

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 8, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Based on Divine Service 4 LSB pg. 203



As We Gather

Preparation is probably on your mind. Christmas is only weeks away. As we prepare for Jesus to come, we reflect on John the Baptist's words to people who asked what they should do to prepare for the Messiah's coming. John says we are to "make His paths straight" by sharing food and clothing, by not taking advantage of people, and by being content with what the Lord has given us. In the midst of your busy preparations, consider these words.

Special Music (10:45 a.m.)

"Joy Hallelujah"

Calvary Chorale

(Preview of this afternoon's JoySwing concert-4:00 p.m. at Calvary)

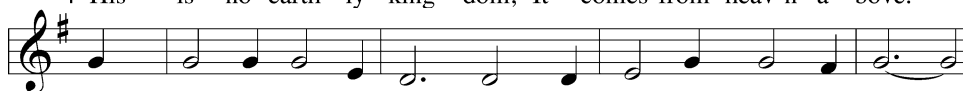
Prelude & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) "Prepare the Royal Highway"

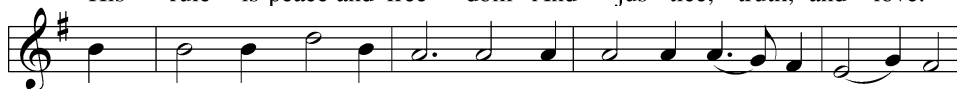
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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ~ Colossians 3:16

Invocation & Opening Sentences

- P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
P: Prepare the way of the Lord.
C: **Make His paths straight.**
P: Every valley shall be filled,
C: **and every mountain and hill made low.**
P: The crooked shall become straight,
C: **and the rough places shall become level ways.**
P: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
C: **We wait for Christ's return and the resurrection of all flesh.**

Confession & Absolution

- P: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. As we wait for His coming, let us come before the Lord in humility.
C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that our faith has been lacking. We have not abounded in love for one another or for You. Our hearts are filled with blame and shame, with corruption and conceit. Forgive us, strengthen our faith, and purify our hearts, so that we may experience Your peace and presence this day.**
P: As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, he said, "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." This salvation is complete in Jesus Christ, who comes to you once again today with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear then with assurance His promise of grace: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candle *John 8:12; John 1:5; 1 Cor 4:5; 2 Cor 4:6*

- L: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C: **the light no darkness can overcome.**
L: Let Your light scatter the darkness
C: **and illumine Your Church.**



The first two blue candles are lit, as we sing...

Advent Hymn

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| <p>1 We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise
That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior
Who wins for us God's favor.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!</p> | <p>2 We light the Advent candle
And thank the Lord for rest.
With peace, we know our Jesus
Has come to be our guest.
This peace beyond all knowing
Within our hearts is glowing.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!</p> |
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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Christ, that by His presence we may serve you in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

Old Testament (*Please be seated*)

“Behold! He is Coming”

Malachi 3:1-4

¹“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. 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. ³He 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

“That your love may abound more and more”

Philippians 1:3-11

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse (*Please stand and sing*)

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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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.

Holy Gospel

“You brood of vipers!?!?”

Luke 3:1-14

- P: ¹In 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, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As 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. ⁵Every 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, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him,
- C: “What then shall we do?”
- P: ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him,
- C: “Teacher, what shall we do?”
- P: ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him,
- C: “And we, what shall we do?”
- P: And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

— Matthew 19:14



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 Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry



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.
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

— Psalm 96:1-3

Sermon Series: “Advent Conspiracy” (Week 2 – Preparing Our Homes)

1) The _____ of an _____ – The last of the _____.

²⁶ [Jesus said,] What did you go out [into the wilderness] to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you” (Luke 7:26-27).

2) A _____ to _____ – Jesus is _____! _____?

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him...

¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, ...

¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him...

“And we, *what shall we do?*” (Luke 3:10, 12, 14).

3) _____ with the _____ of life – Practicing _____ and _____.

³ And [John] 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 Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...’ ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:3-4, 6).

Join us next week as we “Prepare Our Lives” for the coming of Jesus.

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship

(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)

Gathering of Offerings

(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts.

