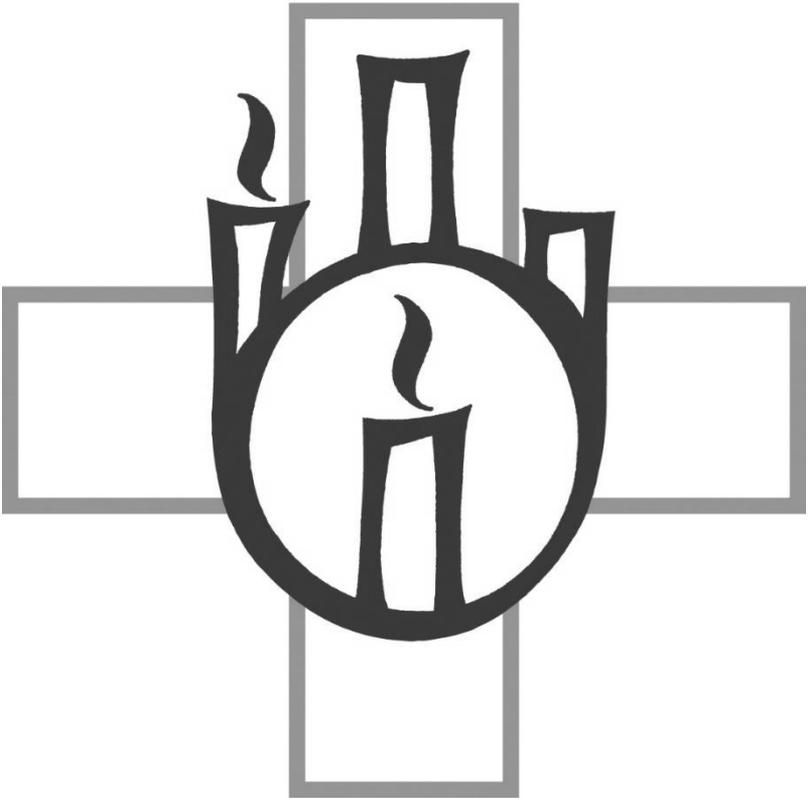


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



## Order of Worship

*December 4, 2022 10:45 AM*

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## Introit

*Isaiah 40:3b; Psalm 105:4-8*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.  
He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

## Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

*Thank you.*

# Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome

## Divine Service

### Invocation

**P** This is the day the Lord has made;

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Psalm 118:24*

**P** Confident of the Lord's presence with us here in His house, we make our beginning in His powerful name; in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

**C** Amen.

### Opening Song

Rend The Heavens

*Mark*

*Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Instrumental, Chorus*

**VERSE**



1. This day we call up-on the liv-ing Lord and  
seek Your mer-cy and Your grace;  
How we, as a-na-tion, have turned our face a-way from You  
and fol-lowed oth-er ways; May we see You as You are,  
man-i-fest-ed, glo-ri-ous power, Lord Je-sus.

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**13 CHORUS**

Rend the Heav - ens and come down in Your maj - es - ty come

15 down, in Your mer - cy, Lord, come down up - on us;

17 Clothe Your-self in robes of grace; You are wel - come in this

19 place where the saints are gath - ered for Your wor - ship, Lord.

**23 VERSE**

2. Not for our gain, but for the glo - ry of Your

25 Name we gath - er 'round Your throne;

27 And in hum - ble a - do - ra - tion plead for this gen - er - a - tion,

29 Je - sus, let Your name be known;

31 May they see You as You are,

33 man - i - fest - ed glo - ri - ous power, Lord Je - sus. **(TO CHORUS)**

### Prayer of Confession

- P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.
- C** **We have not always lived our lives according to your will.**
- P** We have often failed to live up to your expectations.
- C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

- P** But we know your promise, that if we confess our sins,  
**C** **you will hear our cry, and grant us your forgiveness.**

*Silence for confession and reflection*

- P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our failings to you...  
**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** Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full – it is finished!

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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 72:1–7*

*Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse*

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- <sup>2</sup>**May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!
- <sup>4</sup>**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!**
- <sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**6May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth!**

<sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**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.**

## Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**☩** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.



