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the rough ways smooth.
'And all people will see God's salvation.'
Luke 3:4-6

Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Advent 2

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WORSHIP PLAN LBW SETTING II

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

PRE-SERVICE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Notes of Praise “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN (*LBW Hymn #26*) “*Prepare the Royal Highway*”

GREETING (*LBW p. 78*)

KYRIE (*LBW p. 78*)

HYMN OF PRAISE (*LBW p. 79*) “*Glory to God*”

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.

FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) shall prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

¹See, 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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING : Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, he has come to his people and set them free.

⁶⁹**He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of his servant David.**

⁷⁰Through his holy prophets he promised of old, ⁷¹that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

⁷²**He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

⁷⁷**to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Today we relight the candle of **HOPE**. Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of **PEACE**. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” —Isaiah 9:6-7

From the Gospel of John:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” —John 14:27

Let us pray:

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord’s birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

JESUS LOVES ME (*1st verse only*)

“LET THE CHILDREN COME”



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*LBW p. 83*)

(Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter.

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

¹In 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, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He 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.

⁵Every 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;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “John the Baptists Only Sermon”

HYMN OF THE DAY

BALTIC- (WOV Hymn #698) “We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus”

EAST- (LBW Hymn #35) “Hark the Glad Sound”

BAPTISM AT BALTIC—*Corbin James Moser*

APOSTLES’ CREED (*LBW p. 85*) *East Nidaros Only*

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord in your mercy

C “Hear our prayer”

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN (*LBW Hymn #410*) *Verses 1&2*

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*LBW p. 87*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*LBW p. 88*)

SANCTUS (*LBW p. 89*)

LORD’S PRAYER (*LBW p. 91*)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS LORD
AND HIS REAL PRESENCE IN THE BREAD AND WINE
ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(LBW p. 92) “LBW p. 92) “Lamb of God””

(WOV Hymn #734) “Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

(WOV Hymn #779) "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"
(WOV Hymn #780 "What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine"

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 92)

(sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he had done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Respond with **Amen**)

BLESSING (Respond with **Amen**)

SENDING HYMN (WOV Hymn #626) "People Look East"

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

C Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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MEMBERS:

Paul Romsdahl

David Karl

David Singsaas

Elaine Kringen

Eunice McGee

Deb Qualseth

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS:

Gene Dinger—Father & Father-in-law of Sam & Joe Beem

Lunette Sandhoff—Friend of Marjell Wendland

The Family of Paul Jensen—Friend of the Community.

Troy Hinz—Nephew of Curt Qualseth and David Qualseth

Florence McMahon—Mother of Ann Romsdahl

Nate Outen—Friend of Melva Lee Hilmoe

Joni Lambert—Friend of Brett & Corynne Teveldal

Jill Budahl—Friend of Kari Radack

Jordan Alderman—Nephew of Deb Qualseth

Denise Shutz— Friend of Kelly Dierkson



BAKED GOOD NEEDED FOR SANTA DAYS

Santa Days will be held Sunday, December 16th at the Old Elementary Gym. We are asking for baked goods for our bake sale. Funds raised from this allow us to continue to host this event and to give back to our community. A sign up sheet hangs on the bulletin board in the entry way. Goods can be dropped off the day before at the old gym when we are setting up or at the church Dec 16th. We appreciate your continued support of Santa Days.

The Sunday School Christmas Programs will be presented Dec 16th during worship.



The kids have been practicing and they sound good! Come and enjoy as the children share the meaning of Christmas with you.

Potlucks will follow the program at both churches.

Baltic will be presenting a new program.
"Jesus Means Christmas To Me"

Santa will be coming to Baltic Sun. Dec 16th!

1:00-3:00 at the Old Elementary Gym

Santa will arrive around 1:30

- * Hot Chocolate and cookies
- * Inflatable
- * Face Painting
- * Pictures with Santa by Marissa Whipple
- * Bake Sale
- * Cupcake Walk
- * Caroling from the Notes of Praise
- * Other Games



*Free Will Donations during Santa Days
will be given to the Baltic School Angel Tree*

BALTIC: Help is needed to prepare communion for the Christmas Eve Service. Ushers are also needed for Sun., Dec 30th. If you are willing, let Sam know or sign up on the bulletin board.

