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Second Sunday in Advent





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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Luke 1:46-47** <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**Prayer:** Dear Savior of love, the love You have for all people was magnified in Your incarnation. You didn't come in majesty or great glory, but to the humble home of the virgin Mary. Your grace allowed her to magnify Your love for her and every other sinner. Let that grace so fill our hearts, that we may also magnify Your glory, Your love, and the praise that You deserve for being our Savior. Through Your saving name, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Opening: TLH 66 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**

### **Confession and Absolution:**

**[P]:** Dearly beloved! We have come together today to thank God for His Gift of love which He presented to the world in the person of His Son Jesus Christ, born at Bethlehem as our Savior. We also want to prepare ourselves for Jesus' Second Coming into the world on the Last Day. Oh, come let us worship Him! Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker! As we come into God's presence to worship and hear His Word, let us also join in making confession of our sins and then receive forgiveness from God's abundant mercy.

**[C]:** Almighty God, merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy Law. We have done those things which we should not have done. We have left undone those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and returning Lord. Amen.

**[P]:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His beloved child. Children of God, your sins are forgiven you. Go and sin no more.

**[C]:** Amen.

**♪ Hosanna to the living Lord!  
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word!  
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,  
Let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing.**

### **The Responsory**

**[P]:** Behold, your King is coming to you.

**[C]:** "For where two or three are gathered together in My name,  
there I am in the midst of them."

**[P]:** "If anyone loves me He will keep My Word and My Father will love him,

**[C]:** And We will come to him and make Our home with him."

**P**: Behold, He shall come, says the LORD of Hosts.

**O Savior with protecting care  
Abide in this Your house of prayer,  
Where we Your parting promise claim,  
Assembled in Your holy Name.**

**P**: Behold, your King is coming to you.

Even the Messenger of the Covenant, Whom you delight in,

**C**: **For we have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Cornerstone,**

**P**: In Whom the whole building, being joined together,  
grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

**C**: **In whom we also are being built together  
for a habitation of God in the Spirit.**

**P**: Behold, He shall come, says the LORD of Hosts.

**O Advent King, our sins forgive;  
Come in our lives and hearts to live,  
And let our humble souls become  
A temple worthy of Your name.**

**P**: Behold, your King is coming to you.

**C**: **All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.**

**P**: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**C**: **And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.**

**P**: Behold, He shall come, says the LORD of Hosts.

**So in the last and dreadful Day,  
When earth and heaven shall melt away,  
Thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain,  
Shall swell the sound of praise again.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray...Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare the way for Your one-and-only Son. Enable us to worship Him whose coming brings us life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 7:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> And the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer's Field. <sup>4</sup> And say to him, 'Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. <sup>5</sup> Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, <sup>6</sup> "Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it," <sup>7</sup> thus says the Lord GOD: "It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass. <sup>8</sup> For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. And within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered from being a people. <sup>9</sup> And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.'" <sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." <sup>13</sup> And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

## **Epistle Lesson:**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **Confession of Faith:**

## **Apostles Creed**

**☩ 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 is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty. From there 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

**LSB 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord**

## **Sermon**

## **Luke 1:46-55**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

## Mary's Song: Amazing Love

**Offertory: TLH 73 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord,  
abide! Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me  
reveal; Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.**

**Hymn:** **WS 760 O Love How Deep**

## Offering of Thankful Hearts

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

### Matthew 6:9-13

**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**

## Benediction

**C Amen.**

**Hymn:**        **LSB 935 Sing Out, My Soul, the Glories of the Lord**

## Silent Prayer

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# Announcements

**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

## Upcoming Events:

- **Special Services Upcoming:** Advent Candlelight Service Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (time TBD).
- **Vacation Bible School:** Our Christmas VBS is scheduled for Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm. We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Lori-Jo or myself. Registration is now available on the website.
- **Advent:** Next Sunday we continue our study on the songs of Advent. Simeon's Song: Amazing Peace.

## Call News:

- Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN ***is considering the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.
- Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY ***is considering the call*** to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI; Pastor Libby ***is also considering the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ
- Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck (current vacancy pastor at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN) ***is considering the call*** to serve as Assistant to the Pastor at Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN



- Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL ***is considering the call*** to be part-time pastor at Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN
- Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt ***is considering the vacancy call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ

## **Around the CLC:**

- **National Women's Retreat Coming in January!**
  - **What:** Press Pause for the National Women's (Virtual) Retreat
  - **When:** Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026 // 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (PT)
  - **How:** Join us virtually via Zoom
  - **Register now:** <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause26>
  - **Cost:** It's Free!
- **The Branches Subscription Renewal:** Renewal information for The Branches magazine are available on the table in the narthex. The deadline for renewals (or new subscriptions) is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Upcoming Schedule:**

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Advent Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm