

# Second Sunday in Advent

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" .....LSB 344 Δ

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## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 105:4–8; antiphon: Is. 40:3b*

*P: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

**C: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!**

*P: 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!*

**C: He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.**

*P: He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.*

**C: 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.**

*P: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

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*(The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Advent)*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT** ..... page 172

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

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

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup> For 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.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.*



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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 3:1–12*

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 3 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.’” 4 Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 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? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 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. 10 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. 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. 12 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.”

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



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

**HYMN** "Prepare the Royal Highway" ..... LSB 343

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES CREED** ..... page 175

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ..... page 177

**PAX DOMINI & AGNUS DEI** ..... page 180

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ..... LSB 357

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** "Thank the Lord" ..... page 181

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION** ..... page 183

**HYMN** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" ..... LSB 515

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## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

### **Third Sunday in Advent**

Isaiah 35:1–10

James 5:7–11

Matthew 11:2–15

### **THIS WEEK— (December 4th –11th)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

**Monday:** Mission Board, 4:45pm; Elders, 6:00pm

**Tuesday:** Ladies Guild Christmas Party, 5:30pm

**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am;

Confirmation Class 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 5:00pm;

Confirmation Class 1<sup>st</sup> year, 6:00pm; CLAY Meeting, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm;

Worship/HC/Advent, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

**Saturday:** Caroling, 2:00pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC/Children's Service, 9:00am;

Christian Ed, 10:30am

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 11/27/16)**

General Fund: \$3639.50; Building Fund: \$160.00;

Seasonal: \$1082.10; Blessings: \$526.50;

Memorial: \$165.00; Miscellaneous: \$25.00

Total Attendance: 186 (Midweek: 57; Sunday: 129)

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE** Advent series will be held on the following Thursdays at 6:30pm: December 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

**ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE!** They are now located on the table under the main bulletin board. Pick yours up today!

**GIVING TREE** —All gifts must be wrapped and dropped off at church by **TODAY** so they can be delivered to *The Women's Community*. Thank you for participating.

**COME ONE, COME ALL (We'd prefer all)!** The Ladies Guild is having a Christmas party for their December meeting and **all CLC members and their guests are invited**. The date is **Tuesday, December 6th**. We will **start at 5:30 p.m. and dine at 6:00 p.m.** Please **RSVP on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall by signing up for a dish to bring and share**. Dessert, punch, coffee, and tea will be provided. **Sign up deadline is Sunday, December 4th.**

**HUMAN CARE FOR DECEMBER:** The items needed include: instant oatmeal packets, soft breakfast bars, fruit & applesauce cups, peanut butter & jelly, powdered creamer/sugar. Thank you for donating to the Wausau Community Warming Center!

**ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN USHERING** PLEASE  
CALL BUD REDEEN AT 715-845-4553.

**COME & BRING YOUR CAROLING VOICES!** We will be  
caroling on Saturday, December 10th. Meet at church at  
2:00pm. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Please sign  
up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many will be  
participating.

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“As to the seasons, it remains the season in which we are  
Christ’s ‘witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria  
and to the end of the earth.’ ... The next time you receive Holy  
Communion, you will be standing in a holy place with ‘the  
assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven ... and  
Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant’ (Hebrews 12:23-24).  
He is the Eternal Lord, who is rightly glorified ‘at every season  
and every hour, in Heaven and on earth.’”

— *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James*  
([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))