

# Second Sunday in Advent

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Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "The Advent of Our King" ..... LSB 331 Δ

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### **INTROIT**

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

*P: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!*

**C: 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.**

*P: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!*

**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: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!*

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### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your

God!" <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. <sup>11</sup> He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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



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



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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” ..... LSB 347

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**HYMN** “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” ..... LSB 353

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**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (December 10-17, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; Choir practice, 11:30am

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

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

**Sunday:** Worship (Sunday School Christmas Service), 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; Choir practice, 11:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending December 3, 2017)**

General & Building Funds: \$10,653.99; Blessings: \$111.51; Road

Sign: \$60.00; Fellowship Hall Refurbishing, \$25,000.00

Attendance: Thursday: 57; Sunday: 143

**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.

**A WILD WEST CHRISTMAS** is the theme for the Sunday school Christmas service next Sunday, December 17. (This will be a non-Communion service.) Hope to see you there!

**GREETERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.** If you're available and interested in helping out, contact Linda Benda at 715-359-5396 or contact the church office and leave a message.

**A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LUTHERAN WITNESS** is available for an annual fee of \$22.01. If you are interested in a subscription for 2018, please forward your name and mailing address to the church secretary by no later than next Sunday, December 17, 2017.

**THE GIVING TREE:** Cards and items for the two families that we are assisting this Christmas season can be placed in the boxes by the Giving Tree in the narthex. (Please place your items in the appropriately labeled box.) Information sheets about the families are located on the little table by the tree. Thank you for your care and generosity as we reach out to these people.

**JANUARY PORTALS OF PRAYER** are in and are ready to be picked up! You can find them on the little table next to the Giving Tree.

### **KIDS KOUNT PROGRAM GROWS TO IMPACT MORE THAN 70**

**CHILDREN:** The Kids Kount program administered by Greater Wausau Christian Services (GWCS) will present gifts to children in the Wausau area next month. The Kids Kount program provides Christmas gifts to children with a parent held at the Marathon County Jail. Last year, 71 children received gifts or gift cards, up from 52 in 2015. If you would like to help with the 2017 Kids Kount program, please contact Marlene Schalow at [715-842-5635](tel:715-842-5635).

**QUILTERS:** We will meet from 9:30am to 1:00pm on December 20<sup>th</sup>. No pot luck this day.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:00pm. (There will be no 9:00am service that day.) Christmas Day worship will be at 9:00am.

**ADVENT MIDWEEK JOURNEY** "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" continues next Thursday at 6:30pm with the topic: "Food is More than Necessary."

**DECEMBER HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** are going to Hope Life Center. Items needed are Copy paper, Postage Stamps, and K-cups for Keurig (coffee, hot chocolate, apple cider).

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

“As we bask in the glow of God Himself choosing, from His freedom and through His immeasurable power, to sanctify every aspect and moment of human life by taking flesh and passing through every stage of human growth and development, and sanctifying each of those moments, let’s do the very hard work of taking our faith seriously and, knowing God loves us and will always forgive every sin, let’s winsomely and gently live in such a way we show the world a better way.” *Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia –*  
([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))