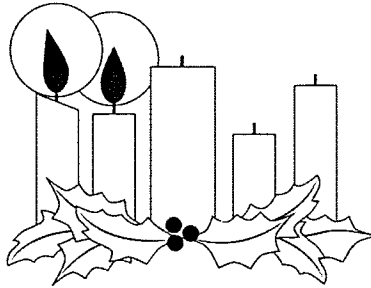


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Our Mission Statement

*"A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to
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SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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December 4, 2022
9:30 AM

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy
C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy
* Those who are able, are asked to stand.
+ A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

GATHERING

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Prepare the Way" Mansfield

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Be Comforted, My People" Smith

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** LBW P. 56

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" **LBW # 36**
(Psalm 149:1-4) (Green book)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** **LBW P. 57**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* **THE KYRIE** **WOV P. 28**

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

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.

C **Amen**

THE WORD

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him
shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

WOV # 630



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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The Psalm will be read responsively

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

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
²**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

- ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."
¹⁰And again it is said,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."
¹¹And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹² And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Celtic Alleluia”**

WOV # 613



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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*** GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 3:1-12**

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

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume 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. ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" **LBW # 29**
(Green book)

* **THE NICENE CREED** **LBW P. 64**

C **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**

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

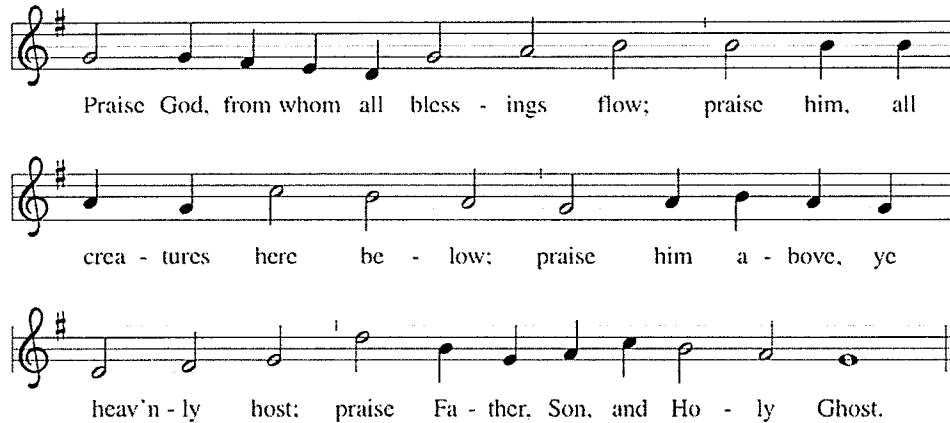
THE ORGAN OFFERTORY “Alleluia” Lindusky

(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

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*** THE OFFERTORY**

“Doxology”



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDRETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LBW P. 87

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW P. 88

(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**

LBW P. 68

(Psalm 36:4)

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)

WOV # 619a



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



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

Text: "Sanctus." tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation
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*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 71

(Matt. 6:9-13)

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**

*** FRACTION**

(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

*** THE COMMUNION CANTICLE “Jesus, Lamb of God”**
 (John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)



1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of



God,
 Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
 Peace,



mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you



take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT
 (1 Cor. 11:27-34)

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN (after the Communion Prelude)
 “What Feast of Love”

WOV # 701

*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

(John 6:53-54)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*** THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"**

ELW # 313



I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

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*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 74

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

*** THE BENEDICTION**

LBW P. 74

(Numbers 6:23-27)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen (*Sing in a three fold Amen*)

*** THE CLOSING HYMN** “Prepare the Royal Highway”

LBW # 26
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

(Luke 7:50)

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE**

“Aus meines Herzen Grunde”

J.C. Bach

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Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	10:45 AM	Fellowship time
	11:45 AM	Teleconference service
Monday-Friday	9:00 AM	Preschool
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