

*Second Sunday in Advent*  
*December 5, 2021*



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## A FIRE BEYOND CONTROL

### PRESERVICE MUSIC    “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (arr. Line)

**A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you!**

### 343 PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

- 1    Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story: **Refrain**
- Refrain** Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!
- 2    God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! **Refrain**
- 3    Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! **Refrain**
- 4    His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: **Refrain**

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### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.    *1 John 4:9*

### INVOCATION

- P**    In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C**    Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Malachi 3:1, 6; Luke 3:4; Philippians 1:6, adapt.*

- P**    The LORD says, “Prepare the way of the Lord.”  
**C**    **We thank You, O Lord!**  
**P**    The LORD says, “The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming.”  
**C**    **We adore You, O Lord!**  
**P**    The LORD says, “I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed.”  
**C**    **We praise You, O Lord!**  
**P**    The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.  
**C**    **We worship You, O Lord!**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Two Advent candles are lit.*

- P**    Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C**    Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 25:6–7*

- P** Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

*A time of silence is observed.*

- P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have not borne fruit worthy of repentance. We have sinned against You and our neighbors.
- C** **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
- C** **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 81:8; 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

- P** The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”
- C** **Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!**
- P** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- C** **But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me.**
- P** Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”

## HYMN OF THE MONTH - 345 HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

*“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” touches on all of the most fundamental themes of the Advent season. The first stanza shows the urgent voice of John the Baptist in the wilderness, calling on his listeners to prepare the way of the Lord, whose arrival is imminent. The second part of the stanza echoes the language of Romans 13:11-14. A reminder that salvation is near and of the pressing need to awaken from spiritual sleep.*

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! “Christ is near,” we hear it say.  
“Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!”
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav’n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all, to be forgiv’n;
- 4 So, when next He comes in glory And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with His mercy And with words of love draw near.
- △ 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion To the Father and the Son  
With the ever-living Spirit While eternal ages run!

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord,

**C** to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son,

**P** that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds;

**C** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>“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.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 3:1–20*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>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 vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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.

<sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” <sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### 344 ON JORDAN’S BANK THE BAPTIST’S CRY

- 1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be 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.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.
- △ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

**SERMON** “A Fire Beyond Control” Luke 3:1-20

**CREED** Early Service – Nicene Creed Late Service –Apostles’ Creed  
(*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

- P** We pray,
- C** hear us, coming Lord.

*At the end of the prayer:*

- C** Amen.

***Late service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction***

**+ SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

- 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.

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming John the Baptist proclaimed in the wilderness and by whose death and resurrection calls us to repent, turning again and again to the font of His mercy, so that our lives bear fruit worthy of repentance. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 208*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## LORD'S PRAYER

## PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

*LSB 210*

- C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

***For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement  
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.***

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

**357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

*sts. 1, ref, 5–7*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**

**Refrain** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. **Refrain**

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain**

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. **Refrain**

**359 LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING**

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.

3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.

4 O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory,  
Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Prepare our hearts by this great gift to love You and to serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Philippians 1:6; Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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.

## 349 HARK THE GLAD SOUND

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.

## POSTLUDE “Hark the Glad Sound” (arr. Lang) & “Lift Up Your Heads” (arr. Bender)

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# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

## ***Daily Scripture Readings***

Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22  
Monday: Isaiah 44:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18  
Tuesday: Isaiah 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14  
Wednesday: Isaiah 24:14-25:12; 1 John 2:15-29  
Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24  
Friday: Isaiah 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21  
Saturday: Isaiah 28:14-29; 1 John 5:1-21

## ***In Our Prayers This Week*** (as of Thursday morning)

Nichole, recovering from Covid	Carrie, healing from a stroke
Diane, hospice care	Linda, brain cancer
Wes, health issues	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Del, health issues	Voss, infant recovering from an accident
Jack, ongoing health issues	Elgart, cancer
Chris, ongoing health issues	Lauren's mother
Mehria in the Middle East, safety	Shirley, health issues
Blake	Nancy, health issues
Al, health issues	Berklee
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Jean, health issues	Duane, cancer
Jerry, health issues	Dave, health issues
June, health issues	Eunice, health issues
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	
Those injured and those who mourn in the city of Waukesha	
For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.	
For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.	
Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.	

**Our Savior Families:** Jessica & Family, Jerry & Jean, Grant, Joe & Kim, David & Lynn

**Hymn of the Week** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**