

+ SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT +
December 5, Year of our Lord 2021 | DS1

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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



P In the name of the Father and of the ✝
Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matt 28:19*

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 Jn 1:8-9*

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.

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. *John 20:19-23*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Lk 3:4b



A The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

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

C 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,

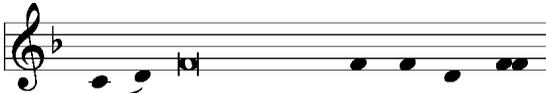
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

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



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 due to penitential nature of the season.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



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

Malachi 3:1-7b

“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 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. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be

pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your

fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

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

Philippians 1:2–11

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And 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. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of

grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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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



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

Luke 3:1-20

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it

is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”



He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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."

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false

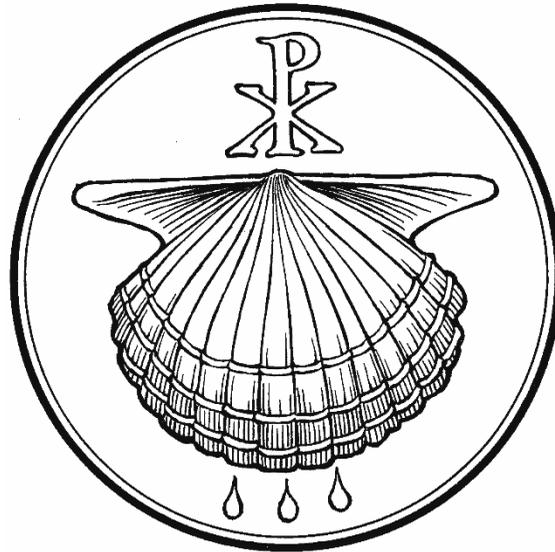
accusation, and be content with your wages."

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is

mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff

he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

☐ 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.



Hymn of the Day: 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



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
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 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 +

Announcement of Offering and Greeting 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: Troubled regions of the world. Church: Preparation for our King to come, Advent!

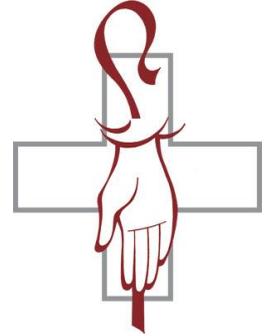
Birth: **Justin** (born to Pastor Jasper and Josephine in Kenya). **Frankie** (grandson and nephew to the Nunnink and Lee families at Praise, born Thursday morning in Colorado).

Thomas Bean (new grandson of friends of Judy Kalkitis)

Expecting a child: **Luke & Blair Johnson**

Recently Married: **Cole & Tamia Smith** (Oct 14); **Jackson & Morgan James** (Oct 23)

Mourning: Family and friends of **Claudette Kinney** who passed on 11/23; Family of **Imogene Allen** who passed on 11/25. Family of **Roma Scotton** who passed on Aug 12. **Evelyn** (Carley Lawson's nana passed on 11/15; funeral on 11/27).



Health: **Myrna Frazier** (pneumonia recovery). **Cathy Wacker** (back procedure recovery). **Lee Schuck** (broken hip recovery). **Jeanne Lindenfelser** (broken leg recovery). **Pam Truby** (cancer procedure recovery); **Dick Mohr** (lung condition). **Tim Smith** health. **Larry Wacker** health and improvement. **Joan Large** recovering after breaking arm near wrist. **Pastor Tony Sikora** (in Michigan, much recovery needed after effects of Covid). **Stevie** (Aurora's son; stroke recovery). **Marge Peterson** (a friend of Jeanne Lindenfelser) [Marge's] **cousin Sandy** who has 30 days of cancer radiation treatments and for Marge's two **greatgrandchildren** who both are having seizures. **Sean** (Judy's nephew, Florida friend of Tami DeHaven) recovering from coma. **Dwight & Kay** (Myrna's sister and brother-in-law) health. **KP Blizzard** (newborn great grandson of Sandy Bagley) paralyzed vocal cord. **Larry & Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister and brother-in-law) health. **Cathy Wacker's parents** (health and daily protection from falls). **Anna Roberts** (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law—married to Travis) breast cancer treatments. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) pancreatic cancer. **Jim Vespers's parents** (health, especially Jim's father).

Birthdays ... Jim V 12/5, Barbara M 12/8, Jennifer H 12/9, Kathleen L 12/11, Gary M 12/11, Carol A 12/12, Ed H 12/16...

Anniversaries... Tim & Michele N 12/15, Thomas & Kathleen L 12/20, Larry & Janet M 12/20, Art & April P 12/30

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.

Benediction (for those watching 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 ~ 2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1, Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.



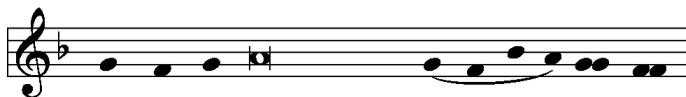
C And al - so with you.



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 ...(seasonal preface in Altar Book)... You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matt 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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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 † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Distribution Hymn: 349 Hark the Glad Sound

Distribution Hymn: 346 When All the World Was Cursed

Distribution Hymn: 359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, ... now and forever.



C A - men.



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Announcements

Write Rosa Linguist (grandniece of Kris Smith; granddaughter of Pat Linguist) who is in Navy training (send Christmas greetings, etc.):

SR Linguist, Rosa C.

Ship 10, USS Enterprise, Division 034

3425 Sailor Drive

Great Lakes, IL 60088-3525

Midweek Advent Services (Evening Prayer) begin THIS WED, Dec 8 at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. with Soup & Sandwiches at 6:00 p.m.

Voters Meeting TODAY at 10:30 a.m. (after a shortened Bible Study.)

Christmas Gifts for Blount County Foster Children If gifts not brought today, please let Pastor know and arrange for tomorrow before delivery this week.

Young Adults (18ish to 25ish) Bible Study next meets TODAY, Dec. 5 (1st and 3rd Sundays), at 5:00 p.m. at Levi and Suzanne Nunnink's home: 1416 Lonas Dr. Maryville, TN 37803. Dinner, Bible study led by Levi, and dessert!

Youth Catechesis next meets TODAY Dec 5, and Dec 19. Topic: The Apostles' Creed.

Youth and Families Christmas Party (Karaoke, cookie decorating, homemade hot chocolate and snacks!) NEXT SUN, Dec 12 in the Social Hall after services.

Praise Christmas Extravaganza featuring entertainment **Smith & Cole** on Wed, Dec 22 at 6:00 p.m. (Soup & Sandwich dinner; Prayer Service; then Entertainment).

Bible Study on Sunday Mornings on the **Psalms** of the Bible. Join us at 10:00 a.m.

Choir meets this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study (weekly) Thurs. at 10 a.m. at Praise.

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. (at *Hibachi Grill* this week)