

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021



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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

Wilbur Held

During the prelude, we silently and prayerfully prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

**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.

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.

Amen.

Stand

HYMN #255

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Pew Bible Page 778

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

Pew Bible Page 953

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

Pew Bible Page 834

Before the reading:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN #249

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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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 INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill (*especially*). Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Stand

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with the peace sign or wave their hands to others saying "peace be with you" or similar words.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, we give you fullest thanks for you are our Salvation and our Hope. We praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

Thanks be to God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

**You may use the individual cup set you received, opening the bread section first!*

**You may trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of children who do not yet commune and speak these or similar words to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you today and always."*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

HYMN #264

Prepare the Royal Highway

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Georg Boehm

*Please walk to the sides of the sanctuary to exit the building.
Enjoy a time of fellowship outside in the parking lot.*

If you have brought a monetary offering, you may place it in the offering basket in the Narthex when entering or leaving. You may also give securely on our homepage: www.christlutheranroanoke.org. Thank you for supporting the work of Christ Lutheran Church and our ministry partners!

We Bid You Welcome to our church, its work and worship, its instruction and service, its comfort and blessings. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask and Usher or Greeter. So that we may better serve you, please fill in the information/attendance sheet located in the booklet at the end of your pew. **Visitors, please stop by the welcome table for information and a gift bag.**

The Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God. Please sign up on the Flower Chart located outside Pastor Dave's office. All Altar Flowers are given in donations (\$65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

Devotionals: for the 4th Quarter 2021 are available in the Narthex.

Nursery: Due to continuing concerns about the spread of Covid-19, the nursery is temporarily closed.

Worship Kits: These are age appropriate activity kits for use during the service that are available next to the main doors in the Narthex. Tan colored kits are for pre-school age children and the dark brown kits are for early elementary.

Children's Bulletins: Activity bulletins based on today's readings can be found to the left of the guest book in the narthex.

Serving Today:

Preacher: Pastor Cindy Keyser

Presider: Pastor David Skole

Reader: Beth Powell

Greeter: Linda Akers

Ushers: Brian & Sherry Ricci

Flower Delivery: Greg & Wanda Hoge

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Announcements:

- 9:00am Drive-In Service/Livestream on Facebook
- 9:45-10:15am Fellowship Time with refreshments outside under the shade of the tree.
- In-Door Sanctuary Service 10:30am (masks required in the church building at all times)
- Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 12 after each worship service
- Youth Cookie Sale and Shopping for Christmas Families – Sunday, December 12
- Women’s Crazy Santa Party – Monday, December 13 @ 6:30pm
- Two Auditors needed for church financial records, contact Dan Kahill

How Can I Help Others this Winter:

1. Winter Coats for Men, Women & Children– Rescue Mission, see newsletter for more details.
2. Toys for Tots – Noah’s Landing is collecting new, unwrapped toys until December 9
3. Give a monetary donation for our Christmas families, our Youth will shop for in December.

STAFF OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ministers	All the People of Christ Church
Senior Pastor	The Rev. K. David Skole
Pastor	The Rev. Cynthia Keyser
Secretary	Fiona Schulz
Organist/Director of Music	Nancy Delaney
Music Minister	Kim Mucha
Director, Noah’s Landing Preschool	Diana Pilat
Companion Congregation	Buvissi LC, Papua, New Guinea

There's a Voice in the Wilderness



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



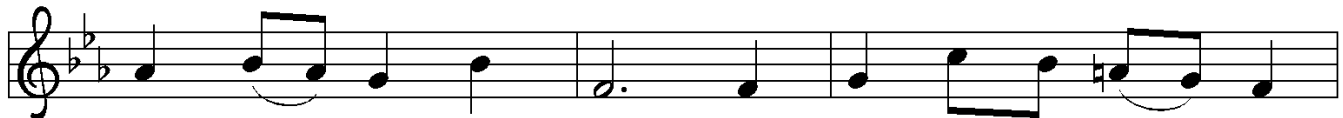
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



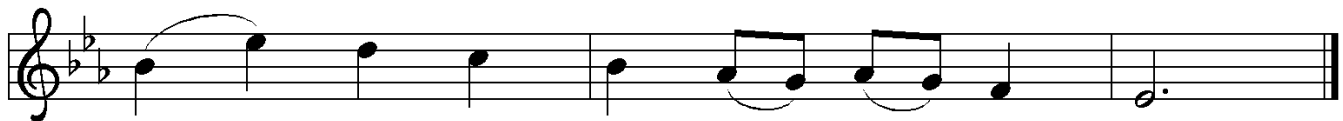
high - way, a high - way for our God!
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



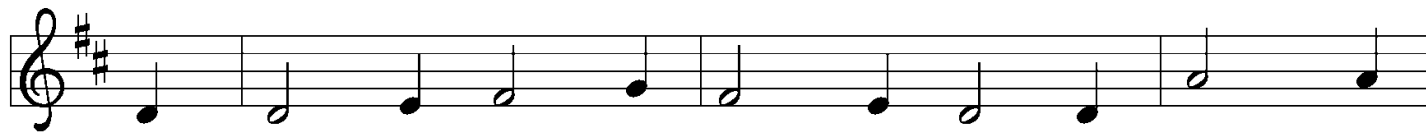
loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



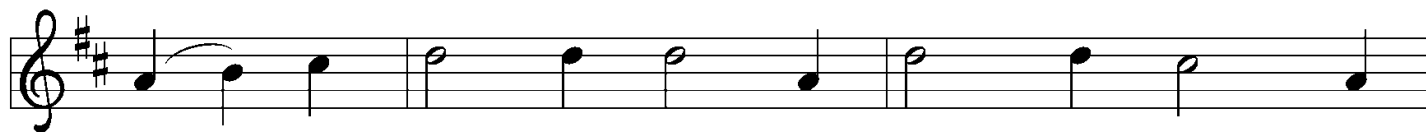
plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

Text: James Lewis Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.
 Music: ASCENSION, Henry Hugh Bancroft, 1904-1988
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On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



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 you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, 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.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Prepare the Royal Highway



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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