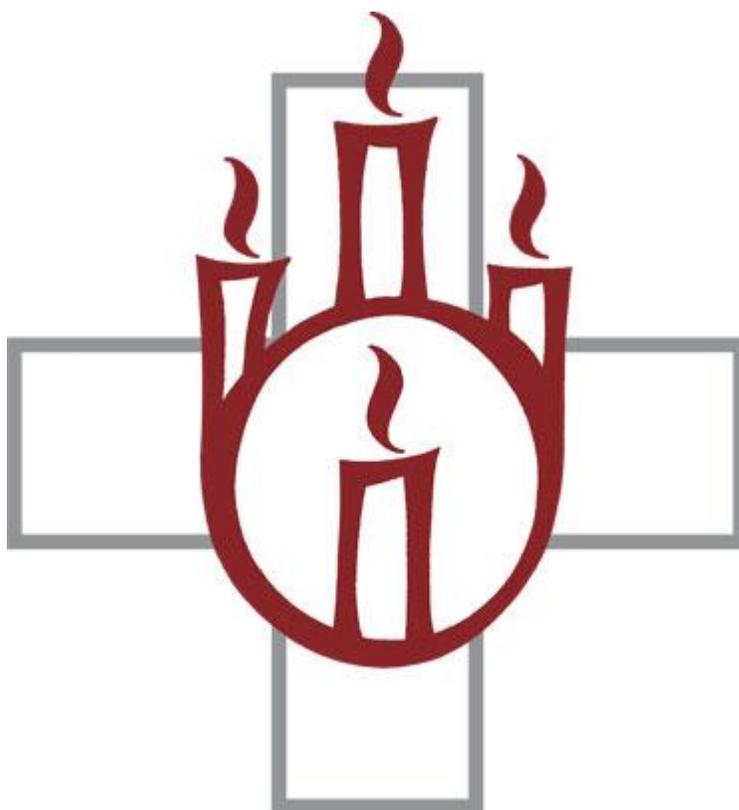


# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 6, 2015

10:45 a.m.



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**PRELUDE**      “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” arr. Arnold Sherman  
*(The Adult Handbell Choir)*

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**      “Comfort, Comfort All My People”      BOTB 43

Comfort, comfort all my people with the comfort of my Word. Speak it tender to my people: All your sins are taken away.

1. Though your tears be rivers running; though your tears be an ocean full; though you cry with the hurt of living: comfort, comfort. Ev’ry valley shall be lifted, ev’ry mountain shall be low, ev’ry rough place will be smoother, comfort, comfort!

Comfort, comfort all my people with the comfort of my Word. Speak it tender to my people: All your sins are taken away.

2. Though your eyes see only darkness, though your eyes can see no light, though your eyes see pain and sorrow: comfort, comfort. Every night will have its morning, every pain will have an end, every burden will be lightened: comfort, comfort.

Comfort, comfort all my people with the comfort of my Word. Speak it tender to my people: All your sins are taken away.

3. Though we build strong walls for prisons, though we feast while others starve, though we fill this world with weapons: comfort, comfort. Every prisoner will be rescued, every hungry mouth be filled, every gun will rust, forgotten: comfort, comfort.

Comfort, comfort all my people with the comfort of my Word. Speak it tender to my people: All your sins are taken away.

4. Though we fracture God’s creation, though we stand so far apart, though we fail to love each other: comfort, comfort. Every wall will crack and crumble, every stranger will be friend, every one embrace another: comfort, comfort.

Comfort, comfort all my people with the comfort of my Word. Speak it tender to my people: All your sins are taken away.

## INVOCATION

*Philippians 1:2*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **May the Lord prepare our hearts to receive the grace and peace He gives!**

*Kneel*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord.

