

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 2025 (9:00 a.m.)

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

Our values are

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,
Make Disciples...)**

PRELUDE

GREETING

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

HYMN "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" LW 202

**Dearest Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near
you
As the promises here given draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks the night, filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living come but by your gracious
giving.**

**Radiance of God's glory bright, light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light; help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
That our prayers and songs may please you as with grateful hearts
we praise you.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most: Your blest gospel's consolation
While we here on earth await you till in heav'n with praise we greet
you.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The use of an Advent wreath, a circle of evergreen branches with four candles plus a Christ candle in the center, originated in the time of Martin Luther for use in the home to prepare for the Christmas celebration. Eventually it came to also be used in the liturgical worship services of the church.

THE "O ANTIPHON" OF ADVENT: O Root of Jesse Isaiah 11:1,10

Since the ninth century, the Church has used the "O Antiphons" in their Advent worship. The "O Antiphons" are Advent prayers that address Christ Jesus by one of His Old Testament prophetic titles. The hymn, "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" is based upon these "antiphon" titles. This Advent we join with our Old Testament brothers and sisters in Christ in recalling God's promises and celebrating their fulfillment at Christmas.

P: Come, Gracious Lord, our hearts renew.

C: Come that we may celebrate Christmas in joyous faith.

P: Come, O Root of Jesse, standing as a banner before the peoples, before whom all nations will bow.

C: Come quickly to deliver us.

P: Hear the Word of the Lord...

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Come, Lord Jesus!

C: Come quickly, Emmanuel!

Pastor: Hear the Word of the Lord... "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit...In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples: the nations will rally to him and his place of rest will be glorious. *Isaiah 11:1, 10*

P: The Word of the Lord;

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" LW 31 v 1, 4

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**Oh, come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them
That trust your mighty power to save; bring them in victory through
the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)***

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have
done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly
deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that
we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy
name. 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 the Word I announce the
grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE GLORIA PATRI

**C*: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. ⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Roman 15:4-13

⁴For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs ⁹so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." ¹⁰Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." ¹²And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the

nations; the Gentiles will hope in him." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (stand)

(John 6:68)

C: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" ⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "On Jordan's Bank" LW 14

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God
within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward
Without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall
no more;
Oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy spirit, evermore.**

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH The 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**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit
From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with
your free Spirit.**

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

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 helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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

CLOSING HYMN "Rise, Shine, You People" LSB 825

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation his new creation.** *Silent prayer*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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