

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 345 606 919

### THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

#### TODAY 11:30 a.m. LYC HOLIDAY MEAL

Dec. 5 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Dec. 5 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Dec. 5 9:00 Sunday School

Dec. 7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Dec. 7 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Dec. 8 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Dec. 8 Noon Bible Study

Dec. 8 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Dec. 8 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

Dec. 8 5:15-6:45 p.m. PS-8<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Program Practice & pizza party

Dec. 8 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Peace

Dec. 14 6:00 p.m. Secret Prayer Pal Party at Pizza Ranch

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*. John the Baptist says to us in our Gospel reading, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath for come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance...Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." John makes it clear that God expects good fruit from his people. Those who do not bear good fruit face judgement. But all of us have born bad fruit because of sin. Where should we go with this bad fruit to escape God's wrath? Christ. He takes our sins away. So sing out today during the sermon hymn. "I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God...I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains. Clean in his blood most precious, till not a spot remains."

**A WORD:** Today's readings focus on our need for repentance. In Malachi, we hear that a messenger is coming to prepare the way of the Lord. This messenger will be like a refining fire, something that cleanses the people in preparation for God's arrival. In Luke, we meet this messenger, John the Baptist. He prepared the way for the Lord by bringing the people to repentance. Those who repented under the ministry of John received life under the ministry of Christ. We too need cleansing because the Lord is coming back. We need to repent so that we will be ready to receive life from Jesus on the last day.

The epistle reading shows us who is responsible for our salvation. We do need to repent. We do need to bear good fruit. It is our responsibility to live a life pleasing to God. But who makes us able to do this? God himself. Paul writes, "I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." God has begun a good work of salvation in us, and he will see it through. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philemon 4:4-71  
Luke 7:18-28

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** John the Baptist, like the Old Testament prophets before him, did not proclaim his own word, but the Word of God that came to him. As the mouthpiece of the Lord, John was calling God's people to repentance in preparation for the coming of the Lord. This season of Advent is likewise a time of preparation and repentance filled with hope in the coming of our Lord—the one who came as the Word made flesh, redeemed us by His cross and resurrection, and will come again.

**THANKS!** We were able to fill fifty boxes for Operation Christmas Child and collect \$132 from the noisy offering to help cover shipping. Because of everyone who participated, fifty children will receive a gift who otherwise wouldn't. Thank you for helping spread God's love this Christmas.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** Advent devotions are on the back table. Please take one per family. Apologies for not having these ready last week.

**CALLING ALL HYMNS:** We will be having a service of hymns and readings for Christmas Eve, just like last year. If you have a favorite Christmas hymn that you would like included in the service, write it down and put it in the hymn box on the back table. I will include as many hymns from the congregation as I can as part of the service.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR ENGLISH:** Pastor Alex and Ashlie will be hosting a Christmas dinner at English on December 11th at 1:00 p.m.. We will provide rolls and meat. Please bring a side to share. Join us for some Christmas cheer!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Peace Lutheran will be delivering Meals on Wheels December 6-10 and December 13-17. If you are able to assist, please contact Lois Baatz at 472-3076.

**CARD SHOWER:** The Family of Robert McKenney would like a card shower for Robert's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Their address is 2027 Garfield Avenue, Rock Rapids, IA 51246. Please join them for cake and coffee after the service on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SECRET PALS:** The Secret Pal Christmas Party will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Rock Rapids Pizza Ranch. If you would like to join Secret Prayer Pals, please come and join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> or contact Krista Kroon at 507-920-9314 for more information.

**FRONTIER BANK:** Frontier Bank Annual Appreciation Day in Rock Rapids is December 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to stop by and pick up a \$5.00 donation check to be written to the church or charity of your choice.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect drinks-fruit juice, vegetable juices, tea, water, Gatorade, tang, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**USHERING TODAY is Team 5; Next Sunday is Team 6:** Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN 345: HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING**

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

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

**O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

**Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

But my people did not listen to my voice;

**Israel would not submit to me.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me,

**that Israel would walk in my ways!**

**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.**

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**EPISTLE**

*Philippians 1:2–11*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

Luke 3:4b, 6

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1–14

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN 606: I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS

### SERMON

### OFFERTORY

192

**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.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

### SANCTUS

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 162*

- 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.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

#### AGNUS DEI

*LSB 198*

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION

#### NUNC DIMITTIS

*LSB 199*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

#### SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with your spirit.  
**P** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.
- 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 919: ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS

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