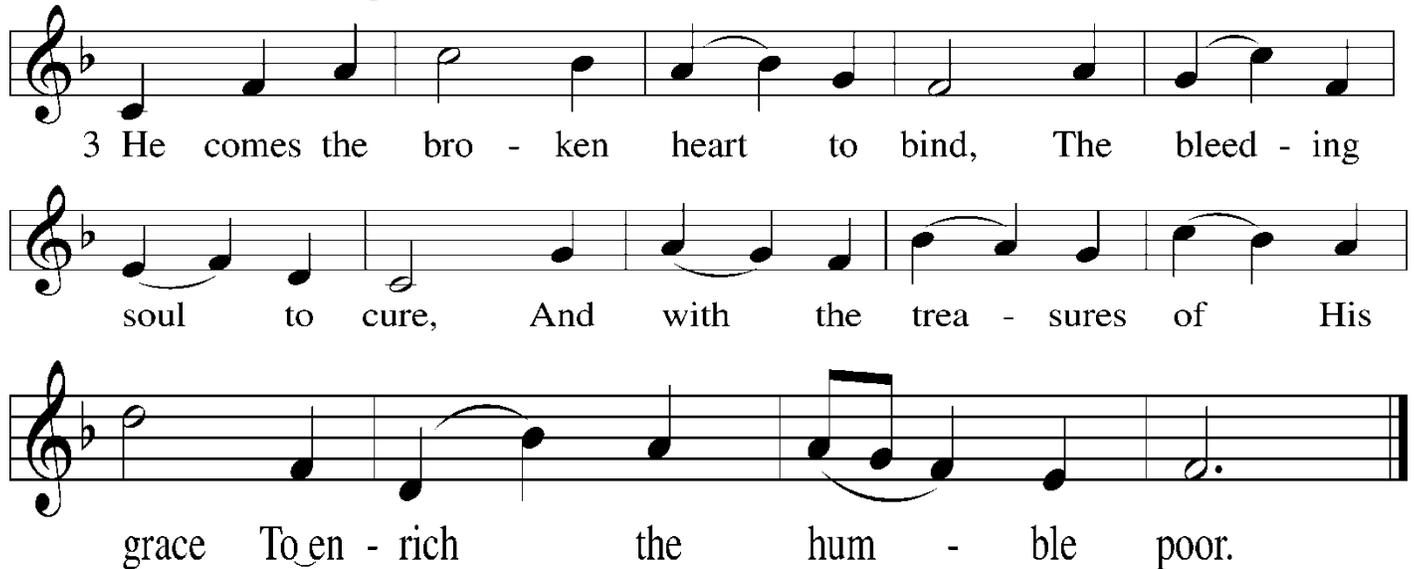
(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P** Holy God,
- C** **we are in need of grace. We are desperate for peace. As people born in sin, no matter where we turn, our pursuits to find wholeness leave us feeling empty and alone. Only in You, dear Father, are we made complete. Only in You, dear Savior, are we forgiven. Only in You, dear Holy Spirit, are we restored. Draw us near to Calvary's cross that we may learn again of the sacrifice made once and for all. Complete, forgive, and restore us today by Your saving grace and perfect peace.**
- P** The God of grace and peace is not a God who is distant and far away from His creation. As Your everlasting Father, He draws close to you through the saving work of His Son. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, You are fully and freely forgiven! You are the Father's own children! Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

**ADVENT KYRIE (Cong)** "Hark the Glad Sound"

LSB 349:3



3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.

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**ADVENT GLORIA (Cong)**

"From Heaven Above"

LSB 358:15



15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,  
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**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**

1 We light the Advent candles  
against the winter night,  
to welcome our Lord Jesus  
who is the world's True Light,  
to welcome our Lord Jesus  
who is the world's True Light.

3 We light the second candle,  
and hear God's holy Word,  
it tells us, cling to Jesus,  
prepare to meet your Lord,  
it tells us, cling to Jesus,  
prepare to meet your Lord!

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**THE MUSICAL OFFERING** “Savior of the Nations, Come” arr. Cathy Moglebust  
(The Adult Handbell Choir)

**EPISTLE**

*Philippians 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**VERSE**

*Luke 3:4b, 6*

**P** Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;

**C** all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 3:1-20*

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to

John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways,<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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>9</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>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN**

“On Jordan’s Bank”

*LSB 344*

**SERMON**

“This is the Voice” *(based on the Gospel reading)*

*Stand*

## NICENE CREED

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In His first Advent, He came in humility to save. In His second Advent, He will come in glory to judge and to reign. Even now, He comes to us by His Word and Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts”

BOTB 92

Holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts  
Holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts  
The whole earth is full of His glory  
The whole earth is full of His glory  
The whole earth is full of His glory  
Holy is the Lord

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

## AGNUS DEI

“Only by the Blood of the Lamb”

BOTB 175

Only by the blood of the Lamb

Only by the blood of the Lamb

We've overcome In His grace we now stand

Only by the blood of the Lamb (*Repeat*)

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*LSB 686*

“Feed Us Now”

**BOTB 53**

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal; Let us know Your love anew; We hunger for You. Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live within; Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good! Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust. Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can understand How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts. Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow. God is here, O so near, In this heaven's meal. May we always feed on You On bread that is true.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

### BENEDICTION

*Philippians 1:2*

**P** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**G** Lord, we have received! Now send us forth to share what You have given!

- 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.

**HYMN TO DEPART**                      “Beautiful Savior” (All of My Days)                      BOTB 21

1. All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

2. I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the morning, glorious in holiness, You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all.

3. I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
where countless worshipers will share one song,  
and cries of “worthy” will honor the Lamb!

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the morning, glorious in holiness, You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all.

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Those serving in worship today:

Preacher/Liturgist: Pastor James Hageman

Organist: Steve Kohlmeier

Altar Guild: (8:00 a.m. Lori Hoelting; 10:45 a.m. Lisa Lock;  
6:30 p.m. Elaine Fortner

Attendance: 11/25/15 (7:00 p.m. 62) 11/29/15 (8:00 a.m.98; 10:45 a.m.101)  
11/30/15 (6:30 p.m.12)

Sunday School Attendance: 12

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Advent Wednesdays 2015

Services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**The Advent of Our Lord: Christ in the Old Testament and Now**

***Wednesday, December 2: The Coming of Christ in Prophecy***

***Wednesday, December 9: The Coming of Christ in Events***

***Wednesday, December 16: The Coming of Christ in Worship***

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**December 24, 2015**

6:30 p.m. Family Worship Service

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

**December 25, 2015**

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion