

Advent 02

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Celebrate (Introduction)

“At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord’s table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.”

Opening Hymn: [ELW 249 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King of Solomon.

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king’s son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live ^[a] while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your 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

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 246 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!](#)

Advent Prayer – Lighting of the Second Candle: Forgiveness

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we light this second candle on the Advent Wreath. Teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, and until none hurt or destroy all the earth. Amen

The Advent Hymn: [ELW 257 \(v1-2\) – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#)

1st Reading: [Isaiah 11:1-10](#)

2nd Reading: [Romans 15:4-13](#)

The Gospel: [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Hymn: [ELW 264 – Prepare the Royal Highway](#)

The Message: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Offering*: [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

The ELCA World Hunger Campaign is underway, and you may choose to give an additional offering to the World Hunger Campaign and add an angel to our Angel Tree.

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially Julie Ash, Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Judy Cosentino, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, David Kieffer, Charles Larsen, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, Debra Pastor, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 543 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing](#)

Announcements

- Christmas Nativity Village is Open to the Public, Sundays 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- World Hunger Campaign is underway to add angels to our Angel Tree
- Please contact Debbie Fultz if you would like a Christmas Poinsettia (\$10)
- **Putting up the Greens** – Saturday, December 10th, 10:00 am
- **Night of Caroling and Hot Chocolate**, Sunday, December 18th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- **Christmas Eve Service**, Saturday, 12/23/2022 7:00 pm
- **Christmas Day Service**, Sunday, 12/24/2022 9:30 am

*Offering to be sent to

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Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291