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December 8th, 2024 9:30am

Second Sunday of Advent



*With One Voice - Setting 5 (Bread of Life), page 28*  
*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door*  
*You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (\*)*

## **Gathering**

### **Prelude and Contemplation**

Tena Rackow

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting of Advent Wreath**

**P:** Seek the Lord while he may be found.

**C:** **Call upon him while he is near.**

**P:** Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C:** **Make the Lord's paths straight.**

**P:** Lift up your heads, O gates,

**C:** **that the king of glory may come in.**

**P:** The Spirit and the church cry out:

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus!**

**P:** All those who await his appearance pray:

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus!**

**P:** The whole creation pleads:

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus!**

**P:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*The Second candle is lit.*

# Advent Song

## Waiting, Waiting

verse 2

### Waiting, Waiting

Donald F. Marsh



2. Waiting waiting.



## Confession and Forgiveness

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**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection*

**P:** Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\* Hymn

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

ELW # 239

**\* Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\* Kyrie**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*WOV page 28*

**P:** Kyrie eleison.      **C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Christe eleison.      **C:** Christ, have mercy.

**P:** Kyrie eleison.      **C:** Lord, have mercy.

**\* Canticle**

*Glory to God*

*WOV page 29*

**C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God...**

**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.**

**Glory to God...**

**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.**

**Glory to God...**

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

## \* Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray.

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 .

**C: Amen.**

## Readings

### First Reading: *Malachi 3:1-4*

**L:** A reading from the prophet Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. [ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: *Luke 1:68-79*

**L:** Let us read responsively from Luke.

<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people,

<sup>69</sup>**and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,**

<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> **that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;**  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> **the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us,**  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> **in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> **to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,**  
<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup> **to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of  
death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.” [ESV]**

## **Second Reading: *Philippians 1:3-11***

**L:** A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. [ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**\* Gospel: *Luke 3:1-6***

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

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

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,



and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,  
<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” [ESV]

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Reflection

**Sermon**

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

\* **Hymn**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

**ELW # 250**

\* **Nicene Creed**

*WOV page 32*

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 whom 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,  
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.**

**Choir Anthem**

***Advent Prayer***

*We lift our prayers for*

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Richard Freitag, Todd Schlachter, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Libby Wuethrich, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Sylvia Jones, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz and prayers for stroke patients. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family of Curt Breneman.

# Prayer

## Prayers of Intercession

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*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** ... Lord, in your mercy,  
**C:** **receive our prayer.**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

WOV page 39

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus 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.**

## Blessing

WOV page 41

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,  
In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

\* Hymn *Prepare the Royal Highway*

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\* Dismissal

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P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow

Property Committee Meeting  
Monday, December 9th at 6:00pm

### CHANGE THE DATE

Originally scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Caroling for Good Shepherd's shut-ins will be Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please bring food to share, after lunch we will go caroling. Questions, see Sue Diddens.

Friendship Club  
Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, potluck at 12:30pm.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting  
Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

### Christmas Worship Schedule

*December 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am Children's Christmas Pageant*

*December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service, communion will be served*

*December 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am, Christmas Worship Service, communion will not be served.*

***Attendance November 24<sup>th</sup>  
In-person 27, Online 71***