

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022

*WELCOME, Dear Visitor! We are happy to have you join us for worship today. May the Lord speak to your heart and supply help for your life as we listen to God's Word. Please fill out a Welcome Card to place in the offering plate and come back soon!*

**PRAYER AS WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP:** Almighty God, in this time of worship, please help us to be thankful of the salvation which You have so graciously given us. This we ask in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

**Welcome and Announcements** + Please silence your cell phones +

**Prelude** "Come, O Precious Ransom" (German/Gehrke)

**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. Composite Tune: adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621 Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

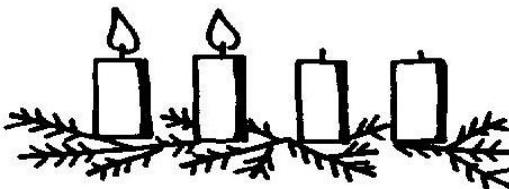
## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

### **357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the Law, In cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

**Refrain** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny;  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them victory o'er the grave. **Refrain**



## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 15:4–13*

<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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem (8:30) O Come To Us, Emmanuel”

(Martin)

*Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 3:1–12*

<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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## **343 Prepare the Royal Highway**

### **Sermon**

**Offering** - please place in offering boxes located by the sanctuary exits

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## **Prayer of the Church & Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

### **338 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

### **621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**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.

**C** Amen.

## 738 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Postlude “Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors” (Liljestrand/Mahnke)

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**FAMILY PRAYERS:** We continue to pray for our nation, community, Preschool and all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: Larry Schneibel, Bob Barclay, Luella Hilby, Onie Morseman, Patti Weizel and son Kelly Napiontek, Rev. Mark Smith, Mark Thomas, Deacon Tim Bruce, Carolyn Stephens, Dave Cason, Jean Collinson, Jan Ruegg, Pat Skinner, Bernie Christianson, Don Haas, Jo Jensen, Debbie Hayes, Larry Latson, Gerald Martin, Bud & Doris Harris, Kathy Langston, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke, and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Rev. Tim & Heidi Norton & their children Philip & Leslie serving at Shephard of the Valley Lutheran Church, in Navajo, N.M.

**THOSE SERVING TODAY:** **Audio/Visual Team:** Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, Tom Davies  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Bill Eichler, Roger Harmann; (11:00) Jerry & Diloy Ludke  
**Lectors:** (8:30) Jackie Eklund; (11:00) Jerry Ludke; **Coffee Hour:** Fellowship Board  
**Elder:** (8:30) Jon Wendt; (11:00) Neil Eklund; **Altar Care:** Sylvia Baxter & Becky Eaton  
**Greeters:** (8:30) Curt & Cricket Hagen; (11:00) Kate Stites; **Counters:** Lynn & Jane Thompson; **Active Trustees:** Paul Kaiser, Paul Schwabe, Tom Maschhoff

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK: Bazaar Sale in the Fellowship Hall!**

MONDAY: Line Dancing in the Multi-purpose Room  
WEDNESDAY: **5:45 pm Soup Supper; 7 pm Advent Worship Service**  
5 pm Bell Choir; 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal  
THURSDAY: 10 am Living Way Bible Study; 12 pm Quilting Group (*flat sheets wanted*)  
SUNDAYS: 8:30 & 11 am Worship Services  
9:45 – 10:45 am Coffee & Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

 Our LWML collect "mites" or coins in the narthex the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month in support of missions.



**ADVENT**

**ADVENT SERVICES:** Continuing this Wednesday evening, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, and again on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will have Advent Worship Services here at Faith. Preceding the services at 5:45 pm, our Fellowship Board is hosting a soup supper. All are invited to come and enjoy the Season of Advent with food, fellowship, song, prayer & special message.



**CHRISTMAS SHARE TREE MISSION:** It is time to prepare for our annual mission of sharing the joy of Christmas through gifts to families in our church and community, the School District, as well as with some of our nearby health care facility residents. If you know of anyone that you would like to include on our list, please contact **Coordinator: Leah Peck** ASAP. This year, we will once again keep the process simple by just collecting \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards (and some Safeway cards). To participate, please sign up in the narthex by the collection bin. Simply purchase the gift cards you sign up for and then return them to the offering boxes on Sunday, or to the church office during the office hours by Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations for this purpose are also welcome!



ALL women and girls of Faith congregation are invited to join in the fun of our Saturday, Dec. 10th, 11:30 AM Western-themed Christmas party (sign up in the Narthex by **Dec. 5th**). Our venue this year is the preschool gym. There will be a line-dancing demonstration (and participation for those who desire it). Bring a pot-luck food dish, a wrapped 'white-elephant' ornament to exchange and money or food (protein!) for the Sequim Food Bank (refer to their website for what they will accept). As in the past there will be a devotion, skit and carol-singing. If you have questions, you may contact Sylvia Baxter for answers. The potluck sign up sheet is in the narthex.



**ATTENTION MEN OF FAITH:** The Men's Fellowship Breakfast continues on the **second Saturday of every month from 8am to 9am**. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>**. You'll enjoy a great breakfast prepared by our lead chef Jerry Walker, some fun music, and a meaningful presentation by a guest speaker. You are welcome to bring a family member or friend.