

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN
ADVENT

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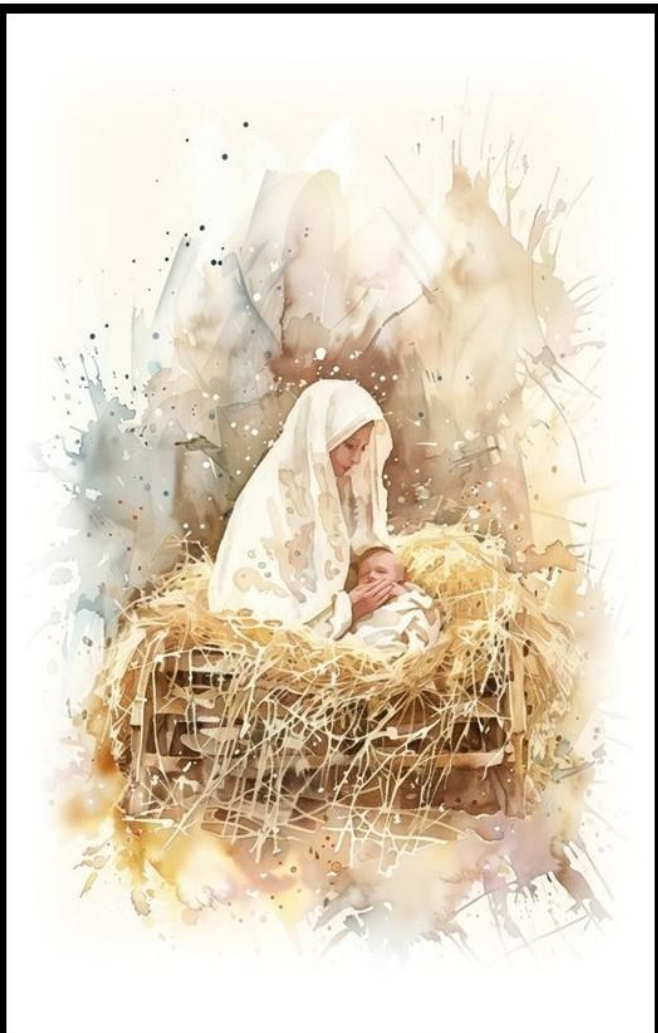
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Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Holy Baptism

✠ **Hudson David Hughes** ✠

Parents: David and Jessica, Daniel and Kelsey

Sponsors: Tim and Samantha

Confession and Absolution

ref. Psalm 103

-Please Kneel/Sit for a Time of Private Confession-

P The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

C Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not feared, loved, or trusted You above all things. You call us to remember Your benefits, yet we often forget Your mercy and dwell instead on our own desires. You remove transgressions far from Your people, yet we return to them as though they were our comfort. We confess our sin and our unworthiness, acknowledging that we deserve Your righteous judgment. Have mercy on us for the sake of Jesus Christ, whose compassion never fails and whose blood cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Renew in us a right spirit, that we may walk in Your ways and delight in Your commands.

P As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce to you His grace. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P Great peace have those who love your law;

C **nothing can make them stumble.** (*Psalms 119:165*)

P And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

C **will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** (*Philippians 4:7*)

P You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you,

C **because he trusts in you.** (*Isaiah 26:3*)

Advent Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361

2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove

While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.

O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,

And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. 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.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Chancel Choir (8:15am)

"Advent Prayer"

Clemens

School Choir (11:00am)

"Prepare Ye"

Shovic

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed (8:15am)

C 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 -*Children of all ages are welcome to the altar during this time!*-

Sermon Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

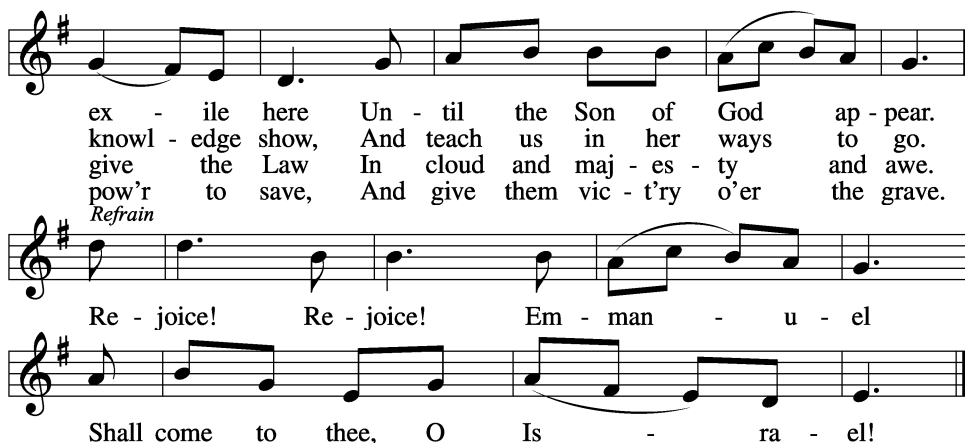
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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Sermon

