



**December 5, 2021**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

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# First Lutheran

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Worship: Sunday at 10:00 am  
Broadcast Sunday mornings, 8:00-8:30, on KAPS Radio (660 am)

L = Leader; C = **Congregation**

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.* God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us.  
We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory.  
Amen.**

L: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*"All Earth is Hopeful"* RED HYMNAL HYMN #266

## ADVENT LITANY

L: On the first Sunday of Advent we lit a candle for hope. Today we light a candle for Peace reminding us that Peace is what we are to search for: A Peace of mind that enables us to think clearly and act with confidence. A Peace that embraces an understanding that with every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

**C: Prepare us for your coming.**

L: We gather together to get ready for what? Only heaven knows. O Emmanuel,

**C: Prepare us for your coming.**

L: We wait for the day when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth, and natural-born enemies will turn into newborn friends. O Emmanuel ,

**C: Prepare us for your coming.**

L: We get ready for God to come close by laying our lives open to Jesus, asking him to sort through all our mixed motives and intentions. O Emmanuel,

**C: Prepare us for your coming.**

L: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flames bring warmth to winter and whose illumination fills this place with the glow of hope and peace. We pray that the glow from our advent wreath might light a flame in our hearts, so that others might be warmed by your love. In this time of holy waiting, let it be so.

**C: Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN “*Prepare the Royal Highway*” RED HYMNAL HYMN #264 Vs. 1& 2

## THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

L Let us pray, Stir up our hearts, Lord God, ....

**C to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

*God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.*

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, 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 descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <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.

Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**



### PSALM Luke 1:68-79

<sup>68</sup>Blessed are you, Lord, the <sup>1</sup> God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and <sup>1</sup> set them free.

<sup>69</sup>**You have raised up for us a <sup>1</sup> mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your <sup>1</sup> servant David.**

<sup>70</sup>Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us <sup>1</sup> from our  
enemies,

<sup>71</sup>from the hands of <sup>1</sup> all who hate us,

<sup>72</sup>**to show mercy <sup>1</sup> to our forebears,  
and to remember your <sup>1</sup> holy covenant.**

<sup>73</sup>This was the oath you swore to our <sup>1</sup> father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup>**to set us free from the hands of our <sup>1</sup> enemies,  
free to worship you <sup>1</sup> without fear,**

<sup>75</sup>**holy and righteous before you, all the days<sup>1</sup> of our life.**  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, shall be called the prophet of<sup>1</sup> the Most High,  
 for you will go before the Lord to pre-<sup>1</sup>pare the way,  
<sup>77</sup>**to give God's people knowledge<sup>1</sup> of salvation  
 by the forgiveness<sup>1</sup> of their sins.**  
<sup>78</sup>In the tender compassion<sup>1</sup> of our God  
 the dawn from on high shall<sup>1</sup> break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup>**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad-<sup>1</sup>ow of death,  
 and to guide our feet into the<sup>1</sup> way of peace.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11**

*The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.*

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

L: The holy gospel according to Luke 3:1-6    **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>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 the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out 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 be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD    **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”*

RED HYMNAL HYMN #255

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**WE SHARE THE MEAL**

OFFERING/MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, you have done great things for us and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world. Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION: RECEIVE CHRIST IN BREAD AND WINE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**WE SEND TO SERVE**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “*People Look East*”

RED HYMNAL HYMN #248

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**What's Happening at F.E.L.C.**

**Advent Devotionals**

If you would like to receive a daily email Advent devotional please follow the link included in your e-news to sign up. You may also call (424-6832) or email the office (office@firstlutheranmv.org) and ask for the link to sign up to receive an online devotional.

**Operation Christmas Lights Dec. 12th**

Join Pastor Ryan and the Parish Activities committee for a Christmas light decorating event next Sunday, December 12th at **12:30pm**, following the drive-up worship service.

**Christmas Fireside sing along Monday, December 13th @ 7pm**

Please join us in the front breezeway for our Christmas Sing along. This will be a night of singing Christmas songs of all types for all ages .

**Council Meeting Dec 16. @6:00pm**

Our last Council Meeting of 2021 will be Dec 16th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that council members from 2021 and the newly elected 2022 Council Members attend. Retiring Council Members, please remember to bring your Council notebook to pass along to the board member who will proceed you.