

## + Second Sunday in Advent +

December 4, Year of our Lord 2022 | DS1

## + Confession and Absolution +

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*



### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

**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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

**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.**

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**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.

## + Service of the Word +

**Introit**

*Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*



**P** In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

**C** **Seek the LORD | and his strength;\***  
**seek his presence con- | tinually!**

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 for- | ever,\***  
**the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

**Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)**



**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. [2]

**A** For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



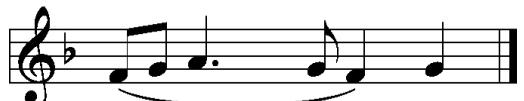
2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
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.  
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,  
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.  
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.  
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.  
The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

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

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.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

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

**C** **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

*Romans 15:4–13*

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. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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, 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.” And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

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.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse of the Day

Luke 3:4b, 6

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

## Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But 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? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 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. 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.

“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.** 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.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' 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.**

**Children's Message**

*Foster Children Gift Blessing*

Hymn of the Day: 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (Stanza 4 choral only 11 a.m.)



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 Choir 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in; And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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+ Sermon +

*He will Baptize You*

Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



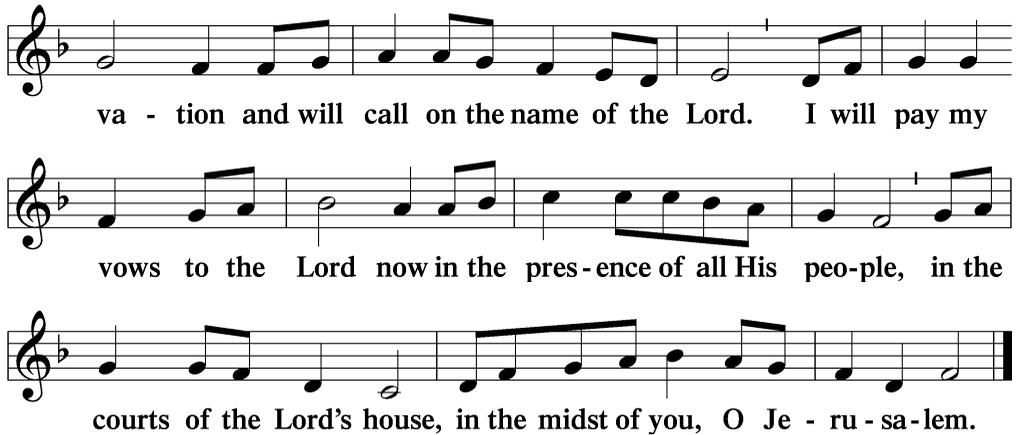
What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

*Prayers to God on Behalf of...*

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Hurricane/storm recovery in **Florida, Georgia,** and the **Carolinas**.

Church: For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville.



Vocation: **Tyler** (Airforce) & **Megan Smith** in Mississippi. **Jacob** (Tami DeHaven’s grandson) stationed in S. Korea. **Carter Felt** (Navy: stationed in Charleston). **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). For **Emily and Julian Martinez** (expecting). **Alex & Shelby Hicks** (expecting). **Angela Gift** (expecting). **Tatum Smolter** (expecting). For Bill & Diane Miller’s daughter **Anna** (expecting in January).

Mourning: Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17. Family of **Julia Ernst** who passed away 6/25. Family of **Tamra DeHaven** who passed 1/23.

Health: **Joel and Barbara Morsch’s daughter Jennifer** (hospitalized). **Janet Moore’s mother** (health). For **June McDonnell** (health). For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). **Jeanie**

**Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. For **Amy Mohr** (hip replacement recovery). **Lori Smith** (partial shoulder surgery recovery). For **Randy Groen** partial shoulder replacement recovery. For **Barbara Moyers** (auto accident; broken wrist and bruise healing). **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Scott Jonas** (friend of Shelli & Travis Haynes, a pastor in St. Louis, thanksgiving for his return home after stroke). For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** who fell and is recovering. **Bob McDermott** (thanksgiving for new heart valve and better health!). **Mark** (Judy Kalkitis's son-in-law) cornea scratch treatment. **Lois Schering** (recovery from procedure on vocal chords). For **all suffering from mental health issues**. For **Michael** (health). For **Lindsey** (cancer). **Barry** (Wendy Slifka's brother in St. Louis, eye cancer) **Al Reuer** physical therapy for hip. **David Chorney** (thanksgiving for back surgery results!). **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Mike Sullivan** recovering from surgery and for **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Julie** (Tom Wittkopp's sister in Pheonix) recovering from heart surgery. **Mary Ellen Brown** (hip surgery recovery). **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) recovering from a stroke. Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer treatments. Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Mike Gould's friend **Jolene Cline** (stage 4 cancer). **Larry Wacker** (lung condition). Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

**Birthdays:** Tiana S 12/4, Jim V 12/5, Rebecca K 12/6, Barbara M 12/8, Jennifer H 12/9, Kathleen L 12/11, Gary M 12/11, Auggie M 12/11, Carol A 12/12, Ed H 12/16

**Anniversaries:** Tim & Michele N 12/15, Mike & Deb W 12/17, Thomas & Kathleen L 12/20, Larry & Janet M 12/20, William & Kimberly S 12/30

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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** for those worshipping on the livestream.

