

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - DECEMBER 5, 2021



It is easy to lose heart and abandon our hope when life becomes challenging. The reality of this struggle is that we try to do it all on our own, failing to rely on Jesus our Lord and Savior. Faith is a matter of putting our complete trust in the one who calls us his own and who began a good work in us in the first place. Turning from our self-sufficiency toward relying on Christ is repentance that leads to real life.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL

ADVENT LITURGY

ENTRANCE HYMN — "ON JORDAN'S BANKS" (*Sung: LBW #36: 1-4*)

**On Jordan's banks 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 he 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 you as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.**

**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.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*Luke 3:2-6, 15-16, adapted*)

P: John the Baptist went out into the desert and preached that people should repent and be baptized.

C: As was foretold by the prophet Isaiah, he went forth to prepare the way for Jesus the Lord.

P: John said: "One more powerful than I will come whose sandals I'm not worthy to untie."

C: John said: "I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

P: Help us to hear, Lord of Glory, your call to prepare our hearts for the judgement of God and to produce fruit in keeping with true repentance. By your Holy Spirit make our hearts burn with an honest confession as we open them to you now.
(*Silent confession....*)

P: In Christ's name your sins are forgiven. Go in peace and the grace of our Lord Jesus strengthen you to bear righteous fruit in the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

KYRIE (*Sung: "Come, O Precious Ransom, Come" - LBW #24*)

A: Let us pray to God the Lord, **C: for his peace and our salvation.**

A: Let us pray for unity **C: and the health of every nation.**

A: Grant, O God, your mercy wide; **C: keep us safely by your side.**

PRAYER

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord Jesus, and prepare us for your return. **C: Give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen

FIRST READING - Malachi 3:1-7b (*Sit; Pew Bible, p. 954*)

SECOND READING - Philippians 1:2-11 (*Pew Bible, p. 1164*)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (*Sit*) — "HE CAME DOWN"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — THE FAITH CANDLE

ADVENT GOSPEL VERSE (*Stand, Sung: "On Jordan's Banks" - LBW #36*)

**O Christ the Lord step forth we pray And speak your word to us today;
Our minds with gospel truth now fill That we may know and do God's will.**

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Luke 3:1-20 (*Sung; Pew Bible, p. 1020*)

C: Glory to you, O Lord. / C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (*Sit*)

HYMN OF THE DAY — "JESUS, YOUR CHURCH WITH LONGING EYES" (*Stand, Sung*)

**Jesus, your Church with longing eyes For your expected coming waits.
When will the promised light arise And glory beam from heaven's gates?**

**E'en now, when tempests round us fall And wintry clouds o'er cast the sky,
Your words with pleasure we recall And know that our redemption's nigh.**

**Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew, Our sins forgive, our foes suppress,
Our rooted enmity subdue, And crown your gospel with success.**

**Oh, come and reign o'er ev'ry land; Let Satan from his throne be hurled.
Let nations bow to your command; Let grace revive a dying world.**

**Teach us in watchfulness and prayer To wait for your appointed hour,
And fit us by your grace to share The triumphs of your conqu'ring pow'r.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

ADULT CHOIR - "AN ADVENT REFLECTION"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING HYMN (*Sung: "What Child is This" - LBW #40*)

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; Come peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts en-
throned him. Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

OFFERING PRAYER

C: We offer, kind Father, our gifts and praise, a joyful return for the gift of your Son. Amen

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

PREFACE DIALOG (*Sung: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" - LBW #45*)

P: The Lord God be with you. **C: And with you, His servant.**

P: Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**C: With hearts uplifted, thanks to Him we render
With joy we come before Him, In gratefulness implore Him,
With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!**

THANKSGIVING

P: Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, Almighty Creator, Merciful Lord, God of Promise and Fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the day of visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and You sent forth Jesus Christ, Your Son. Having seen His glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when He will come again as Judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS (*Sung: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" - LBW #60*)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain All the glory of your name!
Hail hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh,
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing!
Hail, Hosanna! Praises due, Be forever, Lord to you!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" - LBW #54*)

**All: Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne, / Most holy be Your name.
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, / On earth, in heav'n the same.
Give us this day the food we need; / Forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead; / From evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom; Unto You / in grateful love we bow;
And yours the pow'r, Lord, let us view / Your mighty presence now.
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung / By angel host and men
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue / Forevermore! Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD (*Sung: "Silent Night" - LBW #65*)

**All: Lamb of God, hear our prayer, Lifted high as we draw near:
Take away the sin of the world, take away the sin of the world,
Grant in mercy your peace, grant in mercy your peace.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

POST COMMUNION HYMN (*Sung: "Angels We Have Heard on High" - LBW #71*)

**All: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell the world what he has done.
He recalls his promises, keeps them all in his dear Son.
Gloria! Sing songs of thanksgiving. Gloria! Joyful hearts uplifting.**

DISMISSAL PRAYER

P: Send us forth into your Father's world, O Lord of Glory,

C: and let the love and unity of this table find a place in all our hearts and homes. Amen

BENEDICTION (*Luke 2:29-32, adapted*)

P: The Lord send you forth in peace. The Lord open your eyes to his salvation. The Lord reveal his glory to you and all people.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS" (*Sung*)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. *Refrain***

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

DISMISSAL

P: Christ has come. Christ is with us. Christ will come again.

C: We watch and pray for his glorious Day!

MUSICAL POSTLUDE - KAREN HALL

Liturgical Portions: Tunes: "Come, O Precious Ransom", "On Jordan's Banks", "What Child is This", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing", "Silent Night", "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear", "Angels We Have Heard on High": Public Domain

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