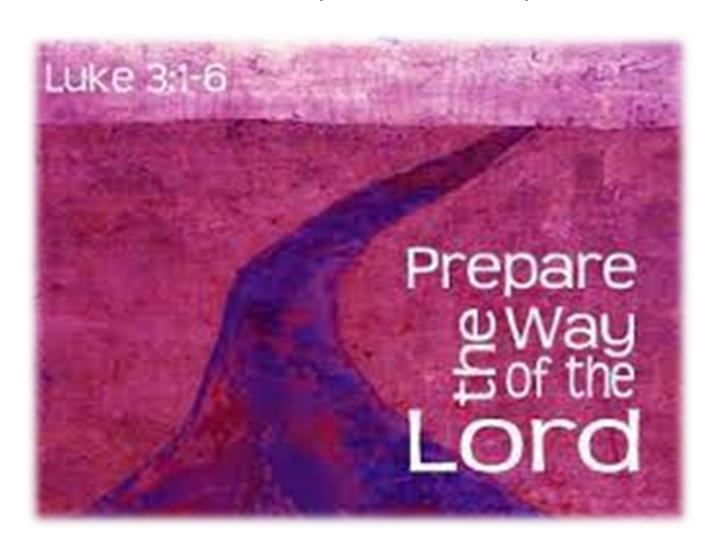
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Sunday, December 4, 2022 The Second Sunday of Advent

#### **Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **THE COMMON SERVICE** (page 15)

# **ADVENT WREATH CANDLES LIGHTING:** The choir will sing "Advent Alleluia" as the candles are lit:

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# Halleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. All people shall see the salvation of God. Halleluia!

## **OPENING HYMN #702** "Prepare the Royal Highway"

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### 702

## Prepare the Royal Highway



This hymn reminds us that Advent is a season of preparation, as King Jesus comes to rule in our hearts and lives and leads us to his heavenly kingdom.

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Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (76 76 77 and Refrain) Swedish folk tune, 17th century

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

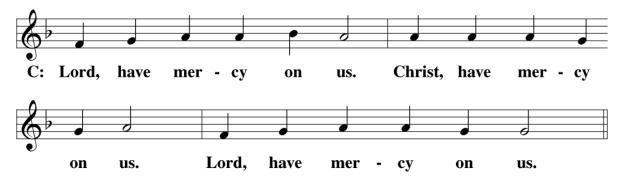


#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.



### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

HYMNS OF THE LITURGY



Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, abr., st. 1-3; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.

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Tune: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR (87 87 887) attr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485-after 1546, alt.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**BE SEATED** 



THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

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,

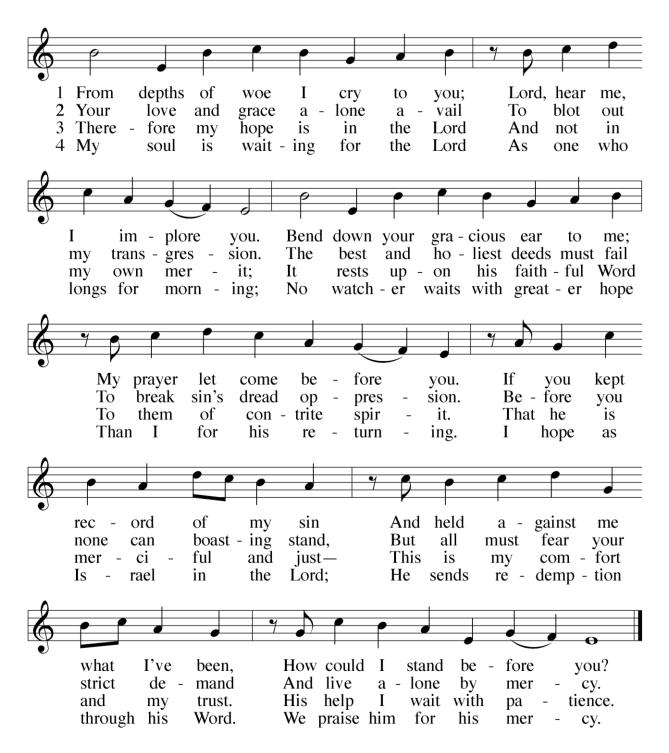
- <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness 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.

# **PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 130 The congregation will sing **HYMN 305** "From Depths of Woe I Cry to You"

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### **SECOND LESSON:** 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.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia! (Luke 3:4, 6 cf.)

#### STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



### **GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 3:1-12

3 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."



### **NICENE CREED**

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 him 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 fully 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 and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

**BE SEATED** 

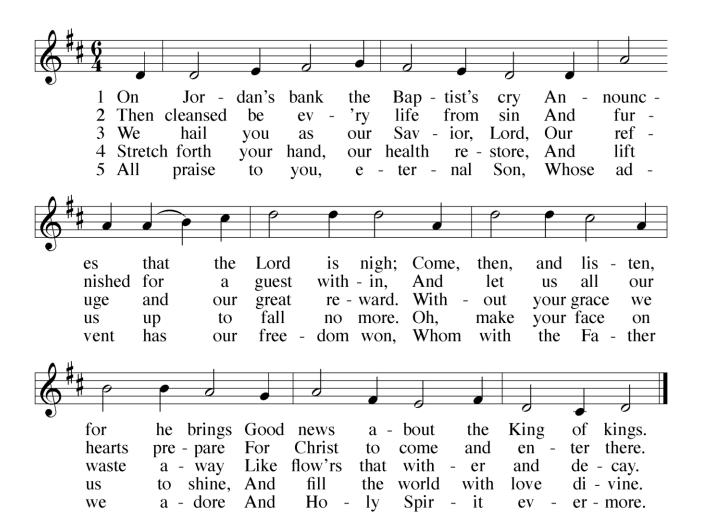
## GOSPEL RESPONSE: "Behold, I Send My Messenger"

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Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare the way before thee. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight. Alleluia!

