

*Second Sunday in Advent*  
*December 8, 2019*  
*7:30 am Service*



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**We Welcome All** who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

**Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today.** We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

**Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

**YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US!** A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary, with live streaming of the service on a TV screen. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** **Young children** can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – All children ages 2 to grade 8 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

**YOUTH BIBLE CLASS** – Youth (9-12<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information see Anna Reineke or Brenda Husing.

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Look Up!

December 8, 2019 7:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

When things are going wrong, we encourage our friends, saying, “Look up. Things will get better.” But that takes hope based on some report or promise. Our Advent hope is based on promises God has made throughout history, some of which we still await. Isaiah sees lions and lambs living together one day. Paul hopes that Jews and Gentiles will learn to live in harmony together now. But John the Baptist warns that only repentance will enable us to move forward. Advent is a time to recognize God’s grace in forgiving our sins and to look forward and up in hope!

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN** “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” LSB 342

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

She (Mary) will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

*Matthew 1:21*

## INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Based on Matthew 3:11; Romans 15:13; Isaiah 11:4, 6; Psalm 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** *Matthew 3:2, 11; Romans 15:13*

**Pastor:** When John the Baptist was preparing people to meet the Messiah, he preached, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**People:** **We all should repent, for we have thought, spoken, and acted in divisive, sinful ways.**

**Pastor:** John promised that the Messiah would “baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” It was the Spirit who worked faith in your hearts in Holy Baptism. Through the Word and Sacraments, our sins are forgiven, and we are given hope to amend our sinful lives and to look to our Lord’s return at the end of all things. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** Paul writes, “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.”

## ✠ WORD ✠

### KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: O Lord, Emmanuel, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: O Lord, Wisdom from on high, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: O Lord, Branch of Jesse's tree, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: O Lord, Key of David, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357 v. 1, 4

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son,

**People: that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds;**

Pastor: 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 READING *Isaiah 11:1–10*

(The prophet foresees a righteous branch coming in David's family tree.)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**     *Romans 15:4–13*

(Paul encourages Jews and Gentiles to live in hope and work toward harmony.)

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup> 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.

**Lector:**            This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**            **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**     *Matthew 3:1–12*

(John the Baptist preaches bearing fruit in keeping with repentance.)

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

**People:**            **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>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.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>"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. <sup>12</sup>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."

**Pastor:**            This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**            **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN**     "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"     LSB 338

**SERMON**     "There's the Signal!"     Isaiah 11:1-10

**CREED**     *Nicene Creed*     *(Creed can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)*

**OFFERING**     "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"     (arr. Manz)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**People:** **Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

**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 LSB 195

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI LSB 198

### DISTRIBUTION

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” LSB 620 v. 1-4

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

**HYMN** “Hark the Glad Sound” LSB 349

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** “Hark the Glad Sound” (arr. Lang) & “Lift Up Your Heads” (arr. Bender)

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## **IN HIS SERVICE**

<u>Elder/Helper</u>	Early – Ron Hagen, Glenn Finger Late – Dan Scafaro
<u>Ushers</u>	Early – Jim & Jean Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Ray Hutts, Pat & Jan Grosse
<u>Greeters</u>	Early – Anna Reineke Late – Lynn Parker
<u>Readers</u>	Early – Bonnie Jozowski Late –
<u>Acolytes</u>	Early – Jonah Walker Late – Evan Wanta
<u>Media Operators</u>	Early – Sharon Gifford Late – Anna Westfall
<u>Altar Care</u>	– Kathy Greif, Mara Rothenbach
<u>Nursery</u>	- Education Hour – Katrina Kadlec Late Service – Mandy Kersten

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS  
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE  
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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### **This week at Our Savior:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9</b>	10:00 am Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10</b>	6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir/Cantata Instruments 7:00 pm Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11</b>	9:30 am Quilters Congregational Christmas Party: 11:00 Social Hour - Lunch at 12:00 Noon 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Advent Service 7:15 pm Voters Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12</b>	9:00 am Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13</b>	Office Closed 7:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14</b>	7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation 7:00 pm Cantata
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15</b>	7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion 8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available 10:00 am Cantata – Nursery Available

**ATTENDANCE:** Early: 35, Communion: 29, Late: 45, Sunday Bible Study: 16, Sunday School: 27,  
Sr High School Bible Study: NA, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 7, Tuesday  
Bible Study: 19, Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 7, Thursday Evening Bible Study: NA

### **RECORD OF OFFERINGS**

<b>Offerings YTD</b> (thru 10/31/19)	<b>\$ 321,585.34</b>
<b>Budgeted YTD Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 353,809.22</b>
<b>Under Budget</b>	<b>\$ -32,223.88</b>





**2020 Offering Envelopes** – Next years offering envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please note, we have renumbered the envelopes so please be sure to not use your new envelopes until 2020.

**Watch Us On Facebook** - With a few weeks in the books, our live streaming is good to go! You can find us on the Our Savior Facebook page, and we hope to have a link up soon on our website. We are also in need of someone to assist in running the laptop for this opportunity. If you are interested in learning how to do this, please contact Pastor Kufahl as we are in need of your help!

**Christmas Cantata** – Our Savior's Adult Choir, JuBELLation Choir and instrumentalists from Our Savior & the Woodland Strings will be presenting "Have You Heard? A Celtic Christmas Cantata" on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. These services are a great opportunity to invite a friend to worship and share the Gospel! A traditional worship service with Holy Communion is offered at 7:30 am on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Come, Lord Jesus** – With all the preparations that are taking place for the Christmas celebrations, we encourage you to take some time on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for God to prepare your heart and life through His Word in our Advent services. See you there!

**Scam** - The Scrip committee is asking anyone that bought Roundy's cards from scrip and have not redeemed them yet, please try to use them at Pick N Save. We have had three customers bring their Roundy's cards back to us because they did not have a balance to spend. Apparently, Roundy's had someone get into their system and download pin numbers from Roundy's gift cards. We are very sorry for your inconvenience. If you do find you have one of these gift cards, please call Sharon at 715-617-0308. We are trying to wrap up and shut down this scrip fundraiser by the end of this year.

**Sunday School Reminders** - Our Christmas party will be Sunday, December 15th, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Hope to see you there! Please remember your coins for our mission project! We are collecting coins to provide baby chicks for families in need. \$14 will purchase a dozen chicks for one family. We will not have Sunday school on December 22nd & 29th. We will resume on January 5th. Thanks again for all the work for our Christmas service!