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## Second Sunday of Advent

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Hymns: **102**      **106**    **107:1-4**    **543**

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MATTHEW 3:11

### TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

(Rite One, pages 41-59 in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

#### THE OPENING PRAYER (*Stand*)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: 102 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” (*Sit*)

**1** "Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
Speak ye peace," thus saith our God.  
"Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover,  
And her warfare now is over."

**2** Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He will no more see or heed.  
She hath suffered many a day;  
Now her griefs have passed away.  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.

**3** Hark, the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Bidding all men to repentance,  
Since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

**4** Make ye straight what long was crooked;  
Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That His Word is never broken.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Stand*)

**P:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

**C:** **♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

**P:** Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

## THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day):

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may worship You with pure minds; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10 (*Sit*)

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.

### **Psalm 130**

P: <sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

C: <sup>2</sup> **O Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

P: <sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

C: <sup>4</sup> **But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.**

P: <sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

C: <sup>6</sup> **my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

P: <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

C: <sup>8</sup> **And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.**

### **THE EPISTLE: Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup> 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. <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 says,  
“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.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12** (*Stand*)

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 to his 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 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.”

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life † everlasting. ♪ Amen.**

**CHIEF HYMN: 106 “On Jordan’s Bank the Herald’s Cry”**

**1** On Jordan's bank the herald's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

**2** Then cleansed be ev'ry Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a Guest;  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

**3** For thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
Our Refuge and our great Reward;

Without Thy grace we waste away,  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.  
**4** To heal the sick, stretch our Thine  
hand

And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Once more upon Thy people shine  
And fill the world with love divine.

**5** All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,  
Whose advent set Thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

**THE SERMON “Imminent Arrival of the Judge”**      Romans 15:4-13

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Stand*)

**P:** Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.**

**P:** Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

**C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.**

**P:** Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your

servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.**

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful. Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

**C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.**

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

**C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.**

P: In Your mercy look upon ..... In Christ's name we pray.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.**

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

**C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!**

**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.**

#### THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

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

#### THE OFFERING

*If you are a first time visitor with us, we encourage you to fill out a welcome card which is in the pew in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate as it comes by and our Pastor will happily reach out to you.*

**A HYMN: 107 vv. 1-4 “When All the World Was Cursed”** *(Sit)*

1 When all the world was cursed  
By Moses’ condemnation,  
Saint John the Baptist came  
With words of consolation.  
With true forerunner’s zeal  
The Greater One he named,  
And Him, as yet unknown,  
As Savior he proclaimed.

2 Before he yet was born,  
He leaped in joyful meeting,  
Confessing Him as Lord  
Whose mother he was greeting.  
By Jordan’s rolling stream,  
A new Elijah bold,  
He testified of Him  
Of whom the prophets told.

3 Behold the Lamb of God  
That bears the world’s transgression,  
Whose sacrifice removes  
The enemy’s oppression.

Behold the Lamb of God,  
Who beareth all our sin,  
Who for our peace and joy  
Will full atonement win.

4 Thrice blessed ev’ry one  
Who heeds the proclamation  
Which John the Baptist brought,  
Accepting Christ’s salvation.  
He who believes this truth  
And comes with love unfeigned  
Has righteousness and peace  
In fullest measure gained.

5 O grant, Thou Lord of Love,  
That we receive, rejoicing,  
The word proclaimed by John,  
Our true repentance voicing,  
That gladly we may walk  
Upon our Savior’s way  
Until we live with Him  
In His eternal day.

**THE COLLECT** *(Stand)*

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give † you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.**



CLOSING HYMN: 543 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” (*Sit*)

**1** Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.

**2** The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand.

**3** The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and sufferings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
Their diadems of gold!

**4** Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption,  
That sets Your people free!

**CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 7, 2025**

**Tuesday** 7:00 PM: **SABBSA**

**Wednesday** 7:00 PM: **Advent Service** - “The Light of the Gentiles”

**Saturday** 12:00 PM: **Game Day**

**Sunday** 9:00 AM: **Sunday School & Bible Study**  
10:30 AM: **Divine Service**  
(Voter’s meeting with potluck after service.)

The advent Sundays for the next 3 Sundays is: Imminent Arrival

This year's Advent theme, Imminent Arrival, calls to mind how people eagerly anticipate the Christmas season. The Latin word adventus means arrival, and in the Christian church we eagerly anticipate three arrivals of Christ: the commemoration of his birth, his return on judgment day, and the moments he touches our hearts in Word and sacrament. The Lord is near!

**Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>** Imminent Arrival of the One Who Calls

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>** Imminent Arrival of the Judge

**Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>** Imminent Arrival of the Messiah

**Christmas Services**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 AM** - Sunday School Children's Christmas Service  
"Let Earth Receive Her King"

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM** - Christmas Eve Service

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM** - Christmas Day Service