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Second Sunday of Advent



Matthew 3:10

¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to

FM 88.9

Thank you for joining our service today.

Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.

This service will use the liturgy WOV setting 5 (blue hymnal).

Please stand (if able) for sections marked with an asterisk () in this bulletin.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Wreath Hymn **“Light One Candle to Watch”** **ELW #240, verse 2**

Confession and Forgiveness **WOV page 10**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen**

- * **Gathering Hymn** **“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”** **ELW#256**
* **Greeting** **WOV page 28**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

- * **Kyrie** **WOV page 28**

P: Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

P:Christe eleison: Christ have mercy. **C: Christ have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison: Lord have mercy. **C: Lord have mercy.**

- * **Gloria** **WOV page 29**

C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth, and peace to God’s people on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; 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 around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling 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 asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

⁴**He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor**

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be his glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might 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 confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*** Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at 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 one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. 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 will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Vicar Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn of the Day**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

ELW#254

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Congregation responds to each petition with the following:

L: God, in your mercy, **C:** **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, LaVonne and Logan.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The people share a sign of peace with one another.

Great Thanksgiving

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy Holy

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

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P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord...All glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen

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Lord's Prayer

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion

P: The body of Christ given for you. *(eat the body of Christ)*

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(drink the blood of Christ)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

ELW#249

*** Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Christ is near. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Karen Niemeier

Attendance November 20th

In-person-27 Online – 67

On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.



Christmas Poinsettias

Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Orders must be placed by Dec. 18th, price of the plants is \$15.00. Please complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you!

Poinsettia Order

Given by: _____

phone # : _____

Given (check one)

___ in memory of.. ___ in honor of...

Name (s)

Announcements

Please be sure that any *offering contribution* you would like credit for this year, is received prior to the end of worship on **Sunday, December 25, 2022**. Any contribution received after that time will be credited in 2023. Thank you for your cooperation. In an ongoing effort to reduce expenses, your offering envelope number for next year may change.

It is imperative that you write your name on your envelope so that you receive proper credit.

Your generosity and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact *Sheila at (815)369-5101*.

Thank you.

We will collect Thankofferings during November and December.

Finance Committee Meeting,
Monday December 5th at 6:00pm

Cub Scout Meeting,
Monday, December 5th at
6:30pm in
Fellowship Hall

*Bible Study Group
meets on Tuesday's
at 11am in Fellowship Hall.*

Piece Corps Quilting Group
Meets every Wednesday
from 8am-11:30am in Fellowship Hall

*Friendship Club
Thursday, December 8th
12:30pm potluck, following potluck,
Entertainment by—
Glenda Linneman*