



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(5 December 2021)

INVOCATION

INTROIT

Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon Luke 3:4b

⁸Hear, O My people, while I admonish you!
O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!

¹⁰I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹¹“But My people did not listen to My voice;
Israel would not submit to Me.

¹³Oh, that My people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in My ways!

**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.**

⁴...“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make His paths straight.

LEARN BY HEART: The Second Petition (The Lord’s Prayer) — “Thy kingdom come.” *What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. *How does God’s kingdom come?* God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

LECTIONARY SUMMARY

Malachi 3:1–7b; Philippians 1:2–11; Luke 3:1–14 (15–20)

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

The preaching and Baptism “*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptizer was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “*see the salvation of God*” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*” (Philippians 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Malachi 3:3–4).

DAILY READINGS: (LSB pg. 302)

Sun: Is 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22

Mon: Is 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18

Tue: Is 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14

Wed: Is 24:14-25:12; 1 John 2:15-29

Thu: Is 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24

Fri: Is 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21

Sat: Is 28:14-29; 1 John 5:1-21

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK (*non-members in italic*)

Health — Ron (COVID and liver, friend of Melody Deloria-Carter); Derek Rice (lungs, son of Fritzie Rice); Melissa Thornton (COVID-19, sister of Brian Morton); Laura Crain (trouble walking); Earl Crain (acute leukemia, husband of Laura Crain); Aubrey Preston (Knee Surgery); Elisabeth Norton (heart); Colton Ray (cancer, friend of Janet Hart); Anthony Logan (deployed to Afghanistan, friend of Charles & Erlinda Murphy); Marilyn Alsip (shoulder); David Alsip (colon); Ron Weimer (cancer, co-worker of Brian Morton); Craig Chase (healing, uncle of Kara McNair); Wayne Mills (cancer, grandfather of Jazmine Striegel); James Thornton (staph infection, brother-in-law of Brian Morton); Tracy & Destiny Skinner (health issues, friends of Brian Morton); Nellie Morton (lung transplant, sister-in-law of Brian Morton); Onie Harrison (issue with legs, aunt of Brian Morton); Melanie Lewis (degenerative disc disease, daughter of John Daly); Amanda Burbridge (depression, daughter of John Daly); Alice Seger (long term care, friend of Sue Ogle); Jonathan Burley (health, newborn twin brother of Good Shepherd School student); Ruth Haumschild (eyesight, sister of Helen Kromanaker); Priscilla Paugh (stroke, cousin of Connie Grant); Martha Casey (continued healing/fall); Marcus Place (mini-stroke, son of Kip & Norma Place); Suvu Chevis (cancer, friend of Larry & Janet Hart); John Grundmann (auto accident); Sugar Sanders (cancer, friend of Connie Grant & Martha Casey); Linda (cancer, Marilyn Hall's daughter); Mark Reyes (kidney replacement, brother to Grace Pendley); James Cress (heart & cancer issues, cousin of Norma Place); Margaret Adams (leg surgery, friend of Connie Grant); Mark Horad (cancer returned, friend of Manny Vasquez); Maryann Basham (fighting cancer, friend of Sandi Snelling).

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB # 344, “*On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*”

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: *You are in our midst, mighty to save. You rejoice over us as our loving Father. When we wonder if Jesus is truly the One, You come to us in Your Word and refresh our souls. When we wander from You, You remain strong and never give up on us, coming to us again and again in Word and Sacrament. Fill us with joy in You, that our lives radiate Your goodness to all the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

APOSTLES’ CREED

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

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