

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021 10:30 a.m.



Watch our Chapel Service on CHANNEL 105

Order of Worship

Prelude *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming* Rachel C.

Lighting the Advent Wreath Advent I

Let us pray:

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **Refrain:**

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW 239

Hark, the glad sound!
The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetter yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

Text: Philip Doddridge; **Music:** Thomas Haweis.

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

Response: *And also with you.*

Canticle of Praise

ELW, pages 148-149

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We praise you for your glory.

We worship you, we give you thanks,
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, 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.**

First Reading – Malachi 3:1-4

See, 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. But 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; 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. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Psalm – Luke 1:67-79

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our

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ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading – Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I 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.

It 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. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and

blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Response: *Thanks be to God!*

Gospel Acclamation

ELW, page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Music: Thomas Pavlechko. Music © 2006 Thomas Pavlechko, admin. Augsburg Fortress.



Gospel – Luke 3:1-6

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

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, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of

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repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 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. 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; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Prepare the Way

Pr. Mandsager



On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and harken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
 Make straight the way for God within,
 And let us all our hearts prepare
 For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
 Our refuge and our great reward;
 Without your grace we waste away
 Like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
 And make us rise to fall no more;
 Oh, let your face upon us shine
 And fill the world with love divine.

Text: Charles Coffin, tr. composite; **Music:** European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius

Prayers of the Church

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

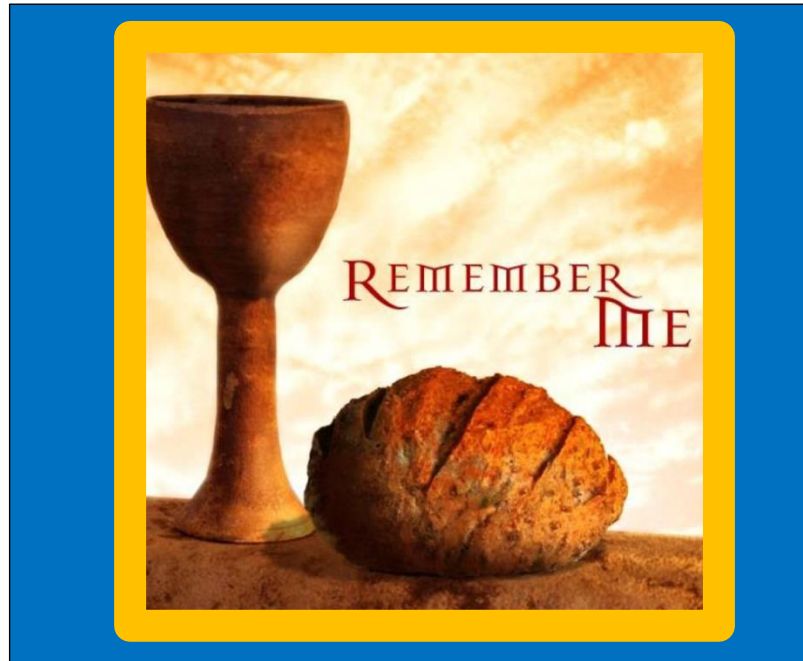
Response: And also with you.

Offertory

*Wild and Lone
 the Prophet's Voice*

Rachel C.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Invitation

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Song*Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food
while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you
free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none
can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in
endless joy. **Amen.**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ELW 254

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
 Born a child, and yet a king;
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By thine all sufficient merit
 Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley; **Music:** W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*; arr. hymnal version.
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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Rachel C.



**Advent Worship Calendar
10:30 AM on Channel 105**

Advent III 12/12/2021

Advent IV 12/19/2021



**Installation of
Pastor Michael Mandsager**

Bishop Regina Hassanally presiding
Tuesday, December 7, 2021
10:30 AM
Channel 105



**Christmas Worship Calendar
3:30 PM on Channel 105**

Christmas Eve Service 12/24/2021

Christmas Day Carol Service 12/25/2021



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