"Pants on Fire"

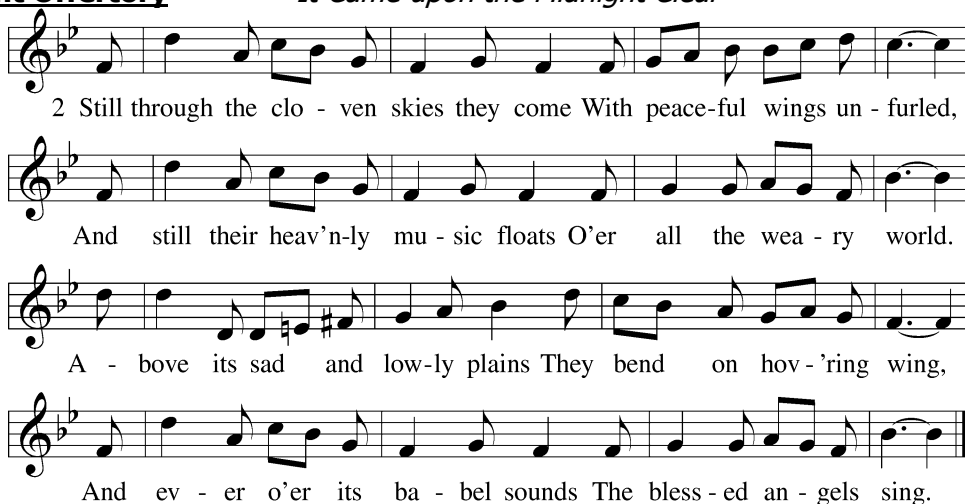
Matthew 3:9

Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor

Advent Offertory

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366



2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un - furled,
 And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
 A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at
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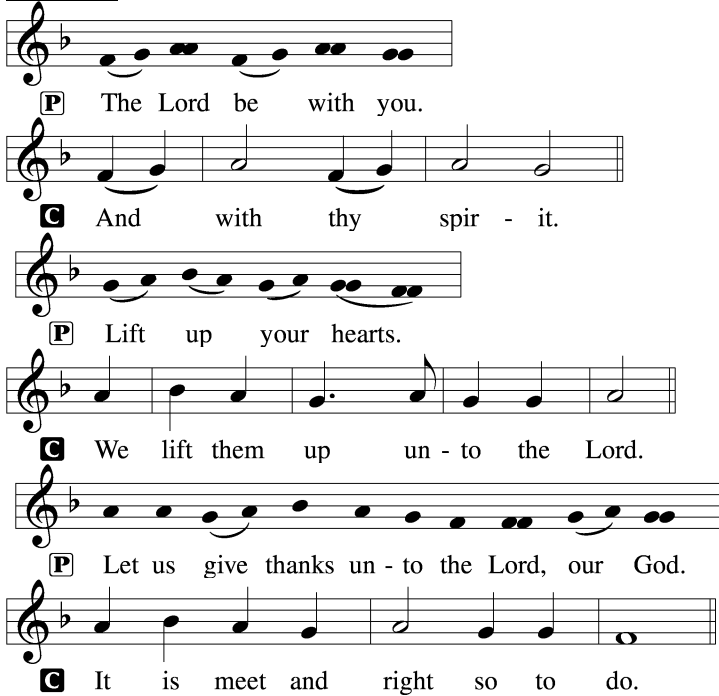
Prayer of the Church

-11:00am service continues with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction-

† THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

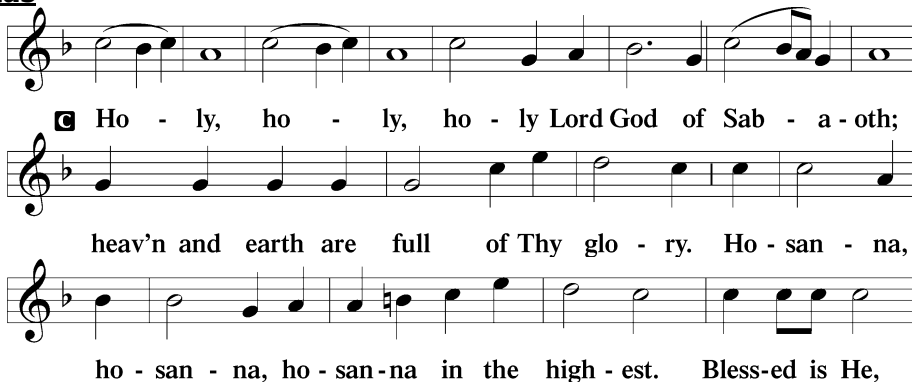
C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Mt. 6:9-11

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 Our Lord

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



Distribution Hymn

LSB 630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious
 2 Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the Twelve, His
 4 Word made flesh, the bread He tak - eth, By His word His
 △ 5 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing To the Fa - ther



bod - y sing, And the blood, all price ex - cel - ling,
 us be - low, He with us in con - verse blend - ing
 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
 flesh to be; Wine His sa - cred blood He mak - eth,
 and the Son, Hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



Which the Gen-tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -
 Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with
 Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious
 Though the sens - es fail to see; Faith a - lone the
 While e - ter - nal a - ges run; Ev - er too His



mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
 won - drous end - ing, His most pa - tient life of woe.
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.
 true heart wak - eth To be - hold the mys - ter - y.
 love con - fess - ing Who from both with both is One.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel

Post-Communion Collect

P Blessed are You, Heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your table through the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for granting us forgiveness of our sins by accepting Jesus' sacrificial

death in our stead. We pray that we may be kept steadfast and faithful in the knowledge that Jesus, the Son of the Father from eternity, gives us life until at last we taste the fullness of Your great goodness in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

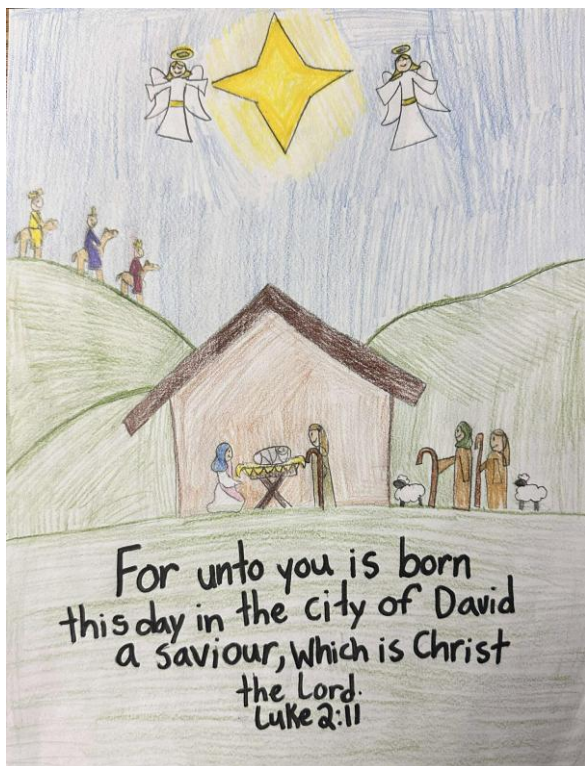


Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

This Advent season, please enjoy our St. Paul Lutheran School Christmas drawings throughout the years!



Christmas Midweek Services – 12/10, 12/17 @ 7pm

Christmas Eve Service- 12/24 @ 5pm + 11pm

Christmas Morning- 12/25 @ 10am

Serving us in Worship this week:

Preacher	Pastor Andrzejewski
Music	Gregory Paul
Altar Guild	Anne Sagan + Lauren Banker
Readers	8:15 Drew Haselton
	11 Marshall Mackinder
Elders	8:15 Brian Hermann + Bryan Harris
	11 Mike Babycz
Counters	8:15 Randy Walker + Ben Schultz + Carol Zimnie
	11 Kristen Gowman + Julie Thomas
Ushers	8:15 Roger Pierce + David Owens + Bryan Harris + Brian Hermann
	11 Erik Olsen + Drew Haselton + Rob Moelich + Mike Boyd

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