



Second Sunday of Advent
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PRELUDE/PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Blessed are you, God of Hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot of the stump of Jesus who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people. As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Christ, hope of all nations.

O people of hope. Come,

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might, **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst, **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through ✝ Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG “*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*” #254

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 am Choir

10:30 am Kelly Rodenschmit

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm

Luke 1:68-79

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

Pastor Karen Hofstad

SERMON SONG “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry”(v,1-3,5) #249

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERING RESPONSE *“Let the Vinyards be Fruitful”* #184

OFFERING PRAYER

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONG *“Lamb of God”* p.112

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION **All are welcome!**

Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark) (gluten free wafer available upon request)

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey, ✚ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *“Hark, the Glad Sound”* #239

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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