

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8 and 9, 2019

Welcome to Worship! Isaiah presents a remarkable vision where predator and prey are no longer opposed to each other but get along. Even more amazing is when humans set aside hatred and conflict and live in peace. That is the miracle Jesus has made possible by coming as the Prince of Peace, and He is still at work in and through us to a world that needs peace!

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

We love children! If your child gets fussy, please take him/her to the Comfort Place in the Atrium. You can hear the service there and will allow others to hear as well.

A Staffed Nursery is available at **9:00 A.M.** beneath the narthex.

Sunday School classes meet upstairs at 10:15. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at **9:00A.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray.

Large Print bulletins and Hearing devices are available from an usher.

+ DIVINE SERVICE IV, Page 203 +

THE PRELUDE: "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People" - F.W. Marpung

THE HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Hymn 343

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: Page 203

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (We sing Hymn 350, verse 2)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: (We pray together) **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Isaiah 11:1-10** (Page 575)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes

see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples – of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:4-13 (Page 949)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: Page 205

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12 (Page 808) C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to

flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume 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. Even 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. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED, Page 206 (9:00/7:00) **THE APOSTLES' CREED**, Page 207 (11:15)

THE HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" **Hymn 344**

THE SERMON: "Harmony"

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" -Benjamin Harlan

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00 and 7:00 **HOLY COMMUNION:** Pages 208-211;

"Advent Processional" - Anna Laura Page; **Hymns: 609, 618, 333, 347, 632**

THE BENEDICTION: Page 212

THE CLOSING HYMN: "When All the World Was Cursed " **Hymn 346**

Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.

THE POSTLUDE: "The King Shall Come" - David N. Johnson

Vicar will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

Preacher: Pastor Blomenberg **Liturgists:** Pastor Rodriguez & Pastor Bloch

Lector: Vicar Ronchetto **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Special Music:** ILS Children

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ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

Large and regular print Advent devotionals are available today in the hallways and atrium. This devotional is perfect for personal reflection or to share with family and friends. These seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of the Advent season.

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