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Second Sunday of Advent



With One Voice - Setting 5 (Bread of Life), page 28
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found.
C: Call upon him while he is near.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.
C: Make the Lord's paths straight.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates,
C: that the king of glory may come in.

P: The Spirit and the church cry out:
C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: All those who await his appearance pray:
C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: The whole creation pleads:
C: Come, Lord Jesus!

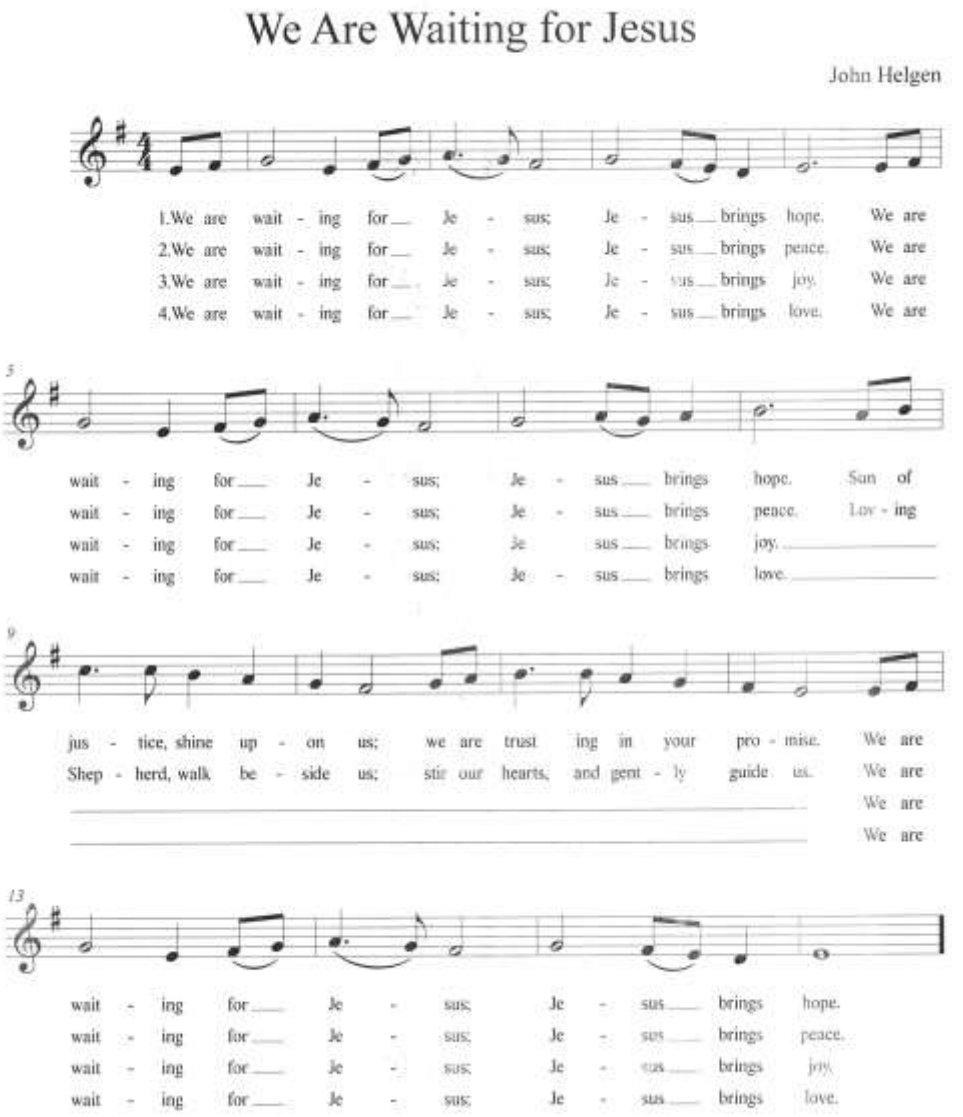
P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C: Amen.

The first two candles are lit.

Advent Song ***We Are Waiting for Jesus*** **ACS # 905, 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: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* 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 *Lord, Have Mercy* *WOV page 28*

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

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

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

* Canticle *Glory to God* *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...

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...

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…
and peace to God's people on earth.

* 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 nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

11 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
2 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.
3 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,
4 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.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
6 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.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

[8] The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
[9] 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.
[10] 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. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *72:1-7, 18-19*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 72.

72 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
[2] **May he judge your people with righteousness,**
and your poor with justice!
[3] Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
[4] **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,**
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!
[5] May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
[6] **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,**
like showers that water the earth!
[7] In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
[18] **Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,**
who alone does wondrous things.

19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-13*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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

8 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, 9 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."

10 And again it says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

11 And again,

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

12 And again Isaiah says,

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

13 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. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation *WOV page 31*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

* Gospel: *Matthew 3:1-12*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

[4] Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around
his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. [5] Then Jerusalem
and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to
him, [6] and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing
their sins.

[7] But 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? [8] Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. [9]
And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our fa-
ther,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for
Abraham. [10] 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.

[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. [12] 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." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* **ELW # 249**

* Nicene Creed

WOV page 32

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 whom 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.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Gene Medeke, Demetrio Velazco, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi and Tina.

Prayers of Intercession *WOV page 34*

L: As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
C: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace *WOV page 34*

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

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Men's Anthem ***O Come to Set Us Free***

Responses *WOV page 36*

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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *WOV page 36*

C: 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 *WOV page 37*

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…
...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *WOV page 39*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Canticle *Lamb of God* *WOV page 39*

**C: 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.**

Distribution

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing.*

Once all have received:

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

C: Amen.

Blessing *WOV page 41*

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.

* Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **ELW # 254**

* Dismissal *WOV page 41*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Hannah Circle
Sunday, December 7th
After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club will meet on December 11th
at 12:30pm for potluck.

Entertainment will be provided by Mississippi Man

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, December11th at 6:30pm

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 28, 2025.
Contribution received after that time will be credited in 2026.Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Attendance November 16th
In-person - 22 , on-line - 54

Virgil Gordon

Gives thanks to God that he has been declared cancer free, Virgil would like to thank everyone who has prayed for him during this journey!

Good Shepherd's Christmas Program

December 14th, during 9:30am Worship

Practice Saturday, December 13th at 9:30am.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship Service, 7:00pm

Communion will be served.

Christmas Morning

Worship Service at 9:30am

Communion will **not** be served.

Good Shepherd will be at the

Le-Win Food Pantry

Saturday, December 27th. 8:30am-11:30am

Men's Group

Saturday, December 27th, 4:30pm