

Second Sunday of Advent



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Aurora, MN

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

LBW pg. 77

HYMN On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

LBW # 36

GREETING

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KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE Lord God, heavenly king...

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The four (or sometimes five) candles (and Sundays) each have a specific meaning. The colors of these candles are usually blue but sometimes purple, pink, or white.

Second candle: preparation or Bethlehem candle. The scriptures often point to the early parts of the life of Christ, usually about Christ's birth in Bethlehem.

"Light One Candle....." WOV # 630 (verse 2)

Light two candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The 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. His 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; but 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. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The 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. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They 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.

On 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.

R: The word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (please read responsively)

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever 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.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For 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, and 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"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May 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.

R: The word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C: *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...*

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GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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C: *Glory to you O Lord.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This 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.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But 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? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do 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. Even 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. "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. His 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."

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Hark, the Glad Sound

LBW # 35

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Create in me.....

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

THE SACRAMENT	LBW pg. 88
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	LBW pg. 89
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	LBW pg. 89
WORDS OF INSTITUTION	LBW pg. 91
THE LORD'S PRAYER	LBW pg. 91

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.

THE MEAL (the congregation may come forward)

**please note ~ The center ring is white grape juice and
the outer rings are red wine.)*

LAMB OF GOD	LBW pg. 92
THANK THE LORD	LBW pg. 92
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION	LBW pg. 94
BENEDICTION	LBW pg. 95
SENDING HYMN Good Christian Friends...	LBW # 55
DISMISSAL	LBW pg. 95
POSTLUDE	

Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Mary Hess

Ushers ~ Lorna Kallio & Mary Castle

Music ~ Diane Boback

Contributions

2021 Total budget \$ 80,533

Contributions needed weekly per 2021 budget \$ 1,550

Given Sunday November 27th ~ \$700

~Prayer Concerns~

Joy Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley

~Calendar ~

Monday 10:00

WELCA Board

Tuesday 8:30

Bandage Rolling

Wednesday 9:00

Quilting

Bulletin Announcement Deadline

Next Sunday 10:30

Worship & Sunday School Christmas Program

11:30

Brunch after Worship

Next Sunday ~ December 11, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Kent Dickinson

Ushers ~ Aubree & Carter Skelton

Music ~ Diane Boback

Announcements

LADIES: Our Christmas Dinner/Silent Auction is back and will be on DECEMBER 12th, 5:00 p.m., at our church. Signup sheet will be posted in the Narthex. Looking forward to a great attendance and silent auction items! All proceeds go to the Aurora Food Shelf and Kids' Closet at Mesabi East. Catered by Vaughn's Restaurant.

November and December is a time to focus on being good stewards in our church. Please take this time to examine ways we all can be aware of stewardship in our lives, community and church. Our time, our talents and our money.

Wanted ~ Donated white sheets for the mission project of making bandages for Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jan Moore at 229-3466.

Prayer Concerns ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly EyeOpener.

Prayer Chain ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Lorraine Ekman 229-3328 , Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 229-0130, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-1471.

Thank you to all who shovel, you all are very much appreciated!!

12/2 – 12/8 Steve Lafrenier

12/9 – 12/15 Erik Olson

It's December and Annual Report time is quickly approaching. The deadline is December 31, 2022. The Holiday Season is beginning and life usually gets busier than usual, so if you are the committee member responsible for turning in this report this is just a gentle reminder. 😊

Today, December 4th marks the start of "Grab-N-Go" to collect **winter hats, mittens, and gloves** for Mesabi East elementary students. Please bring donated items to the labeled bin at church.

Let's help to keep the heads and hands of young students warm for the winter season.

Mesabi East Ministerial Association(MEMA) MEMA is an Emergency Fund, and is in dire need of donations. Checks can be made out to Interchurch and left in the offering plate or mailed to: Jan Mikolich, P.O. Box 364, Biwabik, MN 55708. The contact for MEMA is Pastor Barns @ Faith Lutheran Church, 218-742-6525 or Church # 218-225-2715.