

Brief Service of Holy Communion  
**Second Sunday in Advent – Sunday, December 5**

WORDS OF WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

-SONG-      239 *Hark the Glad Sound*



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, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to • en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751  
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

### **Malachi 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But 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; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **Psalm-reading Luke 1:68-79**

<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and | set them free.

<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your | servant David.**

<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,  
<sup>71</sup>from the hands of | all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy | to our forebears,  
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup>to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,  
**free to worship you | without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life.**

<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge | of salvation  
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion | of our God  
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

## **Philippians 1:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

This is the gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

The Message

-SONG- ACS 902 *Come Now O God*

## Come, Now, O God



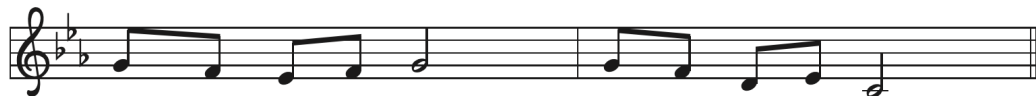
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.  
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.  
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.  
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.  
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.  
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.  
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el.

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Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984  
Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune  
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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

### Sharing The Peace

The Peace of Christ be always with you! **And also with you**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Blessed are you, Creator of infinite variety....

Using words familiar to you, let us join in the prayer that Jesus taught:

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

*We share Communion from where we are*

*Time of reflection*

*-SONG- 254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Lexy solo)*

Post-Communion Blessing

Let us pray:

**We give you thanks, loving God, that we have met your son Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Send us from this table to tables throughout our world to love and serve in Jesus' name. Amen**

Blessing

*-SONG- 264 Prepare the Royal Highway*

## Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
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!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may 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:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God!**



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## **PRAYER LIST**

***We hold in prayer this today...***

Pastor David,  
Stuart (friend of Pastor Dave)  
Pastor Lanny and LeeAnn Knutson,  
Gabriel (friend of Pastor Dave)  
Ed (spouse of member of the Friday Art Group)  
Jan, Karin & Joe (friends of Irene Snell)  
Signe (friend of Karen I.B.)  
Sheilagh (friend of Audrey & Merv Fitz)  
Florence (friend of Al & Marlene Herman)  
Edgar (father of Tim Lach)  
Emile (husband of artist, Freda P.)  
Barb (friend of Karen I.B.)  
Donald (brother of Kim Dorn)  
Lawrence (brother of Al Herman)  
Angie, Don (friends of Marlene Herman)  
Lil (Barb I's mom)  
Doris (Jerry's sister)  
Art, and Beth (friends of Sandra and John)  
Papa, Nana, and Leah (close friends of Jennifer Rz)  
Andrew and Cindy (Jennifer's father and his partner)  
Irene (Cathy's friend)  
Health care workers tending to the sick in this pandemic time

*In our congregation:*

Audrey F.	Jennifer R.
Matthew H.	Christa M.
Linda H.	Barb M.
Roy N.,	Alma R.
Jerry B.	Doreen Kletke
John F.	Kara T-R
Patty C. & family	Darlene W
Shirley A.	Pam R
Dorothy B.	
Anastasia M.	
Don K.	
Ilona O.	
Jenifer S.	
Lori Ebbing Treon	