

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2024-10:00am

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church

Webster, Wisconsin

Introduction

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

GATHERING

We gather as God’s People

PRELUDE

He Came Down

Smith

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

He Came Down

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Fire burns. It hurts. It can destroy.

Fire also gives warmth and light.

The coming of Christ is both
a day of judgment and a day of promise.

Two candles, flickering brightly,
help us remember that the coming of Christ has many meanings.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Light two candles; see them glow

Brightly, so that all may know

How two candles show the way

Making our darkness bright as God’s day.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Dear God, we have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent’s light, help us to see what is important: to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Earth Is Hopeful

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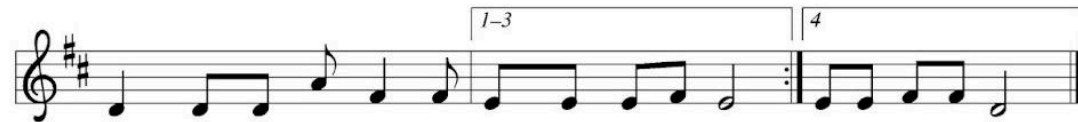
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



yel sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray,
 Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Choir Anthem

Every Valley

John Ness Beck

WORD

We hear God's word

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 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; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.


The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.


Psalm Luke 1

Refrain


All:



The Ris - ing Sun of joy and jus - tice lights the way that



leads to peace. As the day de - scends from heav - en,



so does love that sets us free.

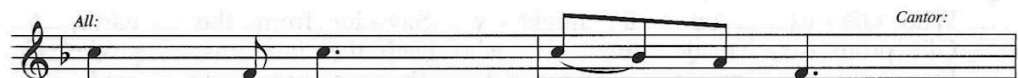
Verses

Cantor:




1. God rais - es up a child to save:
 2. God re - news the cov - e - nant:
 3. You, my child, will pre - pare God's way:

All: Bless the Lord, *Cantor:* bless the Lord!



All:



Prom - is - es safe - ty from ha - tred's hand:
 we might wor - ship with - out fear:
 Tell of God's free - dom and mer - cy:

All: Bless the Lord who sets us free!



D.C.

Second Reading Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

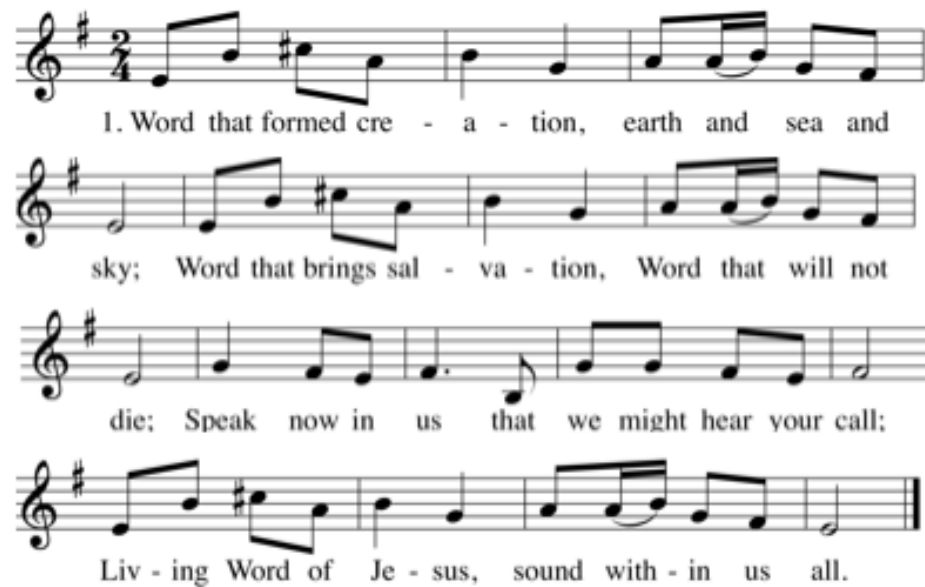
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Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word That Formed Creation



1. Word that formed cre - a - tion, earth and sea and
 sky; Word that brings sal - va - tion, Word that will not
 die; Speak now in us that we might hear your call;
 Liv - ing Word of Je - sus, sound with - in us all.

HOLY GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
 and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill Schroeder

HYMN OF THE DAY

Prepare the Royal Highway

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APOSTLE’S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Response

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

We share Christ's peace with each other.

