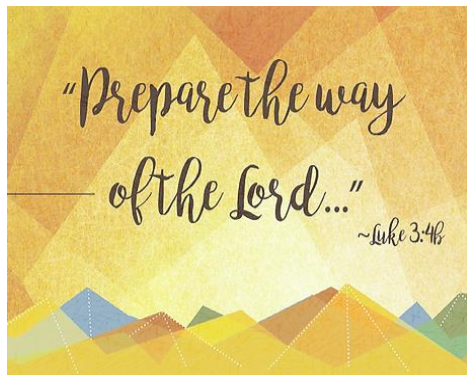


# ADVENT 2

**December 8, 2024**



*Ringling of Bell*

PRELUDE *Bell Choir*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Hymn music begins and a candle is lit on the advent wreath.*

HYMN - ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - PRAYER  
*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn v. 2 No. 242*

**2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of lovingkindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.**

L: Let us pray. Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

**ALL: Amen.**

◆ *please stand*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

P: God of might,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

P: God in our midst,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

P: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 254

**1 Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

**C: By his coming, give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings*

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

*God's messenger of the covenant.*

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM: LUKE 1:68-79 We read responsively

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
**free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

*The apostle Paul encourages his friends to grow in love and knowledge.*

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy <sup>5</sup>for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO : LUKE 3:1-6

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and

Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

**C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

*Please be seated*

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE *Pastor D.J.*

◆ *please stand*

HYMN No. 264

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry v. 1,2,3,4*

**1 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!**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**

**4 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.**

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING—*Bell Choir*--GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.*

◆ *please stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Creator God,

**C: you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*God feeds us with tender mercy; come to the table.*

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

*Blessed Be the God of Israel* No.250

1 **Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free, and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree. So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm, God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**

2 **With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall, the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all; that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise, in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**

3 **My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way, to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway. Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease, to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

*Once In Royal David's City* No. 269

1 **Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.**

2 **He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable,**

**and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

3 **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

4 **Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.**

## TABLE BLESSING & PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.

**We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

◆ *please stand*

*HYMN Prepare the Royal Highway* v. 1,2,4 No. 264

1 **Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

2 **God's people see him coming: your own eternal king! Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! Hosanna too the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

4 **His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## **PARTICIPANTS**

PRESIDER—Pastor D.J. Chatelaine  
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COFFEE SERVERS—Candy & Don Herrlich  
TECH TEAM—Steve Johnson, Heidi Haugen, Holly Aldorfer, Barb Groth

## **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*Jennifer Lerfald, Lavon Underdahl, Kevin Hildebrandt, Jim Fountaine, Boe Aronson, Renee Spidahl-Carmichael, Brent Ashland, Carol Lozon, Dick Overby, Dax Eggert.*

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## **CALENDAR**

Sun 12/8	9 WORSHIP- ADVENT 2 10 Sunday School Chr. Shopping & Costume fitting 10 Coffee 10:15 Adult Forum
Wed 12/11	6 Advent Contemplative Worship & Cookies.
Thu 12/12	7 AA
Sat 12/14	6 pm - Family Movie Night
Sun 12/15	9 WORSHIP- ADVENT 3 10 Sunday School 10 Coffee 10:15 Adult Forum

## **LOOKING AHEAD . . .**

### **SEEKING TECH TEAM MEMBER**

The Team is looking for another member to assist with live streaming on Sunday mornings. We will train you! Contact Steve Johnson 507-213-9577 or Heidi Haugen 507-649-0517.

### **CHRISTMAS PLANTS**

~~If you would like a plant in Church for Christmas in **Honor/Memory** of a loved one, please purchase your own and deliver to the church after 12-16. Identify your plant with a slip of paper tucked in. Your plant would like to go home with you on Christmas Eve.

~~A Donor Page will be displayed. To be included, please fill out a SLIP – leave in offering plate, bring to church office, or send info by e-mail to:

[firstlutherankenyon@gmail.com](mailto:firstlutherankenyon@gmail.com) **Deadline – Dec 16**

### **CHRISTMAS ORGAN FUND GIFT**

~~Instead of a plant, if you would like to donate to the Organ Repair Fund for Christmas in **Honor/Memory** of a loved one, please include your check or cash with this slip. Make your check payable to First Ev. Lutheran Church and write "Organ Repair Fund" on the memo line of your check.

~~A Donor Page will be displayed. To be listed on it, please fill out this SLIP, include payment – leave in the offering plate or bring to the church office. **Slip Deadline - December 16.**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – SAT DEC. 14 at 6 pm**  
*(Christmas in Kenyon Wknd) Concessions available.*