BALTIC MEMBERS your 2019 offering envelopes have been put in your mailboxes in the narthex. If you were missed or would like envelopes please speak with Alana.

BALTIC WELCA will meet Sunday, December 9 after services to make decisions for our 2018 donations. We will meet upstairs since the fellowship hall has been reserved.

EAST NIDAROS: The position of WELCA President and Secretary are open for the 2019 year.

EAST NIDAROS: The December 16 Committee for Potluck is Tom & Becky Siemonsma, Ron and Kristi Krogstad, Wayne & Jo Ann Albers, Diane Fueston. Job duties include; set up coffee, provide desserts, and clean up. Thank you Darla

Items can be dropped off at the Baltic school in the red box in the commons or in the tote labeled Food Pantry in the church narthex.



FOOD BANK ITEMS NEEDED

NO OPENED, PARTIALLY USED OR OUTDATED ITEMS PLEASE

- White Sugar
- Brown Sugar
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Hamburger Helper
- Stuffing
- Saltine Crackers
- Snack Crackers
- Coffee
- Juice
- Baking Needs
- Oil
- Breakfast Bars
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Personal Hygiene Products

**The Service of Remembrance will be
Sat, Dec. 15th @6pm at Baltic.**



The holidays and Christmas seasons are a time of joy for many. But for those who are still grieving the loss of loved ones or who are alone such as military families who have members who are deployed, it can be a time of sadness. We invite all to attend our service of remembrance to give you words of comfort and support during this time.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Your gift of a poinsettia will help beautify our churches during the Christmas season. If you would like to give a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one, and wish to have it listed in the January Newsletter & Christmas Bulletin, please let Sam know the names. *Please wait until the Dec 9th* to drop them off due to their longevity so they last until Christmas.



In the event church or church activities need to be cancelled due to weather, this is how we will communicate the closings:

- * Our Website (www.balticandeastnidaros.org)
Click on connect
then News and Announcements
- * Watch for it on Facebook
- * KELO—TV & Website
(www.keloland.com/weather/closelines)
- * KSFY—TV & Website
(www.ksfy.com/weather/closings)

We No Longer Will Be Using Dial My Calls

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BIBLE
STUDY



Tuesday Bible Study

2:00 at East Nidaros.

All are welcome!

Learn about the upcoming lessons and gospel while sharing in fun and fellowship.

Called to Serve

Baltic:

Organist: Holly Edelbrock

Dec 9th Ushers: Joe & Sam Beem

Lector: Ruth Lee

Dec 9th Altar: Joe & Sam Beem

Deacon: John Sinding

Fellowship: Group 4

East Nidaros:

Organist: Holly Edelbrock

Dec Ushers: Volunteers

Dec Altar Committee: Colleen Nielsen

December Noisy Can

Baltic: McCrossan Boys Ranch

East Nidaros: Vietnam Veterans' Association

Our Response to God's Love

Dec 2nd, 2018

Baltic: Attendance: 79 Offering: \$1,684.00

East Nidaros Attendance: 59

General Fund: \$1,134.00 Noisy Can: \$42.17

Thankoffering: \$20.00

Here's What's Happening Dec 9th – Dec 2nd

TODAY, DECEMBER 9th ADVENT 2 5:00 CHOIR PRACTICE AT EAST NIDAROS

Baltic	9:00 Worship & Baptism
	10:00 Sunday School (<i>till 11:30</i>) NO FELLOWSHIP
East Nidaros	9:30 Sunday School
	9:45 Fellowship
	10:30 Worship



Mon Dec 10	6:30 Baltic Council Meeting
Tue Dec 11	2:00 Bible Study at East Nidaros Sam out of the Office
Wed Dec 12	6:30-7:30 Food Bank Open 6:30 Confirmation at East Nidaros 7:00 East Council Meeting Sam of the Office
Thurs Dec 13	9:00 Bulletin Assembly 7:15 Health Board Meeting NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Fri Dec 14	No Activities
Sat Dec 15	6:00 Service of Remembrance

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH ADVENT 3

Baltic	9:00 Sunday School Christmas Program
	No Sunday School Potluck Following 1:00-3:00 Santa Days
East Nidaros	No Sunday School
	10:30 No Sunday School Christmas Program Potluck Following