



# Second Advent Sunday

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson

9:30AM • December 5, 2021

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**Prelude** *Pianist, Debbi St. John*

## Welcome and Announcements

**Greeting** *(please stand as you are able)*

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## Confession and Forgiveness:

P: In Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ. Let us open our hearts to God's mercy. Almighty God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you, and against our brothers and sisters. Our words and deeds have not proclaimed your reign of justice and truth. We have failed to watch and pray for the signs of your advent among us. Forgive our sin, and come quickly to save us.**

P: Children of God, the advent of Christ brings the promise of grace. Through Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Live reconciled to each other. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *(you may be seated)* "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 3,4 #257

Vs 3: **O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Vs 4: **O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

**Advent Reflection:** *read by Grace Ludwig* Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the hope candle. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

**Advent Prayer:** *read by Grace Ludwig* *Peace* - Dear God, as we journey down this advent road, grant us the courage to make peace. Peace in our hearts, Peace in our homes, Peace in our communities. Amen.

**Lighting of Advent Candle & Hymn:** "Light one candle to watch for Messiah" vs. 2 #240

**Verse 2: Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.**

**He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.**

**First Reading - Malachi 3:1-4** <sup>1</sup>"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup>and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Celtic Alleluia" *(Stand as you are able)* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 2X**

**Gospel Reading - Luke 3:1-6** <sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch 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 country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. <sup>6</sup>And all people will see God's salvation.'

P: This is the Word of our Lord,    C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message:**    *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Sermon:**    *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Hymn of the Day:**    *"In Christ Alone"*

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**Vs 1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**Vs 2: What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**Vs 3: No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.**

**Vs. 4: No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

**Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, & he will come to judge the living & the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers:** *(call and response) read by Todd Budensiek*

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence. *A brief silence.* You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill especially: Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Dean Kirkland, Finley Budensiek, Sara Nolte, Mark Jacobson, Deb Huneke, Jill Louise Plank, Gabriel Ryan, Roger Kurtti, Ross Schrimpf, Judy Carpenter, Blake Carlson, Joan Quiggle, Donald & Nancy Nord, Josh & Brooke Budensiek family and Ben Haenel. Grant them healing and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:**    L: The peace of Christ be with you always.    C: **And also with you.**

*Ushers bring offering forward.*

**Offertory Prayer:** God of our waiting & watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts & our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:** L: The Lord be with you C: And also with you L: Lift up your hearts.  
C: We lift them to the Lord. L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

#### Words of Institution

**Lord's Prayer:** 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 Meal & Hymns:** *"Here Is Bread"* #483

**Vs 1:** Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

**Refrain:** In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

**Vs 2:** Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]

**Vs 3:** Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. [Refrain]

**Communion Prayer:** P: Blessed Jesus,

C: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Blessing:** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending:** *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* #254

**Vs 1:** Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

**Vs 2:** Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Dismissal:** L: The world waits for Christ. You are the body of Christ. Go be His hands & feet. C: Thanks be to God!

**Prelude**

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