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The Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2025

4:30 PM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” LSB 347, sts. 1-4

Please stand

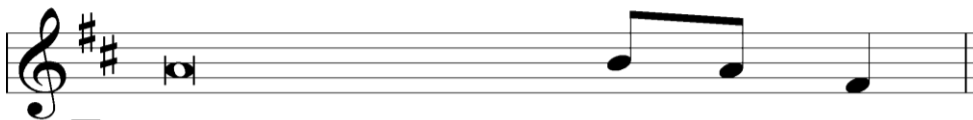
INVOCATION

P We begin our service in the name of the Father, and of the +Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

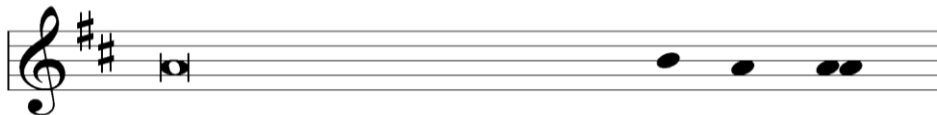
C Amen!



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Please sit

BAPTISM HYMN “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” LSB 590, sts. 1-2

BAPTISM OF

GORDON LEE AND CAMERON

Baptism liturgy, then...

P Finally, Gordon and Cameron, God washes you of your sins in baptism but He also brings you into His family. We welcome you into our family in God’s name. Come and enjoy with us the many gifts of God as we all wait for the day of His return.

C We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You have sent us Your Son, Jesus, to take our place in death and rise from the grave. We thank You for working through baptism to wash us of our sins and bring us into Your family.

P We thank You for bringing Gordon and Cameron to the waters of baptism and now we ask You to help us surround them with Your love so we can walk in grace and new life together. Protect Gordon and Cameron from the temptations of this world and bless them to join us in the life of faith.

P The Lord preserve you in every step of your life from now to life eternal.
The peace of Christ ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

BAPTISM HYMN “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” LSB 590, sts. 3-4

Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

PSALM 72:1-7 (*Spoken responsively*)

P ¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

C ²May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

P ³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

C ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

P ⁵May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

C ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

P ⁷In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING,
IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING Isaiah 11:1-10

L The First Reading is from Isaiah, chapter eleven, verses 1 through 10.

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And 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.

³And 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,

⁴but 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.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The 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.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰In 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.**

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-13

L The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter fifteen, verses 4 through 13.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For 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, ⁹and 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."

¹⁰And again it is said,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May 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.**

Please stand

GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, from the third chapter.

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

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For 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.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist,

and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But 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?"

(continued...)

⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

⁹And 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. ¹⁰Even 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 with fire.

¹²His 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 O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMON RESPONSORY



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Please be seated

SERMON HYMN "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344, sts. 1-5

SERMON "STARTING OVER WITH GOD"
 The Rev. Dr. Brent Klein

CANTICLE "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" LSB 515, sts. 1,4

TITHES & OFFERING

Please stand

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray as our Savior 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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Each intercession ends with the words **P** "Lord, in Your mercy,"
to which the congregation responds, **C** "hear our prayer."

PRAYER FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN **“Prepare the Royal Highway”** *LSB 343, sts. 1-4*

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

* * * **To God Be the Glory** * * *

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