SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 5, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS WORDS OF WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL!

Pastor: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" (LSB 345) is a cherished Advent hymn. That thrilling voice is that of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness, "The Savior is near! The kingdom of God is near! Repent, and live out your new life in Christ! Produce fruits worthy of repentance!" In many ways, we still live in the wilderness. Our nation continues to polarize, causing us to lose friends and feel as though we are alone in the world. Many of us walk through the wilderness of serious disease, job loss, or watching our children or grandchildren walk away from faith. There is also the self-created wilderness of our own sin the damage we have done in relationships with others. But John's thrilling words bring us hope. While we are powerless to make it through the wilderness ourselves, God is powerful and sees us through. By the gift of repentance in turning to Him in our desperation and pain, God restores a right relationship to us and then sets us free to bear fruit worthy of repentance. We are not stuck. God can change and restore us! A thrilling voice indeed!

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is sounding" LSB 345

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding Christ is near, we hear it say. Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!

Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.

See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv'n

So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, dominion To the Father and the Son With the ever living Spirit While eternal ages run!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Malachi 3:1, 6; Luke 3:4; Philippians 1:6, adapt.

Pastor: The LORD says, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

People: We thank You, O Lord!

Pastor: The LORD says, "The messenger of the covenant in

whom you delight, behold, He is coming."

People: We adore You, O Lord!

Pastor: The LORD says, "I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed."

People: We praise You, O Lord!

Pastor: The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

People: We worship You, O Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Two Advent candle is lit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 25:6-7

Pastor: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have not borne fruit worthy of repentance. We have sinned against You and our neighbors.

People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Forgive us, Lord, for times when peace was lost, And moments when we never thought to love, For times when we oppress and offend And fight for things that kill us in the end.

Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins And help us be in peace with all our kin

Pastor: 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 & Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand)

₩ WORD ₩

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

Pastor: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

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

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

People: But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me.

Pastor: Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

All: 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.

KYRIE (sing)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us Christ, have mercy upon us Lord, have mercy upon us

(Please Stand)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

You are in our midst, mighty to save.

People: You rejoice over us as our loving Father.

Pastor: When we wonder if Jesus is truly the One,

People: You come to us in Your Word and refresh our souls.

Pastor: When we wander from You,

People: You remain strong and never give up on us, coming to us again and again in Word and Sacrament.

Pastor: Fill us with joy in You, that our lives radiate Your goodness to all the world;

People: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:1-7 ESV

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 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 fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the

offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. "Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?'

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

"Do you hear what I hear?"

Sung by Ken Kosmalski

EPISTLE Philippians 1:2-11 ESV

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are

all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sing)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third

chapter.

People: (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3: 1-20 ESV

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the

forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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. 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." And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I

am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: 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 onlybegotten 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 shall 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 worshipped 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.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344
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 Thee as our Savior Lord Our refuge and our great reward Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev'ry place

(Please stand for last verse)

All praise eternal Son to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit it evermore

+ SERMON+

"Glad, Thrilling Repentance"
Text: Luke 3:1-20

Theme: To faith, the voice that urges us to new life in Christ is a glad sound.

Goal: That each and everyone present would be moved by the thrilling announcement of Christ's mercy and reign to produce fruits worth of repentance.

Sermon Outline: To faith, the voice that urges us to new life in Christ is a glad sound

- Even when it calls us "You brood of vipers!"
- Surely as it commands us to "Bear fruits in keeping with repentance."
- So that we gladly reply, "what shall we do?" (Please stand)

HYMN

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light" LSB 704 vs 1 & 3

Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.

Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

A brief time of silence may be observed.

Pastor: O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to repent—to turn each day to You, confessing our sins and being restored by You to bear the fruit of the Spirit.

Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of our Synod to bear fruits in keeping with repentance. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Lord of might, empower us to hear the words of John the Baptist afresh today. Lead us to repent of those things that hinder our trust in You and fill us by the Holy Spirit to bear much fruit. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: O Immanuel, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn and use us to express the hope that comes from trusting in You. Bring us to be with them on that great day to come, and until that day give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

Pastor: You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

¥ SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

People: (spoken) And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

People: (spoken) We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136* **People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming John the Baptist proclaimed in the wilderness and by whose death and resurrection calls us to repent, turning again and again to the font of His mercy, so that our lives bear fruit worthy of repentance. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He
Blessed is He
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: You, O God, spoke into the vast silence at creation, and the universe was born. Your voice of power and mercy both condemned the sin of Adam and Eve and promised them a Savior. Your voice of power and mercy called Abraham and Sarah to a new land and promised blessing through them to all nations. Your voice of power and mercy plagued the Egyptians and set the Israelites free to journey toward the Promised Land. Your voice of power and mercy was spoken through the prophets, exposing the emptiness of

those who turned from You, while at the same time inviting those with ears to hear to repent. Your voice of power and mercy rang out in the wilderness from the lips of John the Baptist, calling us again to repentance. Your voice of power and mercy became flesh in Jesus, whose words challenged the proud and lifted the lowly. By Your voice of power and mercy, Jesus took upon Himself all this world's sin and evil, to suffer and die, and then, in fulfillment of the ancient promise, to rise from the grave. We give You thanks, praise, and worship for Your voice of power and mercy to us, that we may now live in Your kingdom and forever worship and adore You. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: (spoken) Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

All:

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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him for He is your health and
salvation
Let all who hear

Now to His temple draw near Joining in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And as on wings of an eagle uplifting sustaining
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord who has fearfully wondrously made you

Health has bestowed and when heedlessly falling has stayed you

What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief
Wings of His mercy did shade you

Praise to the Lord who will prosper your work and defend you

Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now with praises
before Him
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Please stand)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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 with-out end. Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, we give You thanks for Your thrilling words of life and salvation, made real and tangible to us today in Christ's body and blood. As You have touched our lips and our hearts with the body and blood of Jesus, so let the words that come from our mouths speak Your message of restoration into this broken world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

BENEDICTION *Philippians* 1:6; *Numbers* 6:24–26

Pastor: He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on

People: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor Marie Brown, Organist Dave Brown, Elder& Reader Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Gayle French Funeral Arrangements

Visitation: Monday 12/6 from 11am to 3pm. Service at the funeral home 12/6 at 3pm

Wednesday Bible Study

Will reconvene January 5th We will undertake Timothy 1 & 2

Thank You to Dave & Marie Brown, Phillis Dasher, Scott & Keri Driscoll, Chris Thompson & Frank Pignanelli for helping with decorating the church.

Ken Kosmalski

Please remember to <u>wear a mask</u> while school is in session. We want to keep everyone one safe and healthy.

Christmas Bazar

Come Look what's for sale!

This is a free will donation
Items will be in the Narthex until December 19th.
You may continue to bring in items thru December 19th.
We will have Quits for sale. They will be \$20, \$30 & \$40
dependent on the size of the quilt.

Advent Service & Historic Trinity in Detroit.

December 15th at 12pm Lunch will be provided with donations Interested? Please see Linda Panich by 12/10

Toys for Tots

Unwrapped, New toys. The preschool will be collecting toys until December 16th & a Box is in the Narthex

Attendance

Sunday November 28th

9:30 am 37

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Christopher Ladach – December 7th Alyssa Corona – December 12th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home George Morton, at home Mack Mayfield, at home Carmell Faulk, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

The entire community of Oxford, Michigan, everyone becomes affected by this tragedy. We pray especially for the families of the victims—for comfort and healing in losing their loved ones and for healing for those injured.

Family of Gayle French, called to glory
 Duane French, Gayle French's Nephew, hospitalized
 Dorothy Nagy, friend of Gayle and Pam, hospitalized
 Jack Gurney, Paul Utcai's Nephew, hospitalized
 LeAnn Gibbs, Pat Bates' daughter, Illness
 Kent James, nephew of Linda Panich, Hospitalized with and open wound infection on foot

Family of Andy Lopez, Frank Pignanelli's Cousin, called to glory

Linda and Ray Meseah, Pat Bates' sister and brother in law, tested positive for Covid

Tania Hodges, friend of Glenn Cairns Undergoing tests in hospital

Gerry, a neighbor of the Pignanelli's hospitalized **Mark Leger,** nephew of Phyllis Witte, hospitalized **Barbara Kuderik,** friend of Janet Witte, surgery