

The 2nd Sunday in Advent + December 4, 2022

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois

St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois

HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" *LSB 344 / TLH 63*

Hymns of the Church Year CPH 2009

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184-185

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM: *Read Psalm 72:1-7*

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

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⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
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.

KYRIE *LSB 186 / TLH p.7 or 17*

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 187-189 / TLH pp. 7-9 or 17-19*

**C: Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill
toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship
Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy
great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father
Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that
takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our
prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the
Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of
Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to
serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1–10

- P: ¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- ²And 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.
- ³And 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,
- ⁴but 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.
- ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
- ⁶The 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.
- ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹They 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.
- ¹⁰In 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.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

- P: ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, that through endurance and through the

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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." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May 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.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: "God Loves Me Dearly" *LSB 392*

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1. **God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**

Refrain:

**Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**

2. **I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. *Refrain***
3. **He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain***
4. **Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. *Refrain***
5. **Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. *Refrain***

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: ¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For 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.’” ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Even 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 with fire. ¹²His 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED LSB 192

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” *LSB 347 / TLH 61*

Lutheran TV – Hymns from the LSB St. John LCMS Hubbard, IA

1. **“Comfort, comfort ye My people,
Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning ‘neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over.”**

2. **Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.**

3. **Hark, the herald’s voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.**

4. **Make ye straight what long was crooked;
Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o’er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.**

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SERMON: “Repent!” *Matthew 3:1-12*

HYMN OF RESPONSE: “When All the World Was Cursed”

Lutheran TV – Hymns from the LSB, St. John LCMS, Hubbard, IA *LSB 346 / TLH 272*

1. **When all the world was cursed
By Moses’ condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came
With words of consolation.
With true forerunner’s zeal
The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown,
As Savior he proclaimed.**

2. **Before he yet was born,
He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord
Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan’s rolling stream,
A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him
Of whom the prophets told:**

3. **Behold the Lamb of God
That bears the world’s transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes
The devil’s dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God,
Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy
Will full atonement win.**

4. **O grant, dear Lord of love,
That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior’s way
Until we live with Him
In His eternal day.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION [LSB 202]

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357 / TLH 62

Hymns for All Saints Advent Christmas Epiphany, sts. 1,2,4,5,7 2005.

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

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

2. **O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.**
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

4. **O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain**

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**

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**

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