermon

A Voice Crying Out

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Offertory

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

Michelle Worthing, flute

Stand

Pastoral Prayers

The Prayers of the Church

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

A For grace to acknowledge the Lord, who made all things for Himself, and for faith to trust in His mercy incarnate in Jesus Christ, His Son, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- A** For the church established by Christ and sustained by Him through the means of grace, for boldness to call a world to repentance, and for faithfulness to proclaim His Gospel without fear, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For all the nations and peoples of the earth and for those who lead them, but especially for this nation, our president, governor, legislators, and magistrates, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For grateful hearts to receive the good fruits of the earth with thanksgiving and for wisdom that we might bear the good fruit of repentance in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For all godly and noble vocations, for marriages and children, for the single and the retired, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For an end to poverty and need and for compassion that we may manifest charity for all those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the sick, the suffering, the dying, and those who attend to them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all needs of body and soul, and for courage that we may not depart the way of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

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

Words of Institution

- 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."

Proclamation of Christ

—1 Corinthians 11:26 | —Revelation 22:20

A As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Peace

P The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" LSB 359, sts. 1–4

Piano Meditation "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. Wilhelmi

Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" LSB 873, sts. 1–3

Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

A Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C for His steadfast love endures forever.

A Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; 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 upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Memory Verse

Galatians 4:4-5

C ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His _____, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344, sts. 1–5

Postlude "O Thou Joyful Day" arr. Willard Palmer

Candle-Lighting Song

"Wreath Hymn"

1.The first Ad - vent can - dle, bright har - bin - ger of hope.
2.The next Ad - vent can - dle glows to pro - claim God's peace.

5

Shine! Dis - pel the dark - ness! The Light of the world — comes!
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12

Christ comes, to the give us hope. He sets the pris' ners free,
Christ comes, the Prince of Peace, He speaks and com - fort gives;

win - ning our sal - va - tion. New life is ours in Him.
All our sins for - giv - en. God's peace is ours in Him.

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