



*Second Sunday in Advent*  
*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
 Red Bud, Illinois  
December 3-4, 2016



**THE PRELUDE:** "People, Look East"

*arranged by Steven Wentz*

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

**OPENING HYMN: 344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"** (*please stand for last stanza*)

*Divine Service Four, page 203ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 203

*We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 105; Isaiah 40:3b



In the wilderness prepare the way / of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway / for our God.

Seek the Lord / and His strength; seek His presence con- / tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that / He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He / uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, His / servant, children of Jacob, His / chosen ones!

He is the / Lord our God; His judgments are in / all the earth.

He remembers His covenant for- / ever, the word He commanded, for a thousand gener- / ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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**KYRIE:** (page 204) (*sung*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(We omit the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** during the Advent season.)

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. C: 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. Amen. (*please be seated*)

**THE OLD TESTAMENT 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. 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.

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,

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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**THE GRADUAL:**

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26*

L: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

L: Behold, your king is coming to you; C: righteous and having salvation.

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. C: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**Romans 15:4-13**

For 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. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For 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, and 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." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol Him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope." 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** (page 205) (sung)

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 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.'"

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 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? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 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. 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. 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. 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." L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: CREED**

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 206** (10:30 a.m.) **The Apostles' Creed: page 207**

(please be seated) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG** (10:30 a.m.)

**Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,**

**He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,**

**He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,**

**Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Beth-l'em's baby boy.**

**Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love,**

**He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

**He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY: 346 "When All the World Was Cursed"**

**SERMON: "What Will It Be Like When Jesus Comes" Isaiah 11:1-10**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (please stand if you are able)

(Each petition ends "**Lord, in Your mercy**" and we respond, "**hear our prayer.**")

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Harry Peters, Donald Salger, Andre Voges, C. John Prigge, Arlene Pratt, Omar Koester, Diana Becker, Travis Oettle; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Brenda Manning, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Kezely, Bob Stirnaman, Debra Weimer, Terry Heller, Steve Herriman, Bobby Wood, Lori Voges, Emmett Montroy, Jr and Glenn Bollinger. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Thomas Goetting, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Courtney Kueker, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop

+thanksgiving for God's blessings as we finish our capital campaign giving

+the birth of a son, Hayden William, to Billy and Sarah (Wetzel) Schlimme on Monday

+the birth of a daughter, Hazel Sue, to John and Brittany (Salger) Veath on Wednesday

+birth of a daughter, Piper Elaine, to Aaron Runge and Colleen Schield on November 9

+those suffering from the fires in the Gatlinburg area of Tennessee

(please be seated)

**OFFERING:** "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry"

*arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche*

*The 10:30 a.m. service ends with the Lord's Prayer, a Closing Prayer, and Benediction.*

(5 p.m. & 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

**PREFACE and SANCTUS:** page 208

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER:** page 209

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:** page 209

**THE PAX DOMINI:**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**THE AGNUS DEI:** page 210

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

352 "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

625 "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** "Song of Simeon" page 211

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 212

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:** page 212

**CLOSING HYMN: 518 "By All Your Saints in Warfare" stanzas 1, 18, and 3**

**THE POSTLUDE:** "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

*arranged by Charles W. Ore*

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