

*Second Sunday in Advent  
December 9, 2018*



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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. **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 6 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 (7-12<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are presented to the Glory of God by Marv Jarvis in memory of Betty Jarvis.

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The King Shall Come to Bring Us Peace

December 9, 2018 7:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

Preparation is probably on your mind. Christmas is only weeks away. There are presents to buy, visits to plan, decorations to put up, lights to see, food to cook, and so much more! As we prepare for Jesus to come, we reflect on John the Baptist's words to people who asked what they should do to prepare for the Messiah's coming. John says we are to "make His paths straight" by sharing food and clothing, by not taking advantage of people, and by being content with what the Lord has given us. In the midst of your busy preparations, consider these words.

## ❖ PREPARATION ❖

**HYMN** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344

## MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government shall be on his shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Luke 3:4–6*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!  
**People:** **He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!**  
Pastor: Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**People:** **Make His paths straight.**  
Pastor: Every valley shall be filled,  
**People:** **and every mountain and hill made low.**  
Pastor: The crooked shall become straight,  
**People:** **and the rough places shall become level ways.**  
Pastor: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.  
**People:** **We wait for Christ's return and the resurrection of all flesh.**  
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is coming soon!  
**People:** **He is coming soon indeed! Alleluia!**

## 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. 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.**

## **HYMN** “The King Shall Come to Bring Us Peace”

The King shall come to bring us peace,  
To straighten ev'ry path.  
He comes to make our suff'ring cease,  
To shield us from God's wrath.

We light this candle to recall  
The Baptist's desert cry:  
“Prepare the way, the Lord of all,  
The Prince of Peace is nigh.”

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## **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.

*Silence for reflection.*

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. “Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!”**

## ✖ WORD ✎

## **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, 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.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Malachi 3:1–7b*

(God's messenger prepares the way for the day of the Lord.)

“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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

<sup>7</sup> From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM** *Psalm 66:1–12*

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; <sup>2</sup> sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! <sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

<sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.” <sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. <sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, <sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves. <sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, <sup>9</sup> who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. <sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; <sup>12</sup> you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

## **EPISTLE** *Philippians 1:2–11* (We are all partakers of grace.)

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 3:1–20* (John the Baptist prepares the way.)

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

People: **Glory 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 Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> 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.’

<sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</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>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”<sup>11</sup> And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”<sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”<sup>13</sup> And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”<sup>14</sup> 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.”<sup>15</sup> As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,<sup>16</sup> 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 fire.”<sup>17</sup> 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.”<sup>18</sup> So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.<sup>19</sup> But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprobated by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done,<sup>20</sup> added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”    LSB 347

**SERMON**    “Burned Out”    Malachi 3:1-7b

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

**OFFERING**    “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”    (arr. Manz)    Organ

## 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.    *Psalm 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*

### 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: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, 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

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

### POSTLUDE "Hark the Glad Sound" (arr. Lang) & "Lift Up Your Heads" (arr. Bender)

## IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u>               | Early – Don Secord, Dick Cherney<br>Late – Steve Kolling  |
| <u>Ushers</u>                     | Early – Bob Merz, Jonah Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto<br>Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Ken Holdmann, Ray Hutt, Joyce Litchfield |
| <u>Greeters</u>                   | Early – Carol Johnson<br>Late – Jon & Diana Sell  |
| <u>Readers</u>                    | Early – Sue Frank<br>Late – Marge Baerenwald  |
| <u>Acolytes</u>                   | Early – Gaige Marien<br>Late – Cameron Birchbauer   |
| <u>Media Operators</u>            | Early – Sharon Gifford<br>Late – Steven Rieck   |
| <u>Altar Care</u>                 | – Lois Parnitzke, Kathy Greif   |
| <u>Nursery</u> - Education Hour - |   |
|                                   | Late Service -  |

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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:

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>10</b> |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>11</b> | 9:00 am Bible Study<br>9:30 am Quilters<br>6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir<br>7:15 pm Cantata Rehearsal                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>12</b> | 10:30 am Martha Board<br>11:30 am Martha Meeting<br>5:30 pm Confirmation<br>6:30 pm Advent Service<br>7:15 pm Voters Meeting |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>13</b> | 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>14</b> | Office Closed  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>15</b> | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation<br>8:30 am Cantata Dress Rehearsal<br>7:00 pm Cantata          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>16</b> | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion<br>8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study<br>10:00 am Cantata |

**ATTENDANCE:** : Early: 78, Communion: 71, Late: 98, Sunday Bible Study: 25, Sunday School: 31,  
Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: 5, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 8, Tuesday  
Bible Study: 15

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**God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!**

**Birthdays:**

**9 – Scott Young 10 – Jennifer Messner, Kelly Skarbek 11 – Ashley Mai, Sally Gibbs**

**12 – Connie Plisch 13 – Jacqueline Pearce**

**14 – Hunter Rose, Lisa Rose, Miriam Johnston 15 – Elaine Peter**

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Sunday between services

**Prayers For Our Families** – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Adam Alft, John Eggleston Family, Kathryn Hoffman, Bill & Julie LaFriske,  
Grant & Jean Meyer, Michael Rogers Family, Jon Stenschke Family*

**Our Savior Email List** - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check your spam folder and then make sure [oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com](mailto:oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com) is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions” tab.

**Constitution & Bylaws** – There are copies of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws in the racks near the Welcome Center. The final vote to adopt our updated Constitution and Bylaws will be at the December 2018 Voters Meeting. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Kufahl.

**Nursery Director & Volunteers Needed** - We are seeking a director for our nursery for infants & toddlers. This is a paid position. A job description and application are available in the narthex. We are also seeking adult and teen volunteers to serve in our nursery during the education hour and during the 10 am worship service. Please consider serving our youngest baptized members and those who visit as well.

**California Wildfires** - Once again our nation has been hard hit by a natural disaster. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is on the ground with supplies and care for those in need. If you would like to donate to the efforts, you may call 1-888-930-4438 to make a donation by phone. You can text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 to make a donation by your cell phone. And you can go to the synod's website at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org) to learn more.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Our "**Words to Live By**" radio broadcast is one of our greatest tools for Evangelism. This certainly is in keeping with God's command to "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15) This program has touched many people. We have received many good comments and responses to these, a lot from people of other denominations and churches as well as from guests and visitors. We need your help to keep this program operating. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway (between the narthex and fellowship hall) for anyone who wishes to sponsor one broadcast - or a week - or a Saturday. What a perfect way to honor someone's birthday, anniversary or any special occasion. It could be a memorial or "Thanks to God for His blessings."

**Many Hands Lighten the Load** - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. The **Altar Guild** and **Trustees** are in need of members to maintain our facilities in order that the Word of God may be proclaimed among us and to our community. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

**Parents of 7th – 12th Grade Youth** - We will have a meeting DECEMBER 19TH to discuss youth ministry opportunities in the coming year: small events, trips, and fundraisers. Please plan to attend with your youth.

**Youth in Grades 7-12** - Mark your calendars for the derby fundraiser weekends January 12 and 18 and Quake March 15 (sign up in January). Watch for more details.

# **2018 Christmas Cantata:**

## **Sing Noel!**



We invite you to join us as we share the Christmas message through music. May it be a blessing to you as you prepare for Christmas! Our Savior Festival Choir, Our Savior Children's Choir, JuBELLation Choir, & Woodland Strings

**Saturday, December 15, 7 p.m. &  
Sunday, December 16, 10 a.m.**

*Traditional worship service with communion is offered  
on Sunday at 7:30 a.m.*