MEAL

We are fed and nourished by Jesus' body and blood

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory On Jordan's Bank The Baptist Cry Gilbert Martin

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
**We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

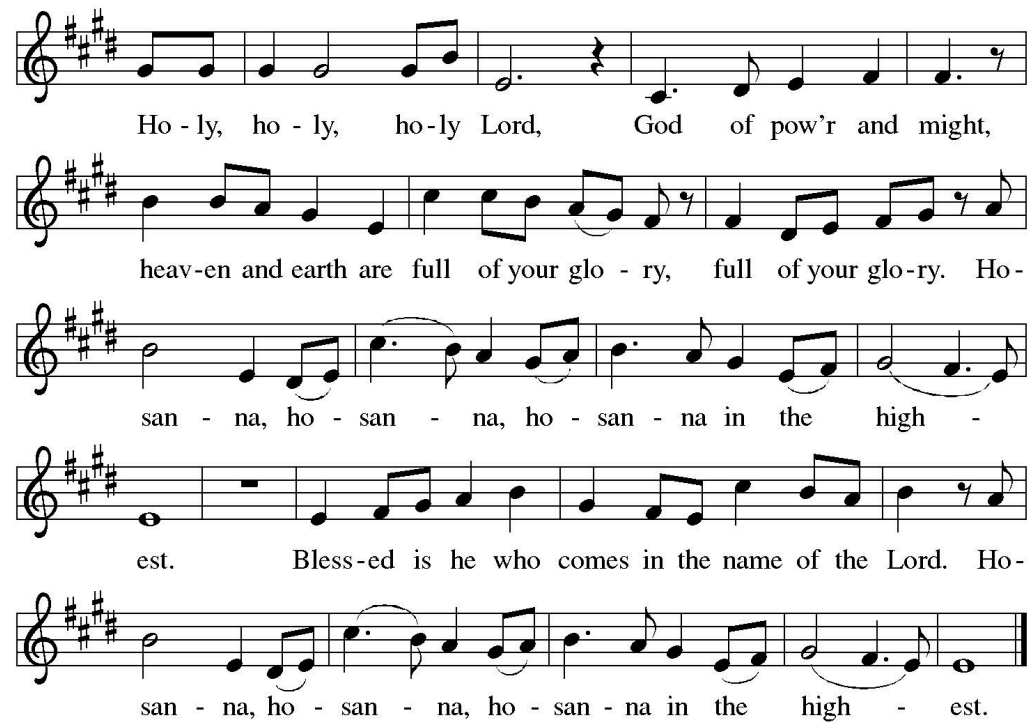
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places...
...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
 and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

COMMUNION

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONG On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry ELW 249

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.

SENDING

We are sent into mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

People, Look East

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BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen

BENEDICTION SONG

May the Lord Bless You

May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Prepare the Royal Highway Michael Burkhardt

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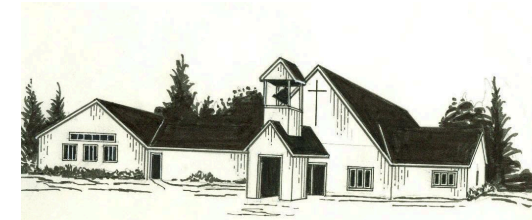
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Thank you to today's participants:

Interim Administrative Pastor: *Mary Albing*, **Presiding Minister:** *Bill Schroeder*; **Music Director** *Pat Barnett*; **Lakeside Church Choir**; **Producer:** *Margy Rogers*; **Counters** *Daryl & Pat Sulander* **Altar Guild;** *Bonnie Neimi and Linda Spidel*; **Conveners;** *Daryl & Pat Sulander*; **December Shepherds:** *Mary Heenan, Dick Revak, Charley Peterson, Jolyne Peterson, Rhonda Schroeder, Carol Aakhus, Dotty Busby, Pat Sulander*

PRAYER CONCERNS: *Marylin Anderson, Elaine Davis, Clint Erickson, Anne Gelein, Joyce Hoagland, Hitomi Henderson, Diane Roberts, Faith Snyder, Mark Snyder, Don & Nona Stamp, Judy Stratton, Barb Umholtz, and Dorothy VanPykeren.* Those fighting addictions; people in crisis; deployed military and families; leaders, children, and areas of conflict throughout the world.

Please note that our Communion Bread is now Gluten free, so those with Celiac Disease and Gluten Sensitivities can also participate.



Church Office Hours:

Office Assistant - Mondays - 9 am - 1pm

Bookkeeping - Tuesdays - 9 am – 1 pm

This week at Lakeside:

Monday, 12-9	NO ADRC Meal 6 pm -Yoga
Tuesday, 12-10	9 am - Lakeside Mission Quilting NO ADRC Meal 7 pm- AA/Alanon
Wednesday, 12-11	9 am - Yoga 4 pm - Choir Practice
Thursday, 12-12	Fellowship at JoMama's 8 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Women's Coffee NO ADRC Meal –
Friday, 12-13	NO ADRC Meal
Sunday, 12-15	9 am - Sunday School 9:30 - Choir Practice 10:00 am Worship with Pastor Carolyn Mowchan