

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8, 2024 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Livestream at 11:00 a.m.



FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY **THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Rev. Drew McCaffery, Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history.

Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.



★ GATHERING ★

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort of My People

Arr. John Ferguson

Please stand, as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P *God of mercy,*

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

P *God of might,*

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

P *God in our midst,*

C **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

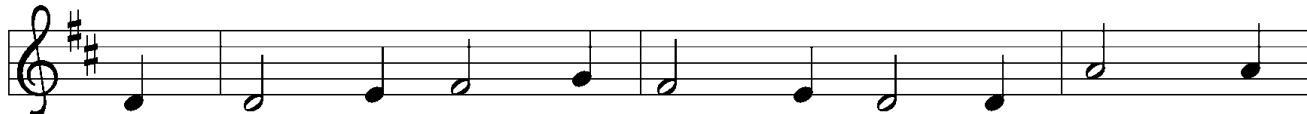
P *A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.*

C **Amen.**

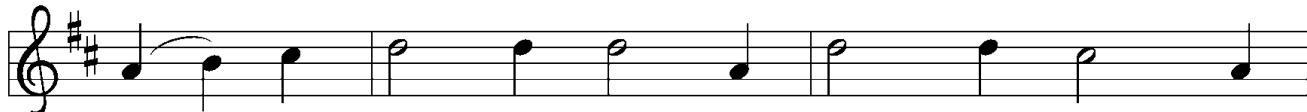
Entrance Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

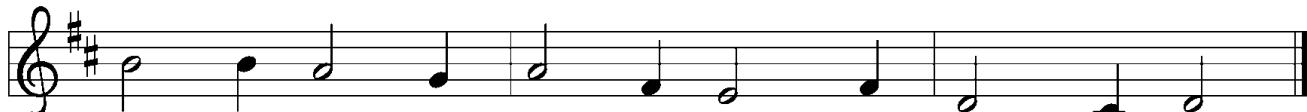
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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - dge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King - of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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

C **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise and Advent Wreath Lighting

Two candles of the Advent Wreath are lit as we sing Verse 2 of Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah.



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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

A *Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.*

C **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.**

Please be seated.

★ THE WORD ★

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

L *A reading from Malachi. ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But 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; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

L *The word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Luke 1:68-79

Read responsively.

L ⁶⁸ *Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.*

C ⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

L ⁷⁰ *Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from
our enemies,*

⁷¹ *from the hands of all who hate us,*

C ⁷² **to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

L ⁷³ *This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:*

⁷⁴ *to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

C **free to worship you without fear,
75 holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life**

L ⁷⁶ *And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,*

C ⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

L ⁷⁸*In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,*

C ⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of
death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

L *A reading from first Philippians. ³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

L *The word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,

last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

we pray you hear us when we call.
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

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

¹ *In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,*

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

*‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.*

⁵ *Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,*

*and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. ' "*

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Drew McCaffery

Please stand as you are able.

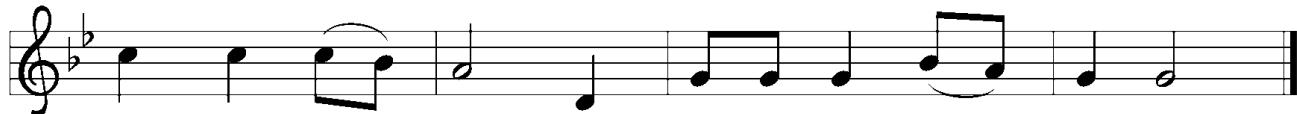
Hymn of the Day

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

No. 247



O - so - sō *o - so - sō*, *pyong - hwa - ūi* - *im - gūm*
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga *han - mom* *i - ru - ge* *ha - so - sō*.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

The 8:30 service continues with the Nicene Creed on page 11.

Council Installation 11 a.m.

P *Let us begin in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The following people have been elected and appointed by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these siblings will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation. Will the following council members come forward: Kirsten Anke, Connie Charitonuk, Dawn Hetzer, Lis Miller, David Poust, Linda Ruese, Laura Runyeon, Daisy Shook, Deb Smeton, Steve Starbuck, Lisa Steel, Ruthann Sutherland, and Tina Zimmerman*

P *A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

P *You have been elected and appointed to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.*

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

*On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?*

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Please stand, as you are able.

P *People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?*

C **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P *I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.*

C **Amen.**

The 11 a.m. service continues with the prayers on page 12

A *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*
C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

A *As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.*

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A *Lord, in your mercy,*
C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P *Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.*
C **Amen.**

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*
C **And also with you.**

After sharing the peace, please be seated.

Offering & Anthem (11am)

Comfort, Comfort of My People *Arr. John Ferguson*
Chancel Choir

Offertory

As the gifts are presented, please stand as you are able.



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv-ing Bread.



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev 'ry soul be fed.



You are the Liv-ing Bread, let ev 'ry soul be fed:



and now may ev 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

A *Let us pray. Creator God,*
C **you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

★THE EUCHARIST★

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 our thanks and praise.**

P *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P *Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P *Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:*

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.