## + **Service of the Sacrament** +

### **A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

### **Preface**

*p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** (sung) Lift up your hearts.

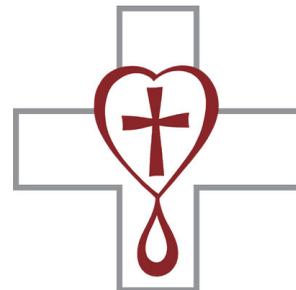


**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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



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



## Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

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

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*p. 161 or 178*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

*Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Proclamation of Christ

*1 Cor. 11:26*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C** Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension



Distribution Hymn: 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Distribution Hymn: 354 Arise, O Christian People

Distribution Hymn: 342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

**Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29–32*

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

**Post-Communion Collect**

*p. 166*

**A** Let us pray. ... one God, now and forever.

A - men.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - - men.

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*Ready to Build?*

**See the latest** slides and/or video presentation about our updated drawings and timeline for the upcoming build on our website: [praiselutheran.com/build](http://praiselutheran.com/build)

*Reminders*

**Food for Veterans** box in the Narthex: bring non-perishable food items, gloves, socks...

Announcements (more on next page)

**Voters Meeting** (originally scheduled for Dec. 11) will be **postponed** in order to work on a change for next year's budget. Tom Wittkopp will make a presentation about the change on Dec. 18 and announce an early January meeting to discuss and approve the new budget.

**Elders** meet Thurs, Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall

**Commitment Sunday report:** we gathered new and renewed commitments for the upcoming build and expansion of Praise Lutheran Church for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The 3-year commitments have risen from \$967K to roughly \$1.1M. Thanks be to God! We are still welcoming and praying for more new 3-year commitments or renewed commitments. Meanwhile, Architecture and Engineering continues, and the Build Team and Interior Design Team are working in conjunction with the architect's needs in order to help move all things together towards pricing and prepping for permits. More to share soon including an interior design display. Pray and give thanks for the ongoing work and thank you for responding to the requests!

Announcements  
(continued...)

**Midweek Advent Services** this coming Wed, Dec. 7 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Sign up in Narthex to bring soup and sandwiches, bread, croutons, and desserts. Theme: *Chosen Child(ren)*.

**Poinsettias** please sign-up to dedicate a poinsettia “in memory of” or “in honor of” a loved one(s). *Thank you to Amy Mohr for arranging our annual poinsettia order with Stanley’s Greenhouse. Suggested donation: \$15/plant (general fund).*

**Christmas Gifts for Foster Children:** If you were unable to fulfill the gift, please let Pastor Roberts know today. Gifts will be delivered tomorrow.

**Reception for Xavier’s adoption into the Roberts’ family** is TODAY after church in the Social Hall (rescheduled from last week due to illness).

**Youth Catechesis** please begin memorizing the Sacrament of the Altar *with explanations* in the Small Catechism with your parent’s help. We’ll not meet again until Sun, Jan 8. Memorize the faith: you *can* do it!

**Children’s Christmas Pageant** sign-up in the narthex TODAY.

**Young Adults (college-age to 25ish)** come for dinner and Bible Study on TODAY at Levi and Suzanne Nunnink’s home, 1416 Lonas Drive, Maryville at 5:00 p.m. (ends at 8:00 p.m.).

**Youth Christmas Party** with Alex & Shelby in the Social Hall: after church on NEXT SUN, Dec. 11.

**Planning Council** will meet in the Sanctuary on NEXT SUN, Dec. 11 in the Sanctuary: budget change and roofing repair proposal.

**Christmas Caroling** (open to all) on Sun, Dec. 18 in the afternoon: time TBD (2:00 or 3:00 p.m. depending on how many destinations).

*This Week*

**Choir Practice** this Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

**Ladies Bible Study** Thurs at 10:00 a.m. at Praise (pericope study led by Barbara Morsch)

**Men’s Lunch** (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: *to be announced*

*Next Sunday and beyond*

**Scripture Readings** for 12/11/22, 3rd Sunday in Advent: Is 35, Jam 5:7-11, Mt 11:2-15