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The Second Sunday of Advent  
(December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

## † DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

### Greeting and Announcements

Opening Hymn      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

- 1    Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
      Born to set Thy people free;  
      From our fears and sins release us;  
      Let us find our rest in Thee.  
      Israel's strength and consolation,  
      Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
      Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
      Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
  
- 2    Born Thy people to deliver;  
      Born a child and yet a king!  
      Born to reign in us forever,  
      Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
      By Thine own eternal Spirit  
      Rule in all our hearts alone;  
      By Thine all-sufficient merit  
      Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### Confession and Absolution

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

### Invocation

- P    In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C    Amen.

### Exhortation

- P    Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C    **who made heaven and earth.**  
P    If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C    **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
P    Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our

heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**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.

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

**Psalm**

*Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 9*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.**

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!**

<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

<sup>6</sup>**Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup>**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup>**Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

**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.**

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

## **Kyrie**

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**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let  
us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Salutation and Collect 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, 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”

<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:1-8*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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 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 † everlasting. Amen.

### Children's Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

LSB 347

- 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 no more will 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,  
Calling sinners 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.

Sermon

“The War is Over”

Isaiah 40:1-2

Offering

Prayer of the Church

## † SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.



With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord’s Prayer

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**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 Words of Our Lord

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### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

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**C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

### Distribution

### Distribution Hymns “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

- ref 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

“On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

LSB 344

- 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.

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

### Communion Blessing

#### Nunc Dimittis

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**C 1** O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

**2** All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

#### Post-Communion Collect

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#### Benedicamus

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**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction

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

**C** Amen.

#### Closing Hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB 348

**1** The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

- 2 Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
December 6th, 2020**

<b>Preacher</b>	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rev. Michael Redeker	
<b>Elders</b>	Boyd Arnold, John McDowell	8:00am
	Matt Bonnell, Billy Diaz	10:30am
<b>Organist</b>	Richard Scott	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aveleen Walsh, Brielle Krizman	8:00am
	Cal Diedrich, Jonas Ashcraft	10:30am
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Buxman, Ray Seeley	8:00am
	Chad Bruner, Matt Meyer	10:30am
<b>Videographer</b>	Jeremy Knizley	8:00am

**These next few months are going to be tough for everyone.**

**But, we will get through it together by the grace of God.**

**If you or someone you know is in Spiritual,  
Physical, or any other need:**

**We are here for you.**

**Pastor Redeker: (314) 608-5538**

**Pastor Schmidt: (314) 261-3180**

## Announcements December 6th, 2020

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the narthex. If you do not have offering envelopes, and would like some, or if you have envelopes and do not use them please let the Church office know.

**ADVENT SERIES-** Location, Location, Location!

12/2 at 7pm- Behind, but with Hope  
-Rev. Joshua Vanderhyde

12/9 at 7pm- Buffeted, but on Faith  
-Rev. Michael Redeker

12/16 at 7pm- Surrounded by the  
Father's Love -Rev. Mel Mertens

Have soup suppers at home this year.

"KIDS TALK" - Children up to Fourth Grade are invited to "Kids Talk" at our 10:30AM service, during the sermon

**LWML LADIES VESPERS SERVICE** will be **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** It will also be online for those who can't attend.

**LUKE2 PROJECT-** Please grab your LUKE2 gear and join us for some downtown evangelism!

Meet in the Enstrom's parking lot at 1:00 pm on Saturday December 12th. All you need to do is wander around for an hour, the Holy Spirit will do the rest.

We encourage you to wear a mask.

Need gear? Go to [LUKE2project.org](http://LUKE2project.org) any questions? call Arliss Bridgett 970-270-3517

P.S. The LUKE2project reminds us of the reason for this season. To participate you can wear your gear everywhere during the season.

**ATTENTION JR. HIGH YOUTH-** grades 5-8 are invited to participate in a project to bring some Christmas cheer to our shut ins! This project is being hosted by the Powell family. Here is the plan: All Jr. Youth families are welcomed and encouraged to record a family video of themselves singing their family favorite Christmas hymn or song. They need to be saved to a USB or emailed digitally to Pastor Schmidt by December 13th. USB is preferred so that he can arrange them, and we will then send them as digital Christmas cards to our shut ins. The joy that this will bring to our shut ins, especially this year, will be enormously special to them!

**GIVING TREE-** We will be putting up a giving tree this year for Christmas to help families at Messiah Lutheran Church and School that are going through a rough time. Please Return wrapped gifts with ornament attached to the church office by December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**AMAZON.SMILE** - Are you shopping for Christmas on Amazon? A portion of your sales will be donated to our church and school. Log into Amazon.Smile select Messiah Lutheran Church and School of Grand Junction and do your shopping.

**POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS-** To decorate our Lord's house on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we are asking you to share your beautiful poinsettias with your fellow Christians. Please bring your poinsettia to the office, with your name on the bottom by 2:00pm

Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Your poinsettia will be available for pick up after service on Christmas Day.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be at 4:00pm and 5:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** will be at 7:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** at 10:00am.

**NO NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENING SERVICE**

**BAKELESS BAKE SALE-** Ladies Guild is collecting ideas for the Bakeless Bake Sale project. If you would like to propose a mission project to be considered, please submit a written proposal in an envelope marked Bakeless Bake Sale and drop them off in the church office by December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PREGNANCY CENTER AND**

**BIRTHRIGHT-** There is a "tree" in the Narthex with needed items listed on the leaves. If you are able please take a leaf, purchase the item, and return to Messiah. We will deliver to the Pregnancy Center and Birthright. Thank you for supporting this very important outreach.

**GIFT PLANNING** - December is a month of giving. Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. Your estate plans can leave the gift of **hope** to those who survive here on earth after you. Your **hope** is Jesus and the eternal life He has given you. Integrate that **hope** into the words of all your estate documents. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305. Carol VonSoosten is also available 800-741-4138

**FOR SALE** - The quilt ladies have a beautiful Bendolf Medallion Variation Quilt designed by Louisiana P. Bendolf for sale. It is 52" x 76" and 100% cotton. Custom Machine quilted bold and vivid colors. Suitable for a man or teenager Christmas gift It is available for sale on Tuesday mornings 9:00am to 11:30am for a donation (suggested donation of \$200.00) proceeds will go to buying needed quilting supplies. Thank you for your support.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT-** All the things of earth have an expiration date: "Good Until the Last Day." The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

The Board of Stewardship

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2021**

Communion set up and cleanup. The sign up is posted in the narthex. Contact Laura Ryden (970) 260-6766 for more information. Our Thanks to those who have previously given generously of their time in service to our Lord!

**MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-**Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

**November Income:**

Week of Nov. 26-30	\$9,9750.00
Weekly need	\$19,258.00
Month to date	\$74,479.38
Monthly need	\$83,451.37

### Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion/Kids Talk
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting/Multi-Purpose Room
	5:30pm	Board of Parochial Ed
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Senior High/Zoom
	7:00pm	Board of Council
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	7:00pm	Advent Service
Thursday	6:30am	Men's Morning Bible Study/Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
	7:00pm	Ladies Christmas Vespers Service/Facebook Live
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	-----	
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*Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.*