

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Dec. 9, 2018 9:30 am

Prepare  
the Way  
of the  
Lord

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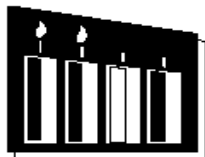
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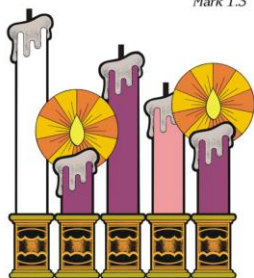
## The Second Sunday in Advent

### December 9 2018 – 9:30 am

**WELCOME** to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

## PREPARATION

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight."  
*Mark 1.3*



Preparation is probably on your mind. Christmas is only weeks away. There are presents to buy, visits to plan, decorations to put up, lights to see, food to cook, and so much more! As we prepare for Jesus to come, we reflect on John the Baptist's words to people who asked what they should do to prepare for the Messiah's coming. John says we are to "*make His paths straight*" by sharing food and clothing, by not taking advantage of people, and by being content with what the Lord has given us. In the midst of your busy preparations, consider these words.

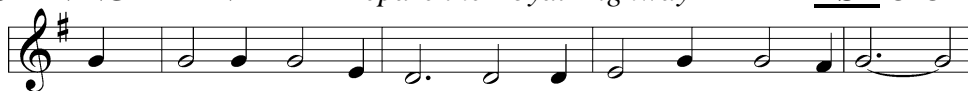
## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

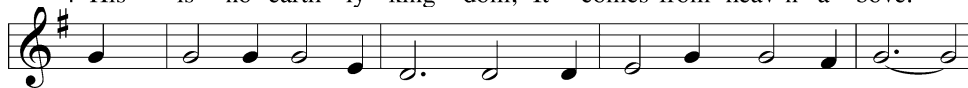
## OPENING HYMN

*"Prepare the Royal Highway"*

**LSB 343**



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

## *Please stand ...* INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

**C** He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C** Make His paths straight.

**P** Every valley shall be filled,

**C** and every mountain and hill made low.

**P** The crooked shall become straight,

**C** and the rough places shall become level ways.

**P** All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**C** We wait for Christ's return and the resurrection of all flesh.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!

**C** He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!



## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**P** On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations and He brings peace.

**C** We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.

**P** Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

**C** We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rest in peace.



## LIGHTING HYMN

*"Light the Candle"*

Light the can - dle of peace to-day, the Giv - er of peace is here!

Wel - come the peace we fight and cry for, but on - ly Christ can give.

Flick - er and flame and glow with peace, light up the world a - round you.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. As we wait for His coming, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence, how crooked our world has become, and how unjust are our relationships. We come before the Lord in humility and ponder our sinfulness...

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

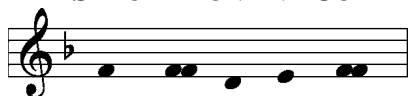
- P** Heavenly Father,

**C** we confess that we have strayed from Your path. We have been selfish and cruel. We have treated our neighbors with injustice and prejudice. We have oppressed the weak in order to gain power. We long to return to You, but how are we to return?

- P** As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, he said, “*All flesh shall see the salvation of God.*” God sent Jesus to bring salvation to the world through His death and resurrection. This salvation is complete, and Christ comes to you once again with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: 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.

- C** Amen. “*Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His Name; give to Him glorious praise!*”

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER



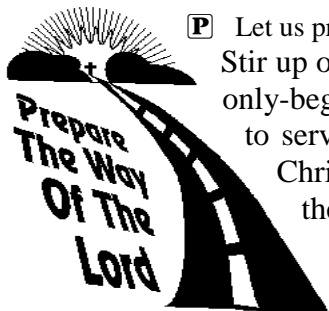
- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And with thy spir - it.

- P** Let us pray:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



- C** A - - - men.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING

## Malachi 3:1-7b

- L** The Old Testament Reading for The Second Sunday in Advent is from Malachi, chapter three.



*“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. <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 fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup> 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. <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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup> 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. ...”*

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

## Philippians 1:2-11

- L** The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter one.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.



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**C** Thanks be to God.



# ANTHEM

“People Look East”

Handbells

*Please stand*

## VERSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

stz. 4-5 **LSB 357**

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's  
 5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our  
 tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,  
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,  
*Refrain*  
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
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## HOLY GOSPEL

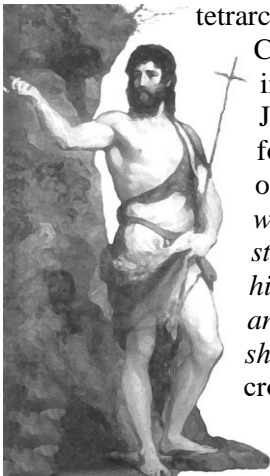
st Luke 3:1–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to st Luke, the third chapter.

**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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,<sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.<sup>3</sup> And 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 Isaiah the prophet, “*The voice of one crying 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 become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways,<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “*You brood of*



*Please be seated*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

**LSB 344**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## SERMON

“Advent: Prepare the Way of the Lord!”

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“An Advent Garden”

Choir

*Please stand...*

## CREED

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**P** We profess our faith together...

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.





## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes:

"Lord, in Your mercy"

Congregational response:

"*hear our prayer.*")

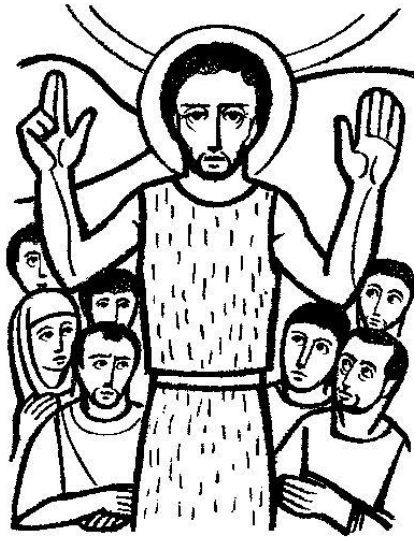
## SHARING THE PEACE

We greet one another with the grace of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," for reconciliation and unity of the Spirit.

*Please be seated as music starts*

## OFFERING

As the Offering is gathered, please sign the attendance folder near the center aisle and pass it to the person sitting next to you.



## *Please stand...* OFFERTORY



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

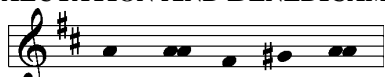
## CLOSING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



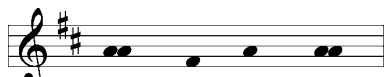
## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



**P** The Lord be with you.



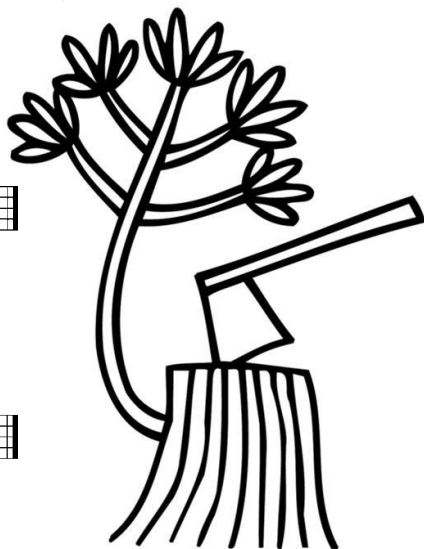
**C** And with thy spir - it.



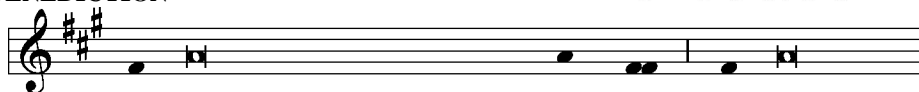
**A** Bless we the Lord.



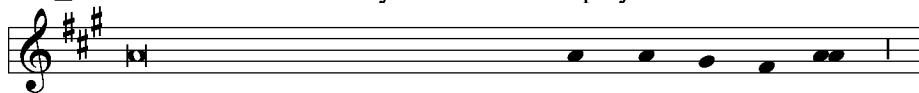
**C** Thanks be to God.



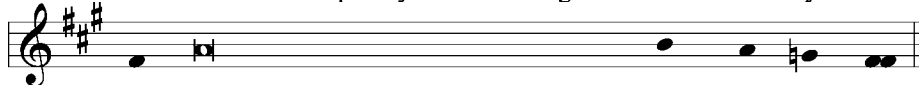
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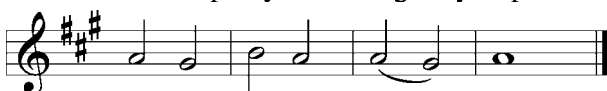
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

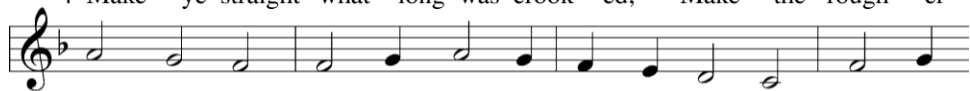
# CLOSING HYMN

*“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”*

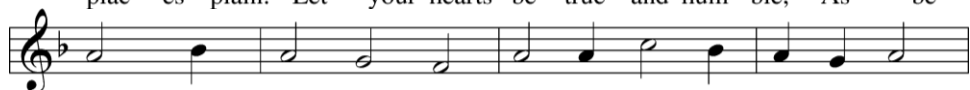
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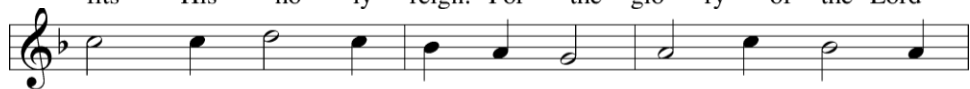
1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
 3 Hark, the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



’neath their sor - rows’ load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys shall  
 Now o’er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”  
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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**POSTLUDE**

# Comfort





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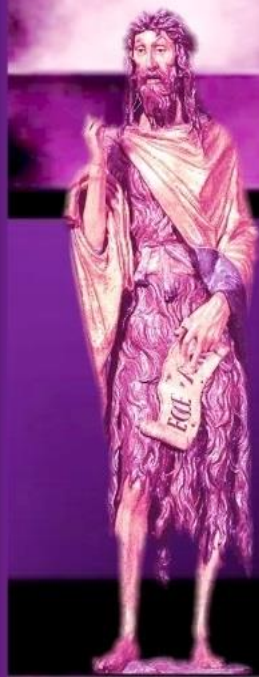
***Mickey Seidler***

*to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Bill  
on the day of his birthday!*



the Voice of one  
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PEACE





