

# Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 9, 2018



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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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**DIVINE SERVICE:** Setting Four

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

## **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION and ABOLUTION**

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

*P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*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.**

## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

*P: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."*

**C: Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!**

*P: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.*

**C: But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me.**

*P: Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!*

**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: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."*

## KYRIE



**☪ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Malachi 3:1-7b*

<sup>1</sup> "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear Me, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>6</sup> "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup> From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Philippians 1:2-11*

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA and VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

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

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 3:1-14*

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and

Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." <sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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>9</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>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

*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.**

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*P: Lord in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer**

**GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS**

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.*

*With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.*

*Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*

### **THE 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**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C: Amen.**

# AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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 "The Night Will Soon Be Ending" ..... LSB 337

### NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*P: 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 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.**

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

*P: Let us bless the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*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 give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** "When All the World Was Cursed" ..... *LSB 346*

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## **THIS WEEK AT CLC — (12/9/18 – 12/16/18)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

**Wednesday:** Bible class, 8:30am; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Advent Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship (Children's Christmas Program), 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending December 2, 2018)**

General & Building Funds: \$15,782.50; Blessings: \$18.09

Attendance: Thursday: 23; Sunday: 107

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Copies of **PEACE ON EARTH** family devotions for Advent, as well as **CIRCLE OF LIGHT** sticker books are still available on the table in the narthex. Pick up your copy today!

**THE GIVING TREE** – This year we will be assisting a young family whose infant son, Noah, has serious medical issues. Noah has already undergone surgery to address a cleft palate and will need more medical care in the future. We are collecting monetary gifts to assist Noah's family with their medical bills as well as to help with their day-to-day living expenses. Please make all checks directed toward Noah and his family out to **Christ Lutheran Church** and write "**Giving Tree**" in the memo line. Place your gift in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Wetmore.

**ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES CONTINUE** Thursday evening as Pastor Stransky from St. John, Easton, shares the message: "Jesus is the Son of David".

**LYLE KRUEGER** would like to thank Pastor Wetmore for his hospital visit and members of CLC for their thoughts, prayers, and cards after Lyle had hip replacement surgery.

## **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /**

**ACTIVITIES:** Please check Channel 9 TV's website, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

**Ladies Guild Human Care** for December will be going to the Open Door. Hats and gloves are being collected.

### **"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"The very best light show comes from the smile on the Baby's face in the manger. He is smiling because He likes you and has come to rescue you. 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12 NIV)." Rev. Mark Jeske, *Time of Grace* – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))