

**Dec. 6, 2020**

*Second Sunday  
In Advent*



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Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

*Communion:*

*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

Adult Bible Study &

Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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Pastor:

Richard Willsea

Deaconess:

Karen Suter

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 6, 2020

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**PRELUDE** *Fri. Service*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

arr. D. Blair

*Susan Messersmith, trumpet solo*

*Sun. Services*

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

setting: J. Bender

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

setting: N. Lebeque

## WELCOME

*Stand*

## HYMN

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

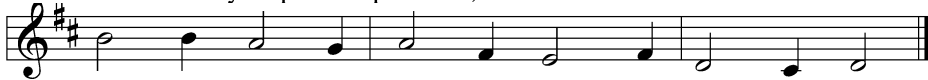
**LSB 344**



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.

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Prepare the way of the Lord. Recalling our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sins to God in the full assurance of the gift of forgiveness by the mighty sacrifice of His Son.

**C** **O God, from the wilderness of lives disfigured and crushed by the devil, our own sin, and the sins of others, we cry out to You for the forgiveness of our sins, those that trouble us as well as those of which we are not aware. Restore our life and faith by Your own command for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### *Lighting the Advent Candle*

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**

**P** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** **and illumine Your Church.**

“We Light the Advent Candle”

*st. 1-2*

1 We light the Advent candle  
And wait for Christ to come.  
With hope, we trust the promise  
That He will bring us home.  
Our hope is in our Savior  
Who wins for us God’s favor.  
We wait with growing light  
Till God makes all things right!

2 We light the Advent candle  
And thank the Lord for rest.  
With peace, we know our Jesus  
Has come to be our guest.  
beyond all knowing  
Within our hearts is glowing.  
We wait with growing light  
Till God makes all things right!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT, *In Unison*

*Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3*



Restore us, | O God;\*  
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!  
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!\*  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.  
You brought a vine out of | Egypt;\*  
it took deep root and | filled the land.  
Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*  
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Restore us, | O God;\*  
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

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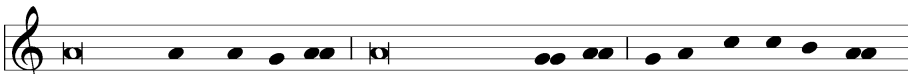
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



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



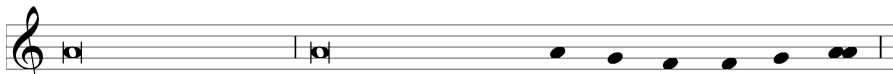
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



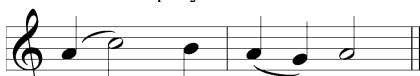
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



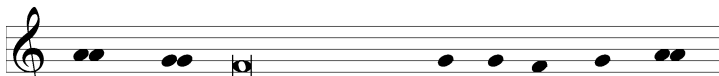
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**G** A - men.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.

**G Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

The Word is read...

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalms 85*

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.
- <sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.
- <sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!
- <sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- <sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?
- <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.
- <sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

## EPISTLE

*2 Peter 3:8–14*

The Word is read...

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## VERSE

*Luke 3:4b, 6*

**P** Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 1:1–8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

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

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

*Sit*

## HYMN

“By All Your Saints in Warfare”

**LSB 518 sts. 1, 18, 24, 3**



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
 2 We praise You for the Bap - tist, Fore -  
 2 Our thanks for John the Bap - tist Who,  
 △ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
 run - ner of the Word, Our true E - li - jah,  
 till his dy - ing day, Made straight paths for the  
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
 mak - ing A high - way for the Lord. The  
 Sav - ior And her - ald - ed His way! In  
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
 last and great - est proph - et, He saw the dawn - ing  
 wit - ness - ing to Je - sus Throughtimes of threat or  
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
 ray Of light that grows in splen - dor  
 shame May we with faith and cour - age  
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed from Your throne.  
 Un - til the per - day.  
 The Lamb of God pro - claim.  
 And praise to God a - lone.

## SERMON

*Stand*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, we give thanks this day for calling us and the whole world to repentance and faith by Your holy prophets, by Your servant John the Baptist, and by Your own Son, whose Spirit calls, gathers, and enlightens everyone through His mighty Word and Sacraments. Grant that we and all who hear His voice remain faithful in the fellowship of Your Holy Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Continue to give Your blessing, power, and grace to Your Church, especially all pastors and servants You have called and given to guard, feed, and teach Your flock. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give stability to our country, supplying all who make, administer, and judge our laws with wisdom and goodwill toward all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Bless the schools of the Church and all centers of learning and research that those who teach would serve You honorably and that our common life be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** By Your Word and Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially* . . .]. Support all who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near, [*especially* . . .]. Give Your tender care to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Remembering those who have loved and served You who now rest from their labors, we give You thanks. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,


**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

LSB 176



**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.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

- 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.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling

sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

## 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

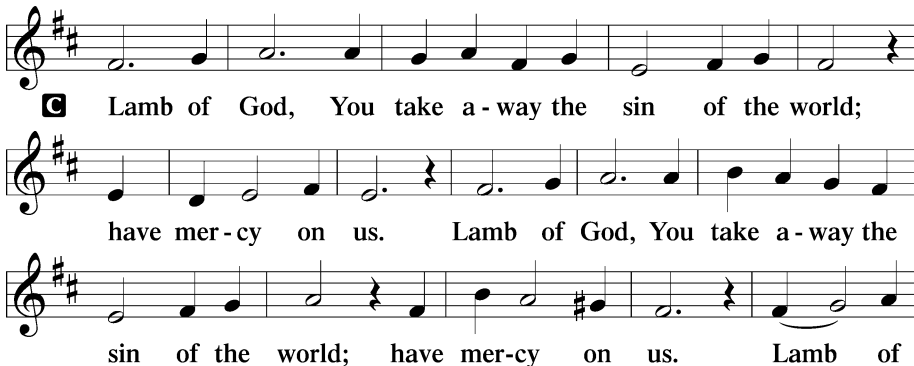
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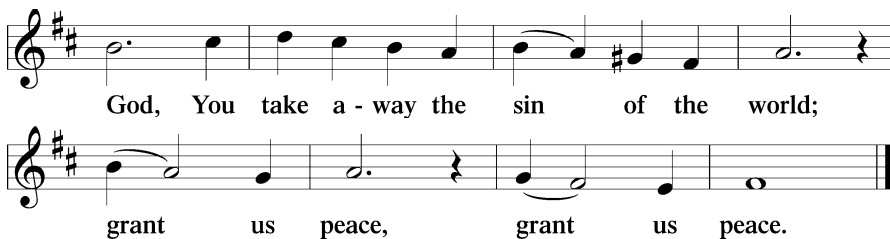
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

**LSB 180**



**C** 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.

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN**

**"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"**

**LSB 347**



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 shall  
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."

**VOLUNTARY**

**"Make Straight the Crooked Places"**

C. Curtis

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-  
 pared 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 THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN****"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"****LSB 348**

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

*Sit***ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL***Deaconess Karen Suter*

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****"By All Your Saints in Warfare"**

setting: W. Wold

**PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE**

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*Deaconess: Karen Suter*  
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*Trumpet: Susan Messersmith*

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