

# AES MINISTRIES ~ EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Second Sunday in Advent

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**"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."**

AES Ministries mission statement

**Welcome to all who worship with us today!**

## PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** "He Came Down" vs. 2 #253

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

**C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on 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>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; 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 around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed 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 asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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## PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.** <sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

## **SECOND READING      Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors <sup>9</sup>and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, he root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: Word of God, Word of life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      "Prepare the Royal Highway"

vs. 1 #264

**HOLY GOSPEL      Matthew 3:1-12**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord;      make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with 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 around 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 his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup>and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

L: The gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

#256

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**      **C: "God of Love, Hear our Prayer"**

God of love, hear our prayer, we are trusting in your mercy.

God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

## **THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

"Take My Life"

vs. 2 #583

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Here at East Sveadahl we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and

communion will be brought to you.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

front of the hymnal

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #815

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#631

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Lector: Mariah and Penny

December 14: ROAR

Usher: Tom Anderson

**Prayer Concerns:** Jesse Berg, Tyrell Sizer, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Judy Berg, Terry "Cub" Watson, Brenda Watson, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Suzann Olson, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

The **ROAR Christmas Program** is NEXT Sunday at 10:00 am at East. This is a joint worship service. A dinner will follow the service. Free will donation with funds going to the Youth Fund.

The **Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper** is Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church, Madelia from 4:30-6:30 pm. Pre-Sale tickets only – call Louise at 507-848-6169 – no tickets sold at the door. Cost is \$25-Adults; \$8-10 & under.

Talk to Sonja, Julene, or Susan!

The St. James Historical Society is holding a **Holiday Bake Sale** on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm at their center - 602 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.

The **St. Lucia celebration** is Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-10:30 am at Augustana. Come for breakfast and the Christmas Shoppe!

The Ecumenical **Blue Christmas Service** is Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 pm at Sturm Funeral Home.

The next **Brewed Theology** is Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm at the VFW.

The **January newsletter deadline** is Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for getting information in by that date.

The **ROAR Christmas family potluck (5:30 pm) and party (6-7 pm)** is Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at Augustana.

The **Christmas Eve Communion Services** are: 4:00 pm at East Sveadahl and 6:00 pm at Augustana.

**Activities this week: December 814– December 8**

Monday: 3:00 pm Study Group, East

6:00 pm Education Committee, Augustana

Tuesday 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv

Wednesday: 6:00 pm ROAR Christmas Program practice, East

Thursday: 7:00 pm East Council

Saturday: 8:30 am St. Lucia, Augustana

1-3:00 pm ROAR Christmas Program practice, East

Sunday: 10:00 am **JOINT WORSHIP – ROAR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

11:00 am Youth Fundraiser Meal, East  
11:30 am Radio Broadcast 1370AM  
6:00 pm Youtherans, Augustana

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