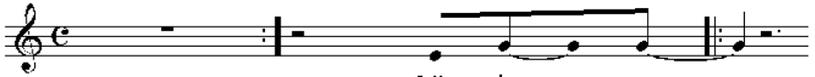
Sermon Song

Prepare The Way

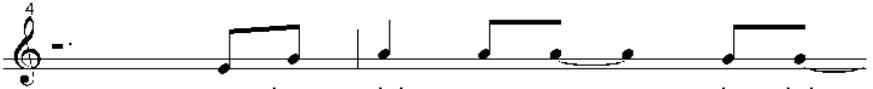
Evans, Nuzum

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus

VERSE



1. He has come  
2. He has come



to bring light in - to the dark -  
to bring hope to the hope -



ness; He has come to bring  
less; He has come to



free - dom to the cap - tives; He has come to re -  
com - fort all who mourn; He has come to



store the bro - ken - heart - ed; It's time to pro -  
heal our ev - 'ry sick - ness; It's time to pro -



CHORUS

claim the year of the Lord. Pre - pare the way,  
claim the year of the Lord.



pre - pare the way for our Re - deem -



er; Pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way

25  
for our Re-stor - er; Make read - y your heart, make

28  
read - y your home, make read - y the peo - ple of

30 1  
God; Pre-pare the way, 2. He has come

35 2 3  
God; Pre-pare the way, God; Pre-pare the way.

## Sermon

### Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Heavenly Father, You stir the hearts of Your faithful to prepare us for the advent of Your Son. We implore You, feed us continually with Your Word and Sacraments as we look for His return.

*Response after each petition*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, grant that we may be kept in joy and sustained in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, 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.**

## Blessing

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

**C** **Amen.**

## Song

We Adore You

*Baloche, Janis*

*Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus*

**VERSE**

Ho - ly Child, Em - man - u - el; \_\_\_\_\_

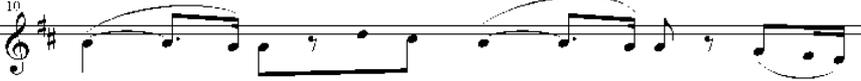
hope of all the a - ges, and the cry of ev - 'ry heart. Bow - ing

down, we lift You up; \_\_\_\_\_ You're the One we wor - ship, \_\_\_\_\_

**CHORUS**

You're the One we love. \_\_\_\_\_ We a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ You, we a -

The image shows musical notation for the song 'We Adore You'. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'VERSE' and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly Child, Em - man - u - el; \_\_\_\_\_'. The second staff continues with 'hope of all the a - ges, and the cry of ev - 'ry heart. Bow - ing'. The third staff continues with 'down, we lift You up; \_\_\_\_\_ You're the One we wor - ship, \_\_\_\_\_'. The fourth staff is labeled 'CHORUS' and contains the lyrics 'You're the One we love. \_\_\_\_\_ We a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ You, we a -'. There are bar lines and repeat signs throughout the notation.

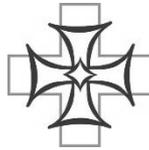
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14  

  
 dore \_\_\_\_\_ You, we a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ You, Je - sus.



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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

4 December 2022

### Readings

Isaiah 11:1–10

Romans 15:4–13

Matthew 3:1–12

### ***By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord***

*“John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent!’”* (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, *“a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots”* (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is *“a signal for the peoples”* (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. *“With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips”* (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the *“root of Jesse”* comes to us, *“even he who arises to rule the Gentiles”* (Rom. 15:12), that *“we might have hope”* and be filled *“with all joy and peace in believing”* (Rom. 15:4, 13).



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

11 December 2022

### Readings

Isaiah 35:1–10

James 5:7–11

Matthew 11:2–15

### ***The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross***

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see *"the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful"* (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, *"be patient"* and *"establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand"* (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as *"the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,"* so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that *"sorrow and sighing shall flee away"* (Is. 35:10).



# **Advent, Christmas & New Year's Worship**

*Please join us in worship in this new Church Year*



## **Midweek Advent Services**

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

## **Open Arms Christian Preschool Christmas Program**

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm



## **Christmas Eve Worship**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at  
4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

## **Christmas Day Worship**

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am



## **New Year's Eve Worship**

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm

## **New Year's Day Worship**

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am