

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Second Sunday of Advent

Advent: A Twist in the Story of God

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a special welcome to our visitors and ask that they fill out a Welcome card located in each pew and place it in the offering plate. We pray that you will be blessed and renewed by our worship experience today.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. For those who prefer to receive grape juice or gluten free wafers, simply indicate that to the server. We would like everyone to register their communion participation on the Welcome cards in the pew.

ADVENT CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
The Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
The mighty savior who comes to show mercy,
The Dawn from on high who makes all things new.

Let us come before God in confession.

L: Almighty God,

C: You caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to walk in your ways. Amen

L: Rejoice! Rejoice! For God is with us.
Emmanuel shall come to you, O People of God.
God is making all things new.
Christ will be born in your hearts again this Christmas.
Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257 V. 1

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257 V. 4-5

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

C **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG FOR THE WORD

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The first staff begins with a whole note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. This is followed by a quarter note C4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note A4. The second staff begins with a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note A4. The lyrics are: "Glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o;" on the first staff and "glo - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o." on the second staff. A fermata is placed over the final note of each staff.

READING: Esther 4:1–17

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; ²he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also

gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law — all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days. ¹²When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." ¹⁵Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish. ¹⁷Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY *God With Us*

Who are we, that You would be mindful of us? What do You see, that's worth looking our way?

We are free in ways that we never should be. Sweet release from the grip of these chains.

Chorus: Like hinges straining from the weight, My heart no longer can keep from singing.

*All that is within me cries, for you alone be glorified. Emmanuel, God with us.
My heart sings a brand new song, The debt is paid, these chains are gone.
Emmanuel, God with us.*

*Lord, You know, our hearts don't deserve Your glory.
Still, You show love we cannot afford. (Chorus)*

Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary. Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet. (Repeat)

*All that is within me cries, for you alone be glorified.
Emmanuel, God with us. My heart sings a brand new song,
the debt is paid, these chains are gone. Emmanuel, God with us.*

ADVENT CREED

**All: We believe in God, the creator of all things,
The God of Abraham and Sarah,
The Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt with steadfast love and mercy,
Who made straight in the wilderness a path,
Who promises to make all things new.**

We believe in Jesus, the messiah, who is Emmanuel, God with us.
He is king of king, yet born of Mary.
He showed God's love through healing and teaching,
And chose the way of servant-suffering by dying on a cross.
After three days he rose from the dead and appeared to many.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the One who inspires faith,
Who has spoken through prophets and preachers,
The One who breathes new life into the church and the world,
Who is making all things new.
We believe that God is still creating.
We believe that Jesus is still with us.
We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us forth in love and mercy.

PRAYER SONG

ELW 262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *Newborn King*

THE FIRE

OFFERTORY *What Child Is This*

ELW 296 V. 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

GREAT THANKSGIVING *ELW p. 152*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....and join their unending hymn:

(Song of the Angels "O Come, All Ye Faithful" V. 3)

***Sing, Choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: O Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him,
O Come, Let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *ELW p. 154*

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS *Joyful, Joyful*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore You. God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Op'ning to the sun...above.*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Op'ning to the sun above.*

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away.

*Joyful, joyful we adore You. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.
Joyful, joyful we adore You. Joyful, joyful, we adore You.*

*All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays.
Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise.*

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away.

*Joyful, joyful we adore You. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.
Joyful, joyful we adore You. Joyful, we adore You.*

***God our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are thine.
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.***

Joyful, joyful, we adore You. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.

Joyful, joyful, we adore You. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You.

Oh God our Father.

Holy is the Lord

*We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now; how great, how awesome is He.*

*And together we sing, Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory, The earth is filled with His glory.*

*We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now; how great, how awesome is He.*

***Chorus: And together we sing, Ev'ryone sing: Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord God Almighty;
The earth is filled with His glory, The earth is filled with His glory.***

*Yeah, it's rising up all around; It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around; It's the anthem of the Lord's renown. (Chorus)*

BLESSING / THREE BELLS

SENDING SONG *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King,
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*Chorus: Joy, unspeakable joy! An overflowing well; no tongue can tell!
Joy, unspeakable joy! It rises in my soul, never lets me go!*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove.
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love! (Chorus)*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Praise & Thanksgiving to God for...

The people of Our Savior's.

Those celebrating birthdays today: Nick Preston, Lisa Rude

God's Healing Presence for...

Bonnie Spicer Carl Anderson Christy Boeddeker Becky Foss
Ralph Engel Carroll Borke Audrey Waters Arnie Gilbertson
Mabel Mergenthal Tim Miller Margaret Kozojed Pastor Sharon Gunderson
Ole Olson Helen Woken Michael Ludwig Mary Christianson
Ruth McSparron

(If you would like your name put on or taken off this list please contact Pastor Joe or Pastor Siri.)

Safety for those serving in the Military... especially those serving in combat areas:

Our Sympathy to... Those in our church family who have experienced the death of a family member or friend:

ORGANIST: Karen Alfson

LECTORS: (8:30) Ed Laxdal (10:30) Amy Gallagher

GREETERS: (8:30) Ed & Elaine Laxdal (10:30) Dave & Tammy Nelson

ACOLYTES: (8:30) Jacob Barnett, Andrew Cooper
(10:30) Cade Baesler, Hunter Hennings

USHERS: (8:30) Doug and Beth Christianson-Melby, Jerry Boeddeker
(10:30) Bruce Person, Kari Ferguson, Herbert Fleischer

ATTENDANCE: November 30, 2014: 8:30am - 85; 10:30am - 142

CELL PHONE NUMBERS: Pastor Joe - 701-430-3787; Pastor Siri - 701-430-3879

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are available for anyone to use each Sunday. They are located on the podium where the guest book is sitting in the narthex. Please feel free to try one out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Due in the church office by 9am Thursdays)

The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are serving a Pancake Breakfast today from 9am-1pm at St. Rose. All are welcome!

The Fair Trade Shop

*Set up in the courtyard between services (9:30am) on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

*Besides being delicious, quality products, when you buy Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, Cocoa, and Nuts, more of the money you spend reaches the hands of the farmers and families who grew them!

*NEW! Single-serve cups

REMINDER: The December **WELCA/CIRCLE MEETING** will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 10:30am with a Potluck lunch following.

W.O.W. Bible Study will wrap up their current study on Monday, December 22. They will resume their meetings on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 9am with a new study on *The Tabernacle* by Shawn Barnard.

OSLC CHOIR will be **CAROLING** on Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm following the Advent Service. Please meet in the front entryway of the HMC Nursing Home/Assisted Living area. Everyone is welcome to join us for this event!

PLEASE SIGN-UP to help with our Christmas Eve services at 3:30pm and/or 5:30pm! We need Greeters and Ushers. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the courtyard or you can call the church office at 636-5701.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7

Communion Sunday
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
11:45am 3-6 gr. Rehearsal
11:45am **Council Meeting**
1:00pm Choir practice
2:00pm 4-H meets

Monday, December 8

9:00am W.O.W. Bible Study

Tuesday, December 9

7:00am Breakfast Bible Study (Country Hearth)

Wednesday, December 10

7:00am Men's Fellowship (Country Hearth)
5:30pm Family meal
6:30pm Advent service
7:00pm S.S. Actors practice
7:15pm Choir practice
7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group

Thursday, December 11

10:30am WELCA/Circle Meeting & potluck
2:00pm Nursing Home service

Saturday, December 13

10:00am 3-6 gr Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 14

Communion Sunday
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Coffee/Fellowship
9:30am Fair Trade Shop
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Sunday school program
7:00pm Community Choir Concert