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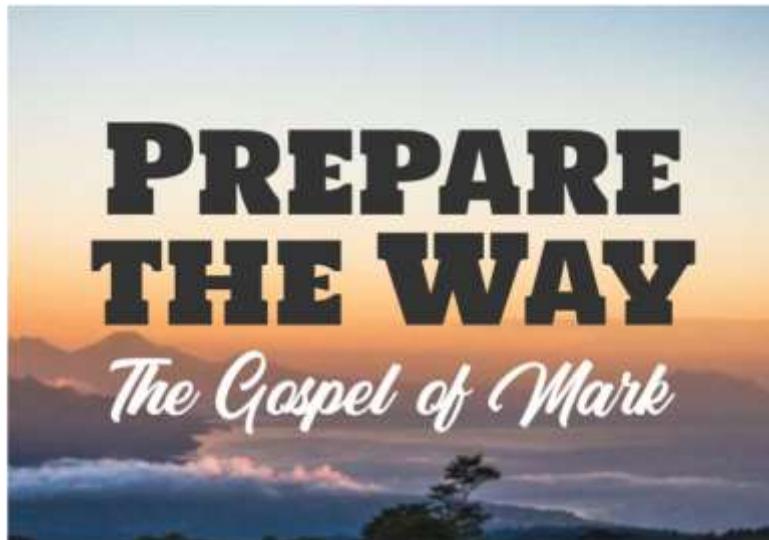
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Second Sunday of Advent



*Mark 1:2-3*

*<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”*

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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 worship we will be using ELW Setting 3.*

*You may stand during worship with asterisk (\*) in this bulletin.*

## **Gathering**

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

**Prelude**

**Tena Rackow**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting of Advent Wreath**

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found, **C: call upon him while he is near.**  
L: Prepare the way of the Lord, **C: make the Lord's paths straight.**  
L: Lift up your heads, O gates, **C: that the king of glory may come in.**  
L: The Spirit and the church cry out: **C: Come, Lord Jesus!**  
L: All those who await his appearance pray: **C: Come, Lord Jesus!**  
L: The whole creation pleads: **C: Come, Lord Jesus!**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe...

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

**Confession and Forgiveness**            **ELW page 94**

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 hidden: 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**      **“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”**      **ELW #254**

\* **Greeting**      **ELW page 138**

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**      **ELW page 138**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

\* **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” <sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**<sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

### Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a

<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15a</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW page 142**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**\* Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

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

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

Sermon

Vicar Thomas Mosbo

Hymn of the Day “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptists Cry” ELW#249

\* Apostles’ Creed

ELW page 105

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

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Congregation responds to each petition with the following:*

L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.



*We lift our prayers for*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Leona Block, Jim Swain, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Justin Yeager, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Jim Clay, Sharon Janicke, Ethan, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Vera Kempel, Jeri, Allie, Al Glen Hagemann, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Betty Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Michelle and Lee Bramlet.*

**Choir Anthem**

**“Advent Hymn”**

**Lord's Prayer**

**ELW page 145**

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

**C: 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**

**Sending**

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

**Blessing**

**ELW page 146**

**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 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" ELW #256

\* Dismissal

ELW page 146

P. Go in peace. Christ is near.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow

*Attendance November 26<sup>th</sup>  
In-person 29. Online*

Announcements

### **Caroling Today**

Pot luck at noon and leaving the church at 12:45pm  
Come and join in caroling for our shut-ins.

### **Finance Committee**

Finance Committee will meet on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.  
Chairperson: deadline on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to determine budget needs.

Piece Corps Quilters

*Meet every Wednesday in Fellowship Hall from 8:00-11:30am.*

*Come to enjoy the fellowship and help make loving quilts for Lutheran World Relief and those in need.*

### **Friendship Club**

December 14<sup>th</sup> potluck at 12:30pm followed with entertainment by "Set Free".

## **Special Congregational Meeting**

*To be held on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, after Worship Service to be held in the Sanctuary.*