

† **Second Sunday in Advent** †

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9:00 A.M. IN CHURCH & LIVE STREAMED

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WELCOME: to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP BOOK: Please record your presence this day in the Fellowship Book. Sharing your e-mail address in this book enables us to stay in communication with our LGLC family. If you are a guest and would like Pastor Shoemaker to get in touch with you, let him know or make a note in the Fellowship book.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*
LSB 345 *Please rise for Stanza 5*
Hymns with all Stanzas are at the end of the Bulletin

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have

done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand
generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

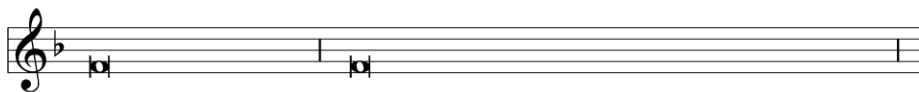
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



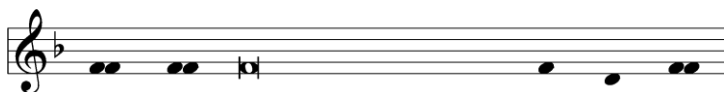
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

"Gloria" omitted during Advent

Advent is a time of solemn preparation for Christmas. One of the ways that the Church marks this penitential character to the season is the omission of the "Gloria". The "Gloria" will resound again on Christmas Day, as the hymn itself is inspired by the very angels who announce to the shepherds the arrival of the Messiah.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And 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.

³And 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,

⁴but 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.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The 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.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's
den.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰In 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.

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, that through endurance and through the
encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May
the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live
in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,
⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one
another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For 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, ⁹and 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."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

¹³May 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For 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.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But 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? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹"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. ¹²His 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 to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*
LSB 344 *Please rise for Stanza 5*

SERMON: **Preparing Christ's Path** **Matthew 3:1-12**

APOSTLE'S CREED

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.**

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING THROUGH THE PLATE, ONLINE OR AUTOMATIC THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER RESPONSE

P Lord, in your mercy

C hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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.

BENEDICTION

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.

HYMN TO DEPART: *Prepare the Royal Highway*

LSB 343

Please Join Us: Can you stay after refreshments to help decorate for Christmas? Please join us for fellowship and fun.

Welcome: Lake George Lutheran Chapel welcomes you and hopes that you find our worship and fellowship open and friendly. Since 1966, The Chapel has served the Lake Community providing the Gospel and human care.

Fellowship after Church: We gather after every service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversations. Volunteers to provide refreshments can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

Our Worship Leaders This Week

Joyce Saalfrank-Music Coordinator

Rene Scheimann -Reader

We Remember in our Prayers This Week-health concerns

Velda Dose

Terry Messmann

Marilyn Motz (Karen Kuehnert's mother)

Please Pray for our Members who are at Home

Jeff Smith

Todd Scherer

Jeri and Jerry Threlkel

LGLC PARSONAGE FUND DRIVE UPDATE

As of November 27, 2022, we have received an outpouring of gifts totaling \$242,287.00 of the \$250,000 needed. Thank you to those who have donated or pledged to date. Please prayerfully consider a special gift for this project. As the Lord has blessed you, we encourage you to be a blessing to help in this endeavor. If you have made a pledge, please try to have your pledges completed or in progress by January 2023.

Link [Here](#) to Donate

Sign Up Sheet for your Christmas Poinsettias

A Sign-Up Sheet is located in the Narthex

Please Pick Up 2023 Church Envelopes

Please Pick Up your 2023 Church Offering Envelopes in the Narthex.

Take Me Home

Please take your bulletin home. You may use your bulletin throughout the week to remind you of the readings and sermon. It can also serve as a devotional resource. You can share your bulletin with friends, especially if you invite them to attend LGLC. When church is over there is no need to leave them here where they will no longer be used. Thanks for giving your bulletin a home where it can continue to serve your spiritual life.

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345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
"Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness,
All you children of the day!"
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earthbound soul arise;

Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiv'n;

4 So, when next He comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.

△ 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit
While eternal ages run!

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344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 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!

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

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

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

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343 Prepare the Royal Highway

1 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

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

2 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

3 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

4 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

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.

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