



# GRACE LUTHERAN

CHURCH • SCHOOL



## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 3, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

**DECEMBER 4, 2022 - 10:45 AM**

*(The \* indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

## **PRELUDE**

“The Advent Star”

*Gilbert Martin*

## **WELCOME**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” *Hymn 341*  
*([10:45] Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.**

**A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.**

**How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav’n’s employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov’rign enter in And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!**

**Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.**

## **\*THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Leader:** During this holy season of Advent, ancient Christians gathered for special times of worship to renounce their sins and call upon the Son of God to return. They took to heart the promised titles of the coming

Messiah in the Old Testament, set them to music and called upon Christ to come again, delivering them once and for all to Himself. In that same spirit, we take time in our worship this morning to renounce our sins and call upon our Savior to come and deliver us. I invite you to kneel as we sing the ancient words of advent and confess our sins to our coming Savior.

*(Please kneel or be seated.)*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Messiah, come again, And rid the world of death and sin.  
Return Thou risen Savior and King, That heav'n and earth at last may sing  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Silence for personal confession*

Leader: Gracious Savior,

**People: We confess that our lives are filled with sin and our land is captive to death. We have given in to temptation and brought misery upon ourselves. We need You to continually come among us with Your grace and with Your life. Forgive us of our sins, restore our broken relationships, fill us with Your Spirit and heal our land. For we desire to sing Your praises today and everyday. In the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, set us free and come again to bring us home to You. Amen.**

Leader: Friends in Christ, I have good news for you! Your Savior has indeed come to this earth. Not only did He live a perfect life in your place, but He also died on the cross for all of your sins. Risen from the dead, He brings His grace to you and pours out His Spirit upon you. He leads you in holy living to keep you blameless and hopeful until He comes again in glory. As a servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

*(Please stand)*

**O come, Desire of Nations bind In one the hearts of all mankind  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

## \*THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us with Your presence. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant us a deep and abiding peace for all of our days. By the working of the Holy Spirit, lead us to share that joy we now know as Your gift. Keep us in true faith until the coming of Your everlasting kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Romans 15:4-13*

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you

may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANTHEM

"Thanks be to God"  
(Grace Choristers)

Michael Bedford

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Leader: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>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.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>"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 fire. <sup>12</sup>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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## **[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

### **\*SERMON HYMN**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
(sung to alternate tune: Holy Manna)

*Hymn 338*

**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.**

### **THE SERMON**

“The Reign of the King”

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

### **\*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE 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 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.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

## **\*HOLY COMMUNION**

## **\*WORDS OF PREPARATION**

## **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

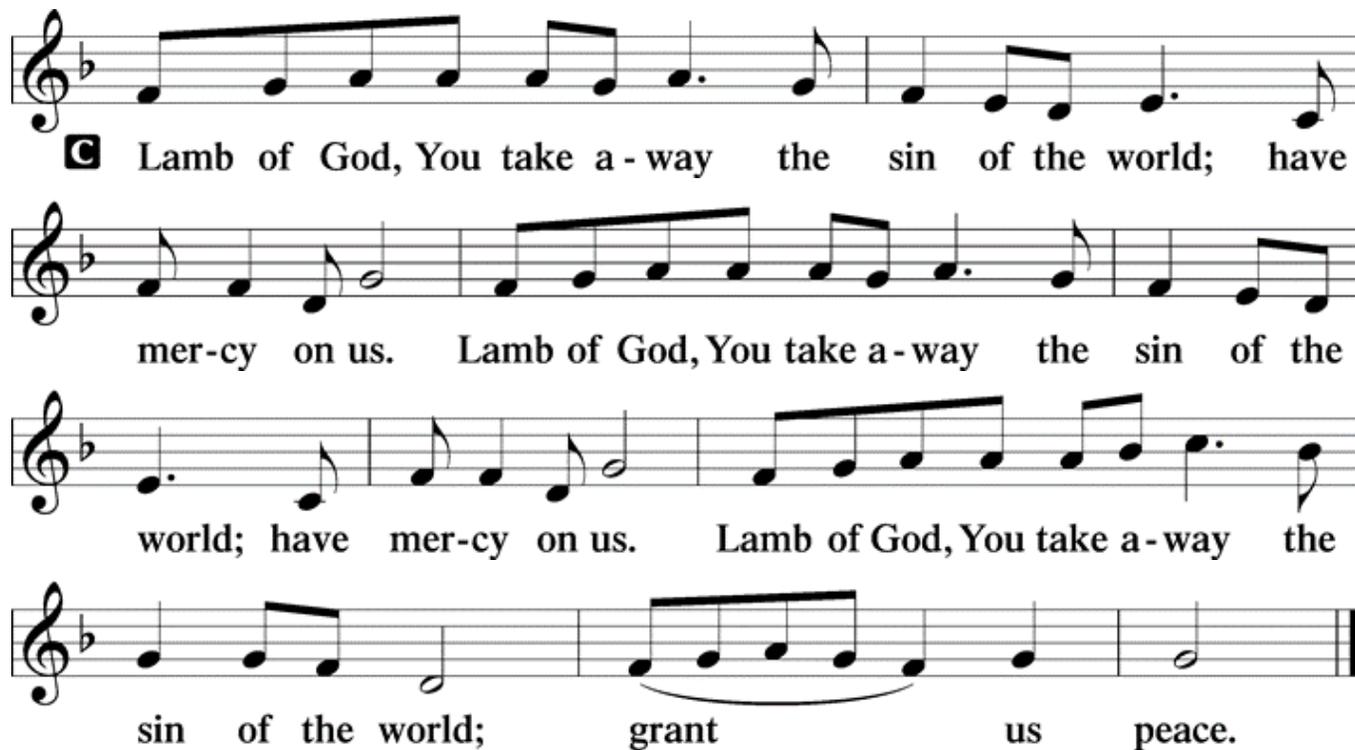
## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

**\*AGNUS DEI**

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♩ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION**

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

*Hymn 352*

Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.

What the fathers most desired,  
What the prophets’ heart inspired,  
What they longed for many\_a year,  
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

**Abram's promised great reward,  
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—  
Him of twofold race behold—  
Truly came, as long foretold.**

**As Your coming was in peace,  
Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me  
Which is Yours eternally.**

**Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.**

**Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

**"Prepare the Royal Highway"**

*Hymn 343*

**Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:**

**Refrain**

**Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God's Word!**

**God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain***

**Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain***

His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### \*THE BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

*Hymn 344*

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, 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 Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

*arr. Paul Manz*

## **WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS**

### **SATURDAY, 5:00 PM**

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The Organist

Sandy Hulse

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The Lector

Jane Petersen

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### **SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

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The Celebrant

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Sandy Hulse

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