

The Second Sunday of
ADVENT

December 8, 2024

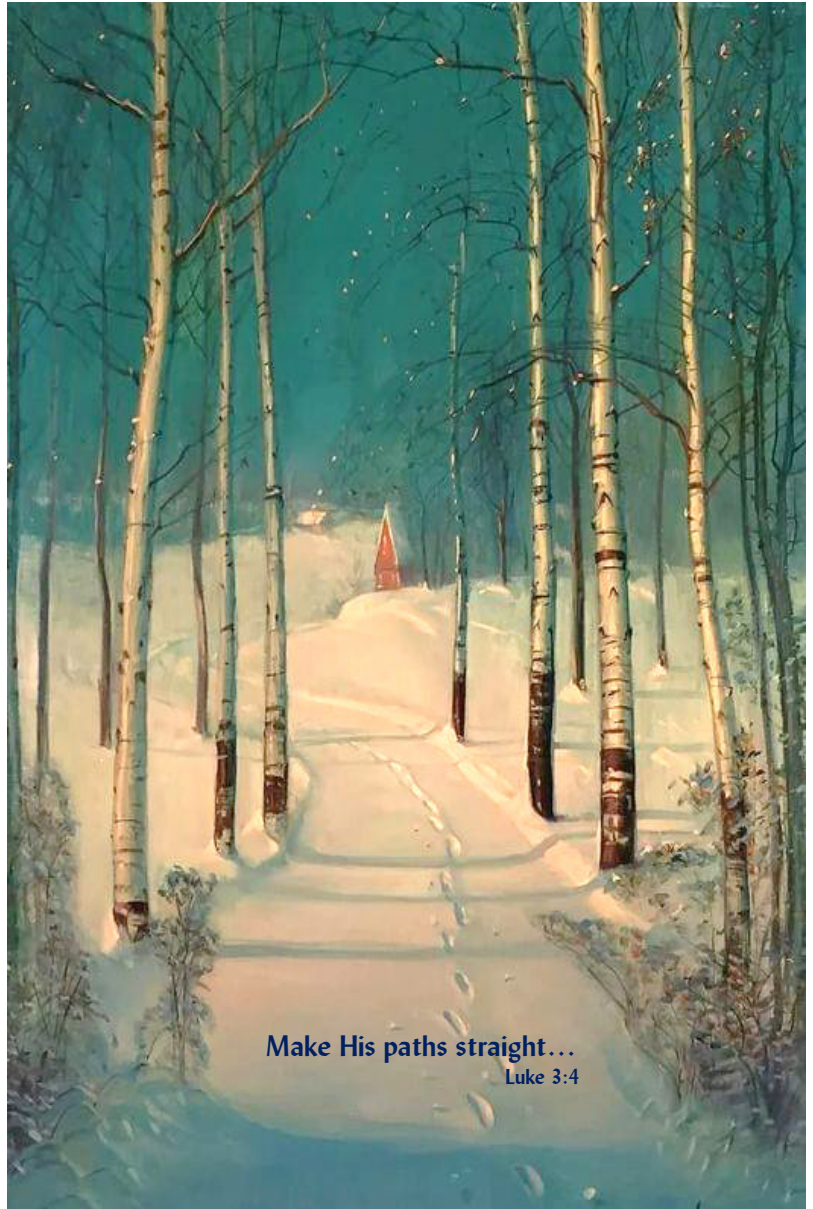


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Make His paths straight...
Luke 3:4



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PRELUDE

"Wake, Awake"
(Wachet Auf Cantata)

J. S. Bach
Davy Webb, Tenor

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.


THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Luke 3:6; Psalm 66:1-2

Pastor: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. As we wait for His coming, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence, how crooked our world has become, and how unjust are our relationships. We come before the Lord in humility.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we have strayed from Your path. We have been selfish and cruel. We have treated our neighbors with injustice and prejudice. We have oppressed the weak in order to gain power. We long to return to You, but how are we to return?**

Pastor: As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, he said, "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." God sent Jesus to bring salvation to the world through His death and resurrection. This salvation is complete, and Christ comes to you once again with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: 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.

People:  **Amen.**

THE INTROIT *Psalm 81:10a–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

Pastor/Choir: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. But my people did not listen to my voice; Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.

People: **We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

People: **We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rest.**


ADVENT KYRIE

The Kyrie Eleison ("Lord have mercy") for Advent is drawn from the familiar Christmas tune "Coventry Carol", first written in 1534 at the time of Luther. The Hymn of Praise is traditionally removed during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent.



ADVENT VERSE

LSB 341v.2

 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.

THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



■ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Christ, that by His presence we may return to You and love our neighbors in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 3:1-7b

(A messenger is sent who will prepare for the coming of the Lord.)

¹ “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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ “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.

⁶ “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷ From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:2-11

(In thanksgiving and prayer)

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the

first day until now. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Gloria"
(*Wachet Auf Cantata*)

J. S. Bach
The Cathedral Choir

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-14

(*Prepare the way...*)

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

People:



¹In 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, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

⁷ 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? ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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."

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴ 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration



In 1577, the Formula of Concord was crafted at the request of the Elector of Saxony, whose family crest adorns the Rambush chancel fresco (see left). This confession further defined twelve articles of faith, stating the Biblical position in reference to controversies both within and outside the ranks. It was written by Martin Chemnitz (who appears in the Balcony window) and Jakob Andreas. Subsequently, the Formula of Concord was signed and subscribed to by three electors of the Holy Roman Empire, twenty dukes and princes, twenty-four counts, four barons, thirty-five free imperial cities, and over 8,000 pastors.

Pastor: Mary, the most blessed virgin, did not conceive a mere, ordinary human being, but a human being who is truly the Son of the most high God, as the angel testifies.

People: **He demonstrated his divine majesty even in his mother’s womb in that he was born of a virgin. Therefore she is truly the mother of God and yet remained a virgin.**

Pastor: On this basis, Christ performed all his miracles and manifest his divine majesty according to his good pleasure, when and how he wanted to.

People: **He did so not only after his resurrection and ascension, but also in the state of his humiliation.**

Pastor: He had this majesty immediately at his conception even in his mother’s womb, but laid it aside.

People: **But now since he ascended to heaven, far above all heavens that he might truly fill all things, he is everywhere present to rule, not only as God but also as man, from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth.**

SERMON HYMN

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

LSB 384

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

SERMON

"Get Ready, Get Set, Go!"

Luke 3:1-20

*Rev. Alan Eisinger, Cathedral Pastor
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OFFERTORY

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The offertories during the season of Advent will lead us to the manger, where God's greatest Gift to the world may be found. In response, we offer to Him our hearts and lives.

♪ **Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
 king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
 Oh— star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
 westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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VOLUNTARY

"My Friend Is Mine"

J. S. Bach

Alana Meeker, Soprano and Todd Schurig, Bass

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

10:30am continues with the Benediction

*** The Order of Holy Communion ***

@9am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Tim. 4:22

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Lam 3:41

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. Ps 100:4

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven

we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho-ly, O ho - ly Lord most high, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth! Dis -
Ho-ly, O ho - ly Lord most high, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth! Ho -
play His glo - ry heav'n and earth! Bless-ed is He who comes.
san - na in the high___ est! Bless-ed is He who comes.

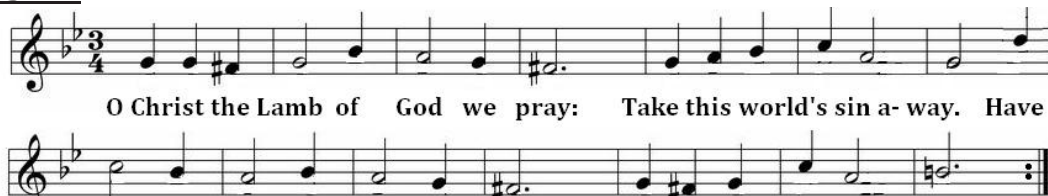
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI Jn 20:19

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People:  Amen.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ the Lamb of God we pray: Take this world's sin a - way. Have
mer - cy on us, Lamb of God! Grant us Your ho - ly peace.

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DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.
Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.*

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

LSB 344

*Hymn note: This hymn is one of the few LSB hymns that was originally written in Latin text.
It was titled “Jordanis oras praevia”, composed in France in 1736 for the Paris Breviary,
a Roman Catholic liturgical collection of psalms, hymns, and prayers. The second verse
(that doesn’t appear in Lutheran hymnals) was originally:*

*“E’en now the air, the sea, the land, Feel that their Maker is at hand;
The very elements rejoice and welcome Him with cheerful voice.”*

Reminiscent of the line in the Te Deum: “We praise You O God... all the earth now worships You...”

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.

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32*

Tune: LSB 357

♪ Lord, let Your servant go in peace. Your gracious word I now recall.

My eyes have seen salvation here, glory for Israel, light for all.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Prepare our hearts by this great gift to love You and to serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

BENEDICTION *Number 6:24-26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✱ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN**"Prepare the Royal Highway"**

LSB 343



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain

Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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POSTLUDE**"Prepare the Royal Highway"***Paul Manz*