



SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

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**THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 4, 2022 - 9:30 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

The Second Sunday in Advent marks one step closer to the celebration of our Lord's Incarnation. We are almost there, but not yet. The prophets foretold the messenger, John the Baptist, sent to prepare for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Like a branch that grows from a stump into a mighty tree, we await the unfolding of the Mystery of the Ages. God brought hope to the despair of His people and sent forth a Shoot from the stump of Jesse to restore what sin had destroyed. The Fruit of His Tree is nothing less than peace--peace between us and God, among us as people, and Eternal Peace where trouble and trial will no longer afflict His people. We look to the manger remembering the birth of this Hope and Peace. We await the fulfillment of what we know only in part here on earth--the perfect peace that is eternal. For now, we glimpse it in His Church through the Means of Grace, but then we shall know it face-to-face, as we know Him.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

**PRELUDE**

St. Francis Brass Band

*Angels from Glory* – arr. N. Jones

**GREETING**

❖ **INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## ❖ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P As we light the second candle on our Advent wreath, the Bethlehem candle, we remember how God chose the little town of Bethlehem to be the birthplace of our Savior, fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy and making great what was small.

C **We give You thanks, our Heavenly Father, that You exalt the humble and bring down the proud. Grant that, as we travel once more to Bethlehem to greet our Savior and King, we may be humbled in His Presence and blessed to serve Him; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## ❖ SONG

*We Light the Candle*

**We light the candle of peace, we light the candle of peace.  
This candlelight, burning bright reminds us that Christ brings peace.  
We light the candle of peace, we light the candle of peace.  
He's coming soon, Immanuel, Jesus will bring us peace.**

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## OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

*Isaiah 11:1-10* [ESV]

*(Isaiah prophesies the arrival of the Messiah, Whose Kingdom will bring righteousness, justice and peace.)*

11 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ❖ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

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.**

## ❖ ABSOLUTION

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.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

St. Francis Brass Band

*Christmas Praise* – arr. N. Jones

### ❖ PRAYER 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;

C **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. Amen.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 15:4-13* [ESV]

*(May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.)*

<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 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.

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

❖ **VERSE**

*Luke 3:4b, 6*

C **Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the Salvation of God. Alleluia.**

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 3:1-12 [ESV]*

*(The voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord.")*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**3** 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.”

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Zach Sarrault

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*

LSB 344

Verse 1: All  
2: *Women and Children*  
3: All Sung in Canon [Men begin: Women start at “our (Savior)”]  
4: *Men*  
5: All

**1. On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’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 life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.*

**3. We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away Like flow’rs that wither and decay.**

*4. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.*

**❖ 5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.**

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A Royal Lifestyle  
*Matthew 3:1-12*

❖ **CREED**                      *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.
- C** The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven  
and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will 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<sup>✠</sup> Everlasting. Amen.

❖ **GREETING OF PEACE**

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)

Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

**OFFERING**

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, and in baskets located at the doors.)



**MUSICAL OFFERING**  
*Glad Tidings* – arr. K. Smith

St. Francis Brass Band

❖ **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Almighty God, Everlasting Father, we are thankful for the great things You have done for us.

**C Foremost of these is bringing us into Your Kingdom through Your Son Jesus Christ.**

P We thank You for the message of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Christ's Coming.

**C Keep us ready by daily repentance.**

P Send us, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit; that He may help us prepare Your Way in our live and in our world.

**C Help us to straighten the paths that all may find You.**

P Enable us to remove those obstacles in our life which prevent others from seeing You in us.

**C May Your Love abound in us more and more, with knowledge and discernment.**

P Be with those who cannot be with us today.

**C Be with those who are in need of Your Help.**

*After each additional petition:*

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P According to Your Will, O Lord,

**C grant our requests in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Jesus remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

❖ **HYMN**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

**LSB 343**

**1. Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:**

*Refrain*

**Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!**

**2. God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!**

*Refrain*

**3. Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him!**

*Refrain*

**4. His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:**

*Refrain*

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**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

St. Francis Brass Band

*Fanfare Jubiloso – J. Curnow*

*Please be seated and remain in your place for the Postlude.*

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**Servants in Worship**

Preacher..... Pastor Zach Sarrault  
Presiding Minister.....Rev. Alan Shaw  
Organist/Director.....Robert E. Unger, Director of Worship and Music Ministry  
St. Francis Brass Band.....Doug Amaxopulos, Director  
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She will bear a son,  
and you shall call  
*his name Jesus.*

for he will save his people  
from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

## Advent Worship

### Weekend Services

November 27 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent

December 4 ~ 2nd Sunday in Advent  
featuring St. Francis Brass Band at 9:30 am

December 11 ~ 3rd Sunday in Advent

December 18 ~ 4th Sunday in Advent  
Christmas Music Festival, *What Sweeter Music*  
featuring Festival Chorus accompanied by  
full orchestra at 8:00 am and 9:30 am

Worship Times, unless noted:  
Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:00 am, 9:30 am, Praise 11:00 am

### Mid-Week Services

November 30 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Hanging of the Greens  
(children and family focused service)

December 7 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Holden Evening Prayer Service

December 14 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
featuring Old North State Brass

December 21 ~ Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Christmas Carol Celebration  
in Circle Entrance (family friendly)