



**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
 Red Bud, Illinois  
 December 7-8, 2019



**PRELUDE:** "By All Your Saints" *arr. by K. Hildebrand*  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.

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

*Divine Service Three, page 184ff.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** pages 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.  
 P 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.**

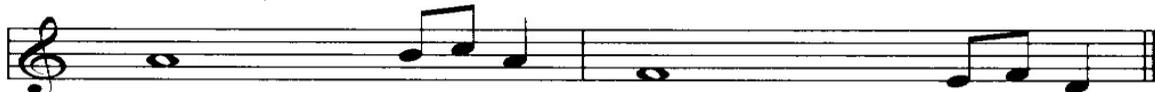
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

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.**

*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.  
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

**ADVENT STANZA:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (*sung*)

O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,  
 That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.  
 Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

P: The Lord be with you. C: (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**  
 P: 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.

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

**GRADUAL:**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**  
 Behold, your king is coming to you; **righteous and having salvation.**  
 Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **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.

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

*(please stand if able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 190 *(sung)*

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter. **C: *(sung)* Glory be to Thee, 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." P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed:**

*(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.)* **The Nicene Creed: page 191 (8 a.m.) The Apostles' Creed: page 192**

*(please be seated)* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG: (8 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: 936 "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"**

**SERMON:** "John's Warm-Up Act: It's All About Jesus" Matthew 3:1-12

*(please stand if able)* **OFFERTORY:** pages 192-193

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*(please be seated)* **OFFERING:** "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry" *arr. by Kenneth T. Kosche*

*(10:30 a.m.)* The Rite of Confirmation, page 272ff.

**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:** Leonard Vogt, Kenneth Koester, Helen Winkelman, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttman, Curtis Hartmann, Doris Hartmann, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Julie Ratz, Tim Deien, Stuart Langwehr, Roger Kozora, Peggy Sitzes, Lori Rees, Nolan Liefer; *Family and Friends of St. John's Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Grace Urspruch, Elda Guebert, Pat Wilson, Nancy O'Dell, Guy Lautenschlaeger., *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** *(Please call with names.)* Army- Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Nathan Koen, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure

+thanksgiving for the wedding of Brandy Reinhardt and Blake Koppel on December 13

+those who mourn: the family of former member Leland Stamm who died in the Lord on Tuesday

*The 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord's Prayer and a Closing Prayer.*

*(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.)* **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 194ff.

**PREFACE:** page 194 **SANCTUS:** page 195 **LORD'S PRAYER:** page 196

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND PAX DOMINI:** page 197

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: *(sung)* A-men.**

**THE AGNUS DEI:** page 198

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)*

**347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"**

**359 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

**634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, our Lord"**

**NUNC DIMITTIS:** "Song of Simeon" pages 199-200

**THANKSGIVING, SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS:** pages 200-202

**BENEDIC TION:** page 202

**CLOSING HYMN: 518 "By All Your Saints in Warfare"** *stanzas 1, 18, and 3 ("A-men.")*

**THE POSTLUDE:** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

*arranged by John Schaffner*

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(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;  
so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith,  
a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness,  
the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)