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Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022

— GATHERING —

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

☛ Amen.

☞ Amid the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin
and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ God of grace and truth,

☛ In Christ Jesus you come to us
as light shining in the darkness.

**We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
nor trusted the good news of great joy.**

**Forgive us and renew our hope,
so that we may live in the fullness of your love,
trusting in the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

☞ The angel said, "You shall call his name Jesus for he will
save his people from their sins." With great joy, I announce to
you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the
Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☛ Amen.

*HYMN, "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

LBW Hymn 29

1. "Comfort, comfort now my people;
Tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim
That God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever!

2. For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him,
And the hills bow to greet him!

3. Straight shall be what long was crooked,
And the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord
Now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That God's word is never broken.



*GREETING AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

P Grace to you and peace from him who is
and who was and who is to come.

Revelation 1:4

C **And also with you.**

P The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.

C **It is a symbol of God’s unending love and faithfulness.**

P In Advent, we remember the waiting of God’s people
for the coming of the Messiah.

C **We remember Christ’s coming to earth to save us.**

P In Advent, we remember that God comes to his people
through the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacrament.

C **We celebrate Christ’s coming to us today.**

P In Advent, we remember that Jesus will come again
and we long for that blessed hope.

C **We look forward to Christ’s coming again.**

P We light this candle mindful of Christ’s coming
and his coming again. We join the hopeful prayer
of Christians throughout the world:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

The first two candles of the Advent wreath are lighted.

*HYMN, “*We Light the Advent Candles*”

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1. We light the Advent candles against the winter night,
To welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light,
To welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light.

2. The first one will remind us that Christ will soon return.
We light it in the darkness and watch it gleam and burn.
We light it in the darkness and watch it gleam and burn.

3. We light the second candle, and hear God’s holy Word,
it tells us, cling to Jesus, prepare to meet your Lord,
it tells us, cling to Jesus, prepare to meet your Lord!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together . . .

C **Stir up our hearts O Lord,
to prepare the way for your only Son.
By his coming give us strength in our conflicts
and shed light on our path
through the darkness of this world;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “*Come to Us, O Promised One*”

— WORD —

FIRST READING, Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

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.

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;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek 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.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
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.
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. *(NRSV)*

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70:1-7, 18-19

℣ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

☩ **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

℣ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

☩ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

℣ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

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

℣ In his days may righteousness flourish

☩ **and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

℣ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

☩ **Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.**

Amen and Amen.

(NRSV)

SECOND READING, Romans 15:4-13

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. May the God of steadfastness
and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one
another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you
may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed
you, for the glory of God. 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 patriarchs,
and in order 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”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

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.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

(NRSV)

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “He Came Down”

He came down that we may have love.

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He came down that we may have love,

Hallelujah for evermore.

***GOSPEL, Matthew 3:1-12**

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

☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☞ “In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 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.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 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. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 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.” *(NRSV)*

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☛ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, “He Came Down”

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Hallelujah for evermore.

SERMON

Pastor Frezil Westerlund

***HYMN, “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” LBW Hymn 36**

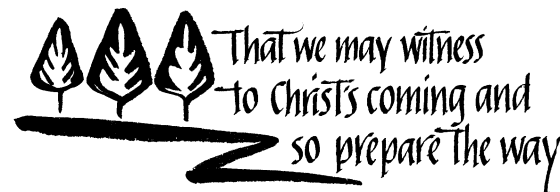
1. On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

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 Thee 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.

5. All praise to you, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.



**☒ We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY, “*Lo, How a Rose is Growing*” (v. 5) Hymn 58

O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt all human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
Who triumphed o’er our foe:
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And into endless day.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- ☐** The Lord be with you.
- ☒** And also with you.
- ☐** Lift up your hearts.
- ☒** We lift them to the Lord.
- ☐** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☒** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE FOR ADVENT

*SANCTUS, “*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*” See Next Page
*The congregation sings “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” to the tune of
“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.” The congregation sings the
entire song in unison.*

HOLY


A Christmas Mass
Paul Gibson

Cantor/choir:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of hosts.

All: Cantor/choir:



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord. God of hosts. Hea-ven and




earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-

All:



est, high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Cantor/choir: All:



Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Bless'd is he who

Cantor/choir:



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the

All:



high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est, high-



est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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*PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION LBW Page 90

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for all fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We thanks to you for the salvation
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER LBW Page 91

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Tune: "The First Noel"

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Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons.

