



Sunday December 5, 2021  
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## Advent 2 / December 5, 2021

### Prelude:

#### Call to Worship (Luke 1:68-79)

L: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

**R: that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,**

L: to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**R: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God,**

L: whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit! **R: Amen.**

### Prayer for Advent 2

#### Hymn: #34 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

#### A reading from Malachi 3:1-4

*"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.*

L: The Word of the Lord **R: Thanks be to God!**

### **A reading from Philippians 1:3-11**

*<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.*

L: The Word of the Lord      **R: Thanks be to God!**

### **The Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:1-6**

*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.'"*

L: The Gospel of the Lord.      **R: Praise to you O Christ!**

### **Hymn #560 Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices**

**Sermon: "What Is Worth the Wait?"**

### **Hymn #29 Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

**Apostles' Creed / The Prayers**

LBW p. 65

**Prayer of Consecration (33.) / Lord's Prayer**

LBW p. 70-71

**(for those who are allergic to wine, grape juice is in the red cups)**

L: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**R: Amen.**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace! Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
**R: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**Hymn: #33 The King Shall Come**

**Postlude:**

Preacher.....Pastor Tim Seeber  
Organist/Pianist .....(8:00 am) Rebecca McLaren Craft  
.....(10:30 am) Grayson Nye  
Singers..... Karen Stokes Chapo, Alison Carlson  
Lector..... (8:00 am) Jayne Mayer  
.....(10:30 am) Erin Hampshire  
Communion Assistants .....(8:00 am) John Buetow  
..... (10:30 am) Karen Stokes Chapo & Steve Nuyen  
Acolytes .....(8:00 am) Brynley Bauer, (10:30 am) Ian Carlson  
Cover Art .....Ron Masek

**PRAYERS:** Pastor Mark Couch's father, Pastor William Couch, Dan Chapo for upcoming surgery (12/16), and Bill Mercier.

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**SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW:**

In the Second Reading from Paul the Apostle, he is writing to the Philippians, "I thank God is all my remembrance of you." In the first panel on the left on the Old Testament side you will see an eye which represents God the Father Almighty.