If you would like to contribute electronically, either onetime or ongoing gifts, please use www.clcs.org/donate or the QR code here.)



Video Clip

“Christmas Box-Preparing for the Gift of Jesus”

Special Music (10:45 a.m.)

“Emmanuel Come”

Calvary Chorale

Lord's Prayer & Prayer of the Church *(Please stand)*

P: Lord Jesus, teach us to pray:

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.

L: As You raised up a voice in the wilderness, O Lord, continue to equip Your people to speak to those in darkness and to call them forth into Your light, so that your name may be hallowed and Your Kingdom may come among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Guide Your Church, O Lord, and all who serve her. Bless this congregation that we may be steadfast in hope, faithful in confession, and united in the work of proclaiming Your holy name in this community and to the world, so that Your will be done in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Make the leaders of our nation wise and selfless, O Lord, that our country may faithfully use all that You have entrusted to us. Teach us proper thankfulness for the daily bread we receive. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Lord, open our eyes to those in need that we may extend the comfort of Your grace to those forgotten in our society. Help our lives abound in forgiveness and reconciliation, as we forgive those who hurt us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, give aid to the wounded in body or spirit. May their time of difficulty not lead them into any sort of temptation, but may it be a deliverance from the evils that lurk in our hearts and this world. Today, we especially remember in our prayers (...*special petitions*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We lift all honor to You, O God, our King. May You reign in our lives and our world, as we commend ourselves to Your care. These things we ask in the blessed name of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

The 8:00 a.m. service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.

Holy Communion - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church.

Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.

† Service of Holy Communion †

6:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Preface

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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.

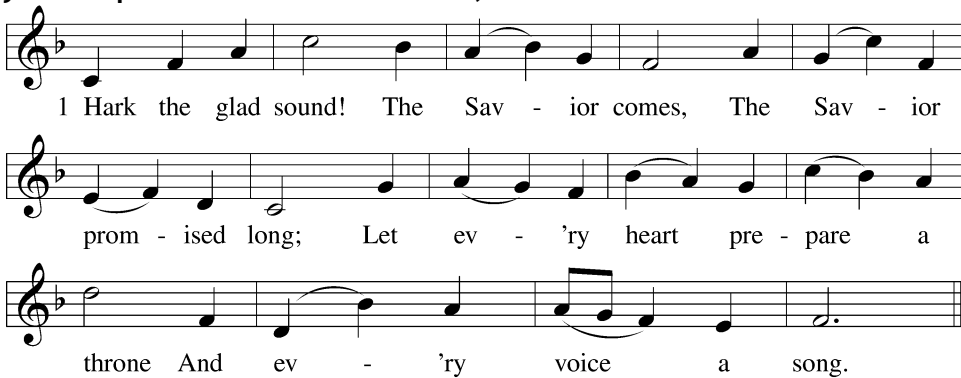
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has deigned to visit us with His merciful presence so that we would be united to Him and reconciled to You. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Hymn Response

"Hark, the Glad Sound"

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I Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Hear us, O Lord, as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has 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.

The Words of Institution & the Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Agnus Dei (Sung)

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O Lamb of God, You take away each sin that leads our hearts astray.
Have mercy on us, great High Priest, And lead us to Your endless feast.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Your hope is here, O Israel.

Distribution Hymns (Please be seated) "When All the World Was Cursed"

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1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re - joice - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro - claimed by John, Our true re - pen - tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.



“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

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1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er more, as best I can,
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Post Communion Hymn (Please stand)

“Hark, the Glad Sound”

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4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Lord, we thank You that once again You have been with us as we have gathered in Your house and at Your table. We thank You that, of Your mercy, You have strengthened us with Your heavenly feast. Bless our lives with Your abiding presence and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom. We ask this for in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

8:00 a.m. service continues here

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

Postlude

Join us Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for the JoySwing concert (Dec 9).

Join us this week for a special Advent worship service on Wed., December 12.

- *This week's 3:45 p.m. service theme will be “God With Us: Our Living Branch”.*
- *This week's 7:00 p.m. service will be the 3^d - 8th Grade Christmas Program.*