During the distribution of Communion, the congregation sings:

LBW Hymn 34, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

LBW Hymn 35, "Hark, the Glad Sound"

LBW Hymn 39, "Joy to the World"



HYMN, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

LBW Hymn 34

1. Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

2. Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

3. Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

4. Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by you advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

5. Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

HYMN, "Hark, the Glad Sound"

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

2. He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.

4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.



LBW Hymn 35

HYMN, "Joy to the World"

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

LBW Hymn 39

*COMMUNION BLESSING

LBW Page 92



***CANTICLE**

Tune: "From Heaven Above"

Lord, you have set your servant free 51
To go in peace as you declared;
These eyes of mine at last have seen
The Savior whom you have prepared;

A light which will enlighten all,
And Israel's glory equally;
All glory to the Father, Son,
And Spirit evermore shall be.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have fed us with this promise of salvation.
We pray that through it
you would graciously strengthen us
in faith toward you and in love toward one another,
so that we may be prepared
for the coming of Jesus Christ our Savior.
For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

— **SENDING** —

***BLESSING**

P 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. *Romans 15:13*

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***HYMN, "Prepare the Royal Highway"**

LBW Hymn 26

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 to the Lord,
For he fulfills God's Word!

3. Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet every nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands will bow before him;
Their voices join your singing:
Hosanna to 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!

POSTLUDE

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

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Lori Buck (cousin of Shelley Iverson)	
Ron Burns (friend of Bill & Chris Burleson)	
Julia Davis (cousin of Shelley Iverson)	
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)	
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)	
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)	
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Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith)	
Nancy Island (sister of Bev Karlson)	
Ike & Lanette Iverson (father and step-mother of Jon Iverson)	
Darrel Jorgenson (brother of John Jorgenson)	
Ky J. Karlson (son of Bev Karlson)	
Callie Kvanvig (16-month old great niece of Ray Follum)	
Parker Loll (infant son of Branden & Alyssa (Haiwick) Loll)	
Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)	
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)	
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Melani Roewe (daughter of Renaë Bessler)	
Nathan Sanders (friend of Bill & Chris Burleson)	
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire & Maxine Ripley)	
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)	
Tori Tetrault (young daughter of Tyler and Breynn Tetrault)	
Kent Thomas (brother of Mary Tracy)	
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)	
Robert Zuhr (brother in-law of Chris Burleson)	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. — Confirmation
	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
Thursday	5:30 p.m. — Choir
	6:30 p.m. — Light Supper
	7:00 p.m. — Bible Study
Friday	9:00 a.m. — Lefse Making Party
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:15 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

WE ARE GATHERING clothing and shoes for the Whitewood Elementary School as an Advent and Christmas project. Please bring any gifts for the school to the church during the Advent season. They especially need socks for bigger kids and winter gloves. Other gift ideas include sox, shoes, boots, mittens, underwear, sweat pants, shirts, coats, snow pants, and anything that a child might need.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

GIVE A POINSETTIA to add beauty to our sanctuary for our celebration of Advent and Christmas. You may provide your own poinsettia or give a gift of money and the congregation will purchase poinsettias for you. Please return a blue poinsettia gift form (available on the table in the social room) so that we can acknowledge your gift in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS from the NALC are available on the table in the library social room. You can also download them as an ebook or request daily emails to text messages at www.thenalc.org/advent. You can watch a video recording of the devotionals each day at www.facebook.com/thenalc.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Donuts, coffee, and juice are available. A free-will offering is received to cover expenses.

WE THANK Pastor Frezil Westerlund for leading us in worship today. Pastor David is at First Lutheran Church in Miles City, Montana, today installing their new pastor. This is part of his role as dean of the Western Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming Mission District of the NALC. Pastor Westerlund is a retired NALC pastor.

WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB — our Wednesday night children's ministry — meets from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week. Kids Club is designed for children Age 3 through Grade 5.

A MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings. We are studying the four Gospels this year. We are comparing the Gospels and seeing how each one tells the story of Jesus. Everyone is encouraged to join us this opportunity to grow in faith. A light supper is served starting at 6:30 p.m.

A LEFSE MAKING PARTY will be held at 9 a.m. Friday at the church. Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13. They are using a video study called, "What's So Amazing About Grace" featuring Philip Yancey. All women are welcome to be a part of this monthly study. A short meeting will follow. The women will also be putting together Christmas baskets.

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the choirs of Sturgis-area churches is set for 2 p.m. next Sunday at the Sturgis Community Center Theater. Immanuel's choir is one of the participating choirs. An offering will be received to support the Sturgis Area Arts Council.