P *God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.*

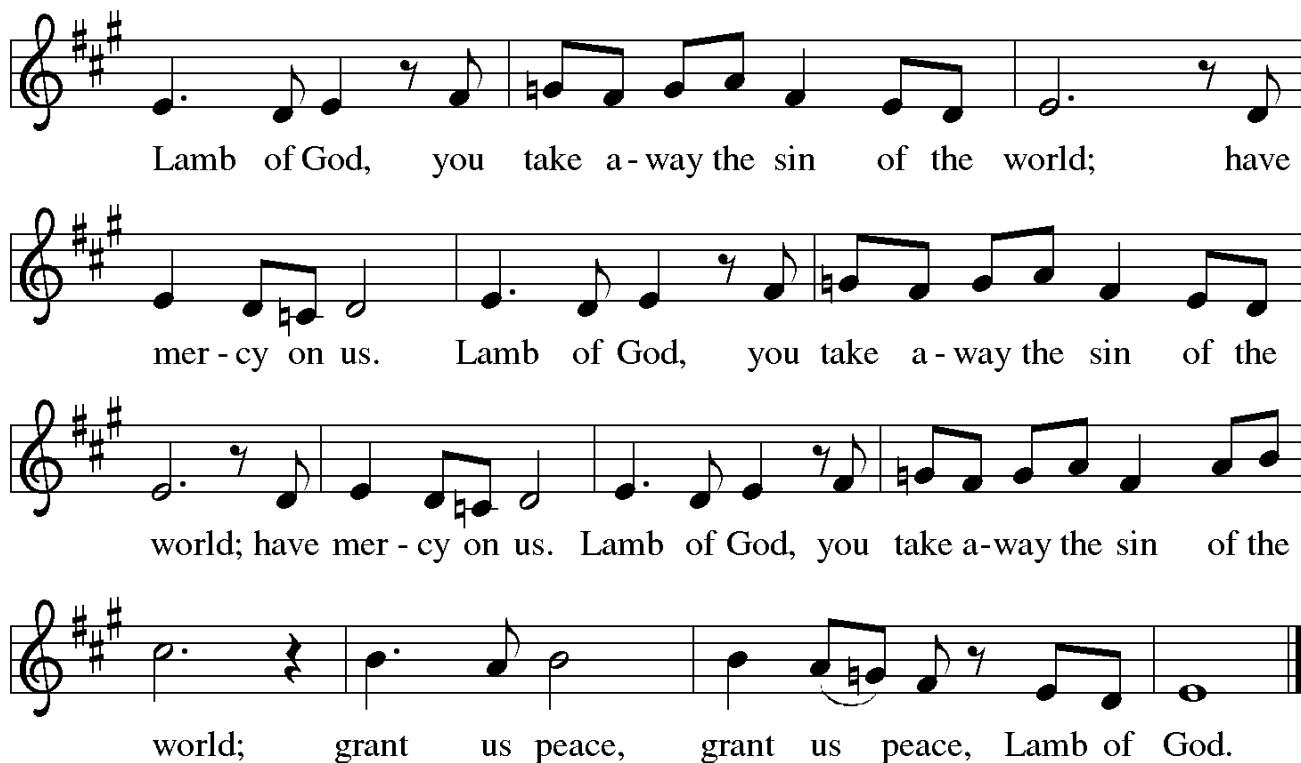
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table! Whether you are a member of this church or a visitor, the Communion celebrated here is "open" to all who trust that our Lord Jesus Christ—his true Body and his true Blood—is present for All of God's People.

(Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.)

During the distribution of communion, the following is sung:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

No. 250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a mighty arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

P *The body and blood of our risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

C **Amen.**

A *Let us pray. Generous God,*

C **in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

★ SENDING ★

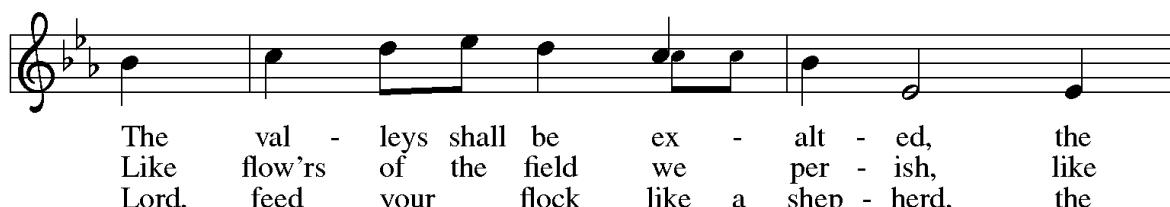
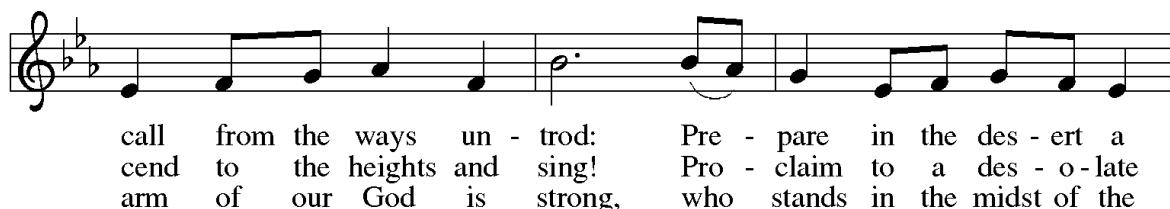
P *God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey, + bless and keep you now and
forever.*

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

No. 255



A *Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.*

C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God

*By Janet and Geoff DeVinney in honor of their
Granddaughter, Kalani, on her birthday.*

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

*Ray, Sue, Bob, Al, Donna, Joan, Ed, Marion, Betty,
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