

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2024

**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.

OPENING HYMN "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.**

INVOCATION

(ref. Matthew 18:20)

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

C: Amen

The "O Antiphon" of Advent: Wisdom Isaiah 11:2-4

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 sister in Christ in recalling God's promises and celebrating their fulfillment at Christmas.

O ROOT OF JESSE

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 ...

(Isaiah 11:1,10) 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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Come, Lord Jesus!

C: Come quickly, Emmanuel!

HYMNS OF PRAISE: O, Come, O Come Emmanuel LW 31:1, 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.*

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***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40: 1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

R: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: *Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Timothy 2: 1-6

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

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 Luke 3: 1-6

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

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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 desert. 3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the desert, '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 mankind will see God's salvation.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" LW 22

**Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set your people free;
From our fears and sins release us by your death on Calvary.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.**

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH 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 "Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer" LW 220

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
Hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Shield me with your mighty arm;
Shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will raise forevermore;
I will raise forevermore.**

Silent prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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