

The Second Sunday of

ADVENT

December 7, 2025



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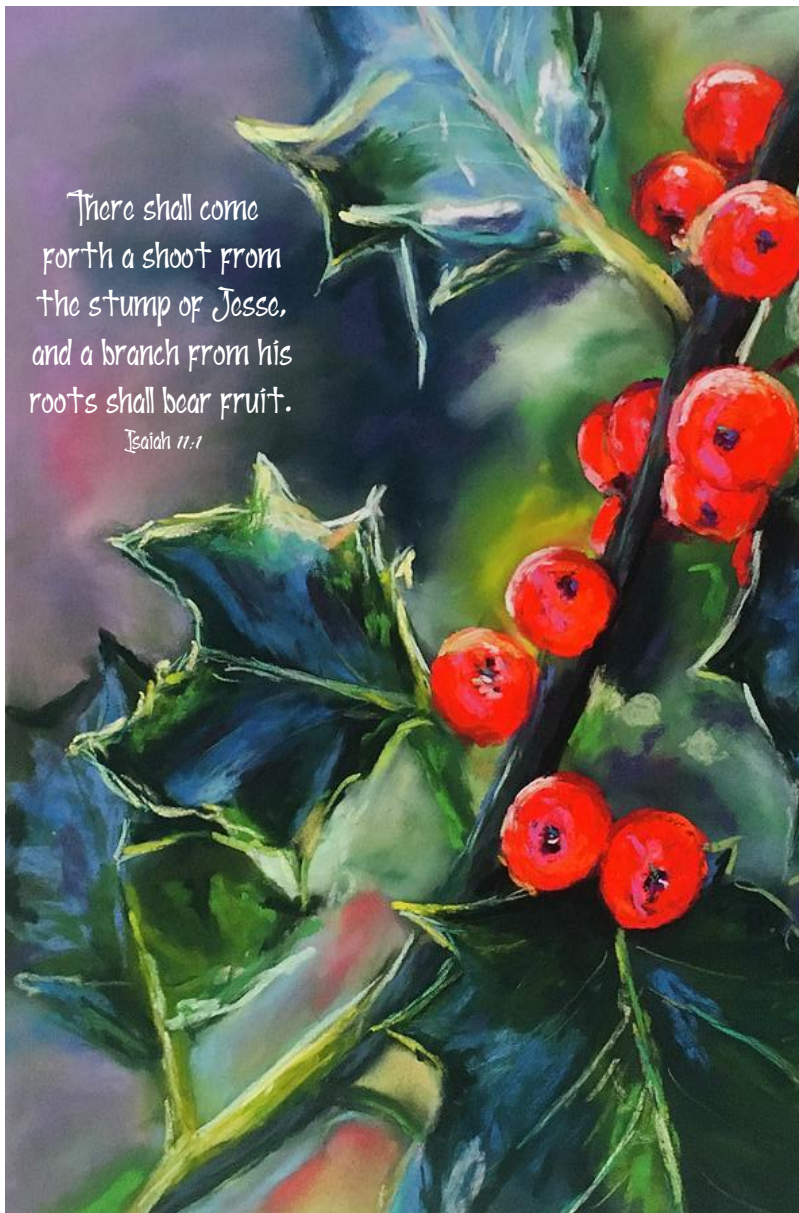
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There shall come
forth a shoot from
the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his
roots shall bear fruit.

Isaiah 11:1



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PRELUDE


"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

James Pethel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

LSB 384 v. 1-4



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

INVOCATION Mt 28:19b

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

People: ♪ Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *based on Mt 3:11; Ro 15:13; Is 11:4, 6; Ps 72:19*

Pastor: I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming
People: **will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**
Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
People: **so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.**
Pastor: With the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked.
People: **The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and a little child shall lead them.**
Pastor: Blessed be His glorious name forever;
People: **may the whole earth be filled with His glory!**

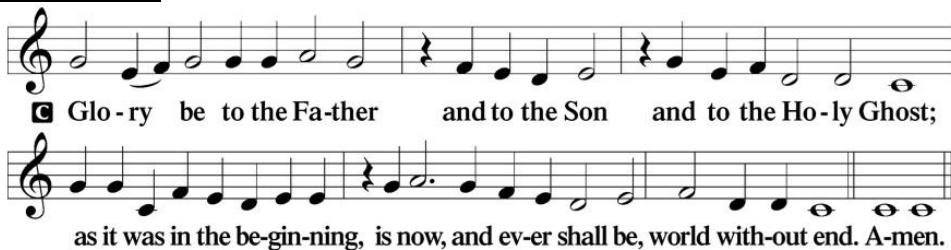
CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Standing guilty before our God, without excuse, we confess our sinfulness to Him.
People: **We confess before You, O Lord, that we are sinful. We have failed to treasure Your Word and as a result we have lived for ourselves instead of living our lives for You.**
Pastor: You intend Your Word to shine forth light, yet, at times, we choose to live in darkness.
People: **We acknowledge Your just judgment and confess we deserve to be cast away from Your presence for all eternity.**
Pastor: We trust not in ourselves but in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: **Grant us forgiveness for the sake of Him who sacrificed His very life that we may have eternal life.**
Pastor: The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should repent. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, by the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 25:4-7; Antiphon: Psalm 25:1*

Pastor/Choir: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

THE GLORIA PATRI




Two staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics "Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;" and the second staff contains "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men."

