

# Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2016



Isaiah Guides Us From Advent Through Epiphany

*Week 2:*

**GOD'S KINGDOM IS A PLACE OF REST**

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HYMN—#437—I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first three systems. The score concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

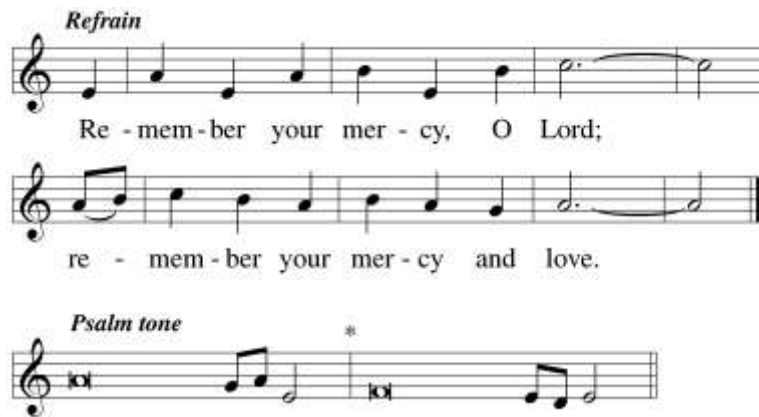
Isaiah 11:1-10 (EHV)

<sup>1</sup> A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> He will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, nor will he render decisions based on what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and he will render fair decisions in favor of the humble of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his hips. <sup>6</sup> The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, the calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together; and a little child will lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear will graze. Their young ones will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the cattle. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> It will happen in that day that the peoples will seek the Root of Jesse, who will be standing like a banner for the peoples, and his resting place will be glorious.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 130



Refrain

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;\*  
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive\*  
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,\*  
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;\*  
therefore you are feared.

*Refrain*

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.\*  
My soul waits for the Lord more than  
watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,\*  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.

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.

*Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

*Romans 15:4-13 (EHV)*

<sup>4</sup> Indeed, whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that, through patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we would have hope. <sup>5</sup> And may God, the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I am saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs. <sup>9</sup> He also did this so that the Gentiles would glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: For this reason I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name.

<sup>10</sup> And again it says: Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.

<sup>11</sup> And again: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples give him praise.

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says: There will be a Root of Jesse, and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles; on him the Gentiles will place their hope.

<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.  
(Luke 3:4, 6 cf. NIV)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND  
GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:1-12 (EHV)*

<sup>1</sup> In those days, John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near!" <sup>3</sup> Yes, this is he of whom this was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight."

<sup>4</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him. <sup>6</sup> They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore produce fruit in keeping with repentance! <sup>9</sup> Do not think of saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup> Already the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> I baptize you with water for repentance. But the one who comes after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY — #16—*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

SERMON (*sermon text Isaiah 11:1-10*)

*"His Resting Place Will Be Glorious"*

STAND

## NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: *Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father gather and guide it so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility:*

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: *Let us pray for our pastors and teachers and all leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God:*

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all who serve you and your people. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church. Help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: *Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation:*

Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the gospel. Help us, your Church, to grow in love for you and for one another, so that we become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: *Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom:*

Almighty and eternal God, graciously direct those who have been set in positions of authority among us, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: *Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, and free those unjustly deprived of liberty:*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. In your mercy hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

## **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.

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

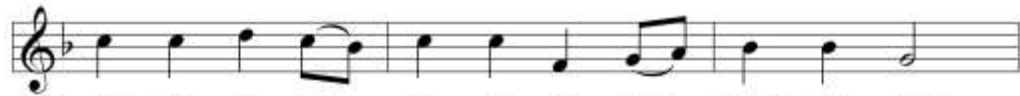


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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HYMN —#313—*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

THANKSGIVING

STAND

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joyce and proud - ly bear his name. He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



HYMN — #577—*Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations*

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## END OF YEAR SPECIAL WORSHIP & EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 7 PM : Midweek Advent Worship

Saturday, Dec. 17th, 6 PM : Christmas Party at Bethany

**Sunday, Dec. 18th, 10:30 AM : Family/Children's Christmas Service**

Wednesday, December 21st, 7 PM : Midweek Advent Worship

Saturday, December 24th, 7 PM : Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 25th, 10:30 AM : Christmas Day Worship

**Saturday, December 31st, 7:00 PM : New Year's Eve Worship**

# News And Notes

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME!

Welcome to worship! We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Guests, if there is anything we can do to make your worship more meaningful, please do not hesitate to ask us. Pastor, the ushers, and all members of our Bethany family stand ready to serve you. May the Lord bless your worship!

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

A special "thank you" to those who served their Lord by serving us this morning, our violinists, our organist, and our ushers. Thank you for edifying and beautifying our worship with your service.

DECEMBER 17th BETHANY CHRISTMAS PARTY:

On Saturday, December 17th, Bethany will be holding its annual Christmas party at Bethany. All members of Bethany are encouraged to attend, have some fun, and encourage one another! Please see information and an invitation which has been placed in your mailbox in the narthex.

BETHANY CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Due to the anticipated installation of tile and carpeting at Bethany in the coming two weeks, we are delaying decoration of Bethany's sanctuary until the Saturday, December 17th Christmas party. Many hands make light (and merry) work, so please plan to attend the party and help us beautify our worship space for Christmas week and Epiphany.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES — PLEASE JOIN US!

We simply can not get enough of God's Word and so we encourage everyone at Bethany to join us at our multiple Bible study opportunities — most Sundays at 9:00am, Tuesday evening at 7:00p, and the second Friday of each month, 7:30p, at the home of Mark and Gayle Hamilton. For more information, please speak to Pastor Kluender.

**LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP**

In Sunday's worship, 40 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God.

## Our Walk For God

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	7:00p Bible Study			7:30p Northern Regional Bible Study at Hamilton Home		9:00a Rehearsal for Dec. 18th (NO BIBLE STUDY)  10:30a Worship  Open Forum after wrship  Catechism 12:10p
Tile Installed at Bethany →	→	→	→	→		

Serving next Sunday: Altar: Stadler; Greeter: Kluender; Ushers: Team C