## HYMN OF THE DAY: #16 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist

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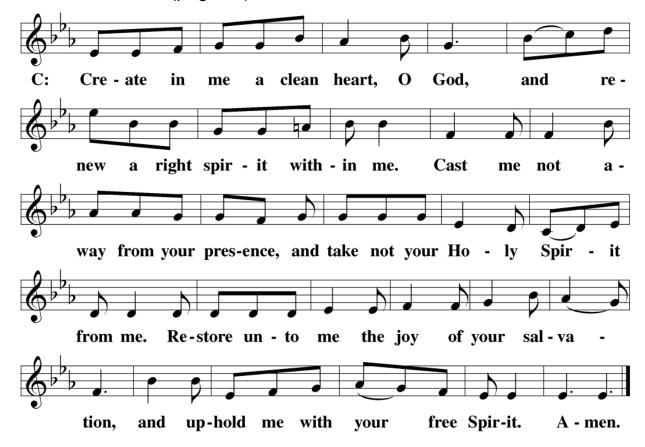


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Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (LM) Latin melody, 15th century, adapt.

## **SERMON**

### PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT (Page 123)

**M:** Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

# C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

# C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

**M:** You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

# C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

**M:** Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

## C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.* 

**M:** Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

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.

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#### **BE SEATED**

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

**NOTE:** Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

### STAND



THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)

### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



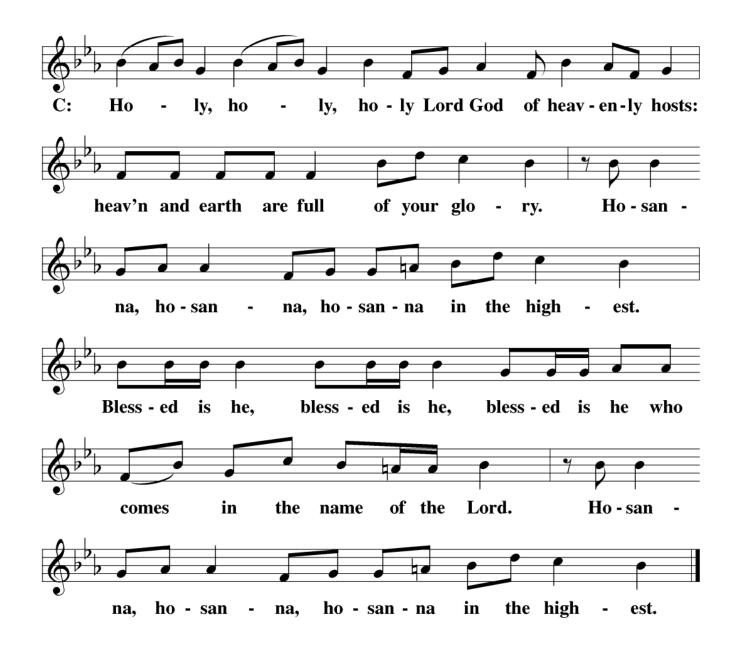
M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



### **DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

# #13 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

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## #11 "Comfort, Comfort, All My People"

Text: Johannes Olearius (1611-84)

# 13 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying



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## Comfort, Comfort All My People



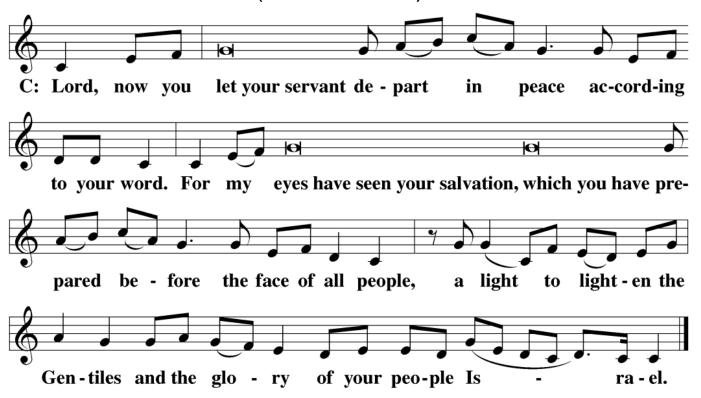
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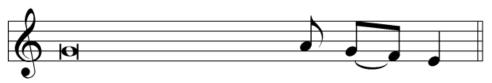
## **THANKSGIVING** (page 24)

#### STAND

## **SONG OF SIMEON** (Nunc dimittis)



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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#### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board Meetings

- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-11:00 AM Preschool Advent Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild - Barb Helmke; Ushering - Team 3

**Altar flowers** are donated to the glory of God.

Poinsettia orders are needed by today, December 4. The forms in the narthex have the information you need for flower choice, acknowledgements, and payment.

**Needed: Christmas cookies** for the shut ins. Please have them in the church basement by Thursday December 15 at 9:00 AM. Assembly of the cookie packages will follow on that day and time. Please join us for that project.

**Preschool Christmas Service:** Please join us on December 11 at 11:00 am for the Children's Christmas Service. Our Parent & Tot and Preschool children will be singing. Pastor will have a message geared for the children. The congregation will sing some familiar Christmas hymns. We will have light refreshments following the service.

If you have used copies of our synod's **Meditations: Daily Devotions** at home that you want to donate to the Florida Prison Ministry, please bring them to church. They may be placed on the narthex window sills, or in a box labeled "Old Meditations" which is in the cry room. The Winkler family will take the booklets to Florida when they travel there in January.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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