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as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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.



Two staves of music in B-flat major, 3/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics "O Je- sus Christ, have mer- cy Lord. Grant us Thy ho - ly peace. Have" and the second staff contains "mer - cy Lord, Im - man - u - el. Be Thou our "God with us"."

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mer - cy Lord, Im - man - u - el. Be Thou our "God with us".

THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



A single staff of music in D major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are "And with thy spir - it."

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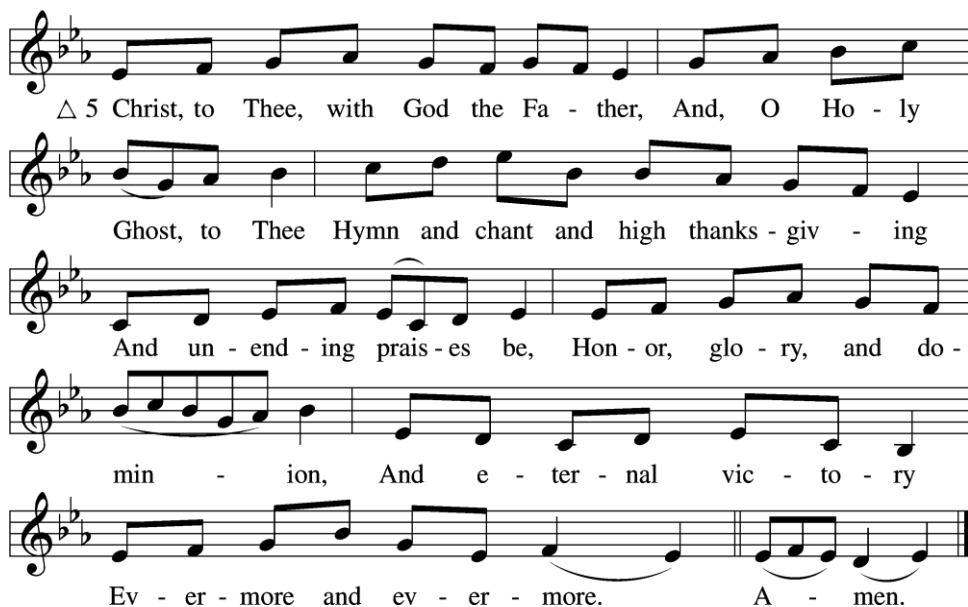
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, let this wreath remind us that the day is coming when His majestic voice will fill the air, with the trumpet call of God, and the words of our Savior, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." *Matthew 26:34*



OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 11:1-10

(Then shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse.)

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And 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. ³And 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, ⁴but 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.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The 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. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰In 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4-13

(May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.)

⁴For 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. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For 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, ⁹and 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."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM @10:30am

"Every Valley"

*John Ness Beck
The Cathedral Choir*

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

(The voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord.")

Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the third chapter.

People:



¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For 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.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about

the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹ "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 fire. ¹²His 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"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:



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

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SERMON

"So Much from So Little"

Isaiah 11:1-3

*Rev. Peter Nickel, 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

"Comfort, Come Ye My People"

Georg Böhm

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.

9am continues with the Benediction

† The Order of Holy Communion † @10:30am

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 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

O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, The God by heav'n-ly
 hosts a-dored, Both heav'n and earth Your glo-ry show.
Refrain
 Ho-san-na sing we to the Lord. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

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.**

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

O Christ, the ho-ly Lamb of God, Who takes a-way the
 whole world's sin, Have mer-cy on us now, we pray,
Refrain
 And grant Your heav'n-ly peace with-in. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 Em-man-u-el Shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine in the center of each tray.
 Communion will take place in two continuous lines at the altar.*

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,

Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;

Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

DISMISSAL

NUNC DIMITTIS

tune: LSB 357

♪ Lord, let Your servant go in peace, Your Word fulfilled within my sight.
 Salvation comes for all to see. For Israel, glory; Gentiles, light.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, with them one,
 As was in the beginning, now, And as the endless ages run. *Refrain.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We thank You, Lord Jesus, for calling us to repentance and for the gift of forgiveness. We praise You for making us one as the Body of Christ, united in Your Spirit. Sustain us through what has been received, that we continue to live in Your grace and bear fruit in Your name until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end. 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 *Matthew 3:2, 3b, Num 6:24-26*

Pastor: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Prepare the way of the Lord;

People: **make His paths straight.**

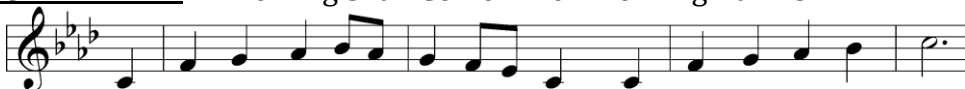
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



RECESSIONAL HYMN "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phank breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

POSTLUDE

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

Paul Manz