## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 9, 2018

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord! Prelude Announcements Invocation
Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!  Opening Hymn"Angels from the Realms of Glory"#131 Liturgical Reading"The Advent of our Lord"#122 Hymn Response"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"#82 Prayer of the Day
Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord! First and Second Scripture Readings Special Music The GospelLuke 3:1-6 The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord" The Sermon: Pastor Larry Jerke
Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!  Offering Hymn:"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"#128  Offertory Hymn:"We Give Thee But Thine Own"#620  Apostles' Creed

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#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Dec 9th thru Dec 16th

Worship at **Lands** Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at Romsdal 9:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands 10:30 a.m. Worship at Romsdal Romsdal Christmas Dinner 5:30 p.m. Stable Communion at Coles' Supper at Bradshaws' 7:00 p.m. T/R Choir at Romsdal Wed: Thurs: 1:30 p.m. Quilting Workshop at Lands Sun: Dec 16th 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Worship at Trinity Sunday School at Lands 9:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Trinity 10:30 a.m. Worship at Lands

Thanks to Pastor Jerke for leading us in our Worship today.

Please note that there is stable communion tonight at Don & Laurie Cole's, with supper following at Jim & Mary Bradshaw's.

#### **Christmas Meal Donations**

There are opportunities for individuals, businesses or groups of individuals (Bible study, youth groups, coffee buddies) to sponsor a needy family for Christmas by providing a gift card to Sunshine Foods for a meal and to receive a special blessing by doing so. Last year you helped Love INC provide meals for 50 families. So far this year we have 7 out of 50 families who will be provided meals. Please consider helping a family in need by calling Love INC at 605-764-0453 by Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> so we can make preparations. Thank you!

Today's Readings

Dec 9, 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord, Please enter into our homes, our church, and our daily lives with newness of anticipation of Your birth. We joyfully commit ourselves to You this Advent season, to be used as You have need for us.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

#### **Advent Candles**

#1 – Prophesy Candle
#2 – Bethlehem Candle

#3 – Shepherds' Candle #4 – Angels' Candle

#### First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

- **3** "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.
- 2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, 4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

# Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

**9** And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, **10** so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

### **Gospel Lesson:** Luke 3:1-6

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

- 5 Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.
- 6 And all people will see God's salvation."



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