## **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Second Sunday of Advent** 

December 5, 2021

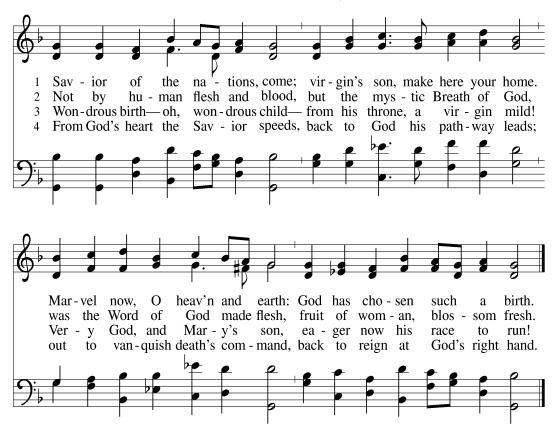
#### **PRELUDE**

Please gather in silence to prepare for worship

#### Stand

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

## Savior of the Nations, Come



- 5 Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light. Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.
- 6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!
  To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524 Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

#### INVOCATION

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

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

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

- P When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation-the human race-in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.
- C But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.
- P However, God-who is Love-did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death.
- C [sung]
  O, come, O, come, Emmanuel,
  And ransom captive Israel
  That mourns in lonely exile here
  Until the Son of God appear.
  Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
  Shall come to you, O Israel!
- P When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven.



### LIGHTING RITE

- R In view of God's mercy, today we light the *peace* candle. Jesus tells us, "*Peace* I leave with you; my *peace* I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)
- C Since we have been justified by faith, we have *peace* with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

O, come, our Peace, who authors faith, Perfect our trust in you by grace. Assure us by your gentle Word That in true faith we all endure Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

- P In the peace of God we go to the world to our friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.
- C God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!

#### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C Amen.

### FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-7b

1"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup> and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>6</sup> "I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. <sup>7</sup> Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



#### **PSALM 66:1-12**

- R <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
- C <sup>2</sup> Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.
  - <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
  - <sup>4</sup> All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."
  - <sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!
  - <sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot come, let us rejoice in him.
  - <sup>7</sup> He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations let not the rebellious rise up against him.
  - 8 Praise our God, all peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard;

- <sup>9</sup> he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.
- <sup>10</sup> For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.
- <sup>11</sup> You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.
- You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

### **SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:2-11**

- <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may 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.
- R The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 

### GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL



### **GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-14**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch 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 country around the Jordan, preaching 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:

- "A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
- 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.
- <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.
- The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.
- <sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation."

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup> "What should we do then?" the crowd asked.

- <sup>11</sup> John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."
- <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" <sup>13</sup> "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.
- <sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"

He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

### GOSPEL RECESSIONAL



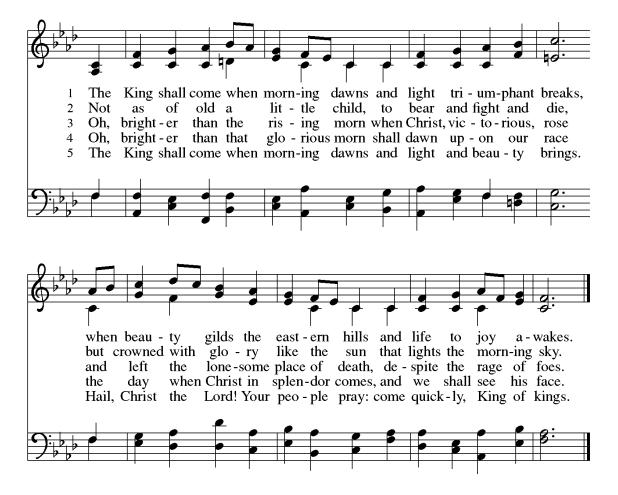
Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin

Stand

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

## The King Shall Come



Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003 Arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Kneel/sit/stand

#### THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:
- A God for whom we wait, we come to you with open hearts as we watch for the return of Christ. Let us not become complacent, but help us to keep our eyes open for signs of his imminent return. Until then, let us entrust our lives to your gentle care and guidance. Lord in your mercy.

### C Hear our prayer.

We sing your praises, O Lord of life, and we rely on your goodness to see us through the trials and hurdles of the day. Grant your grace and mercy to all who suffer. Let your light shine in their midst and cast out all darkness and despair. [We remember especially...] Lord in your mercy.

### C Hear our prayer.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, grant the leaders of our republic to govern with wisdom, justice, and integrity for the good of all. Enable them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

### C Hear our prayer.

God of power and authority over the creation, grant that we would be humble in our words and actions as we seek to prepare the way for your kingdom coming into our midst. Watch over all who share the Good News: evangelists, teachers, preachers, and all the baptized in Christ. Particularly we ask that you bless the work of our ministry partner, Helping Hands Food Pantry. May all they serve come to know the One who is the Bread of Life. Lord in your mercy.

### C Hear our prayer.

God of all wisdom, bless the leaders of our church: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, and Andrew; and our seminary president, Eric. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations around the globe that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

### C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen

### Stand

### PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

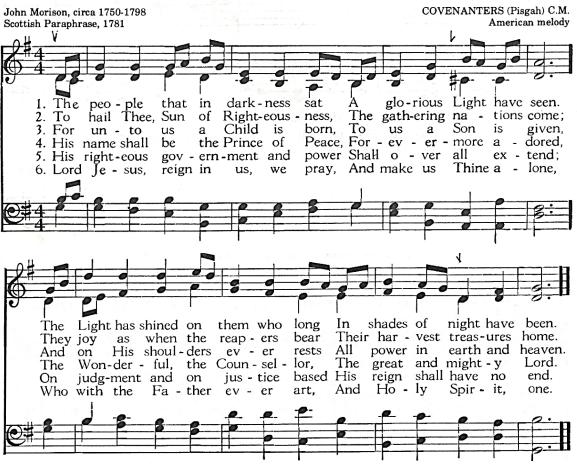


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### **OFFERTORY (Vs 6)**

## The People That in Darkness Sat

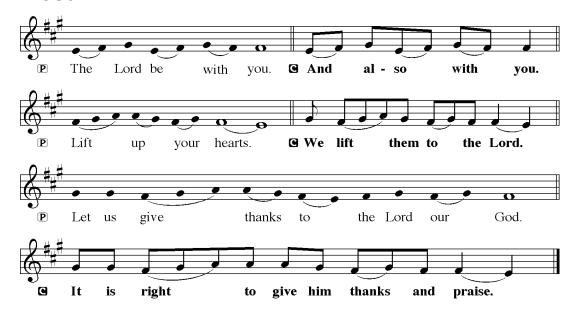
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light . . . Isa. 9:2



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Blessed are you,
- C Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope and joy. Hope of your coming reign; Joy for all you have given; Hope because of your presence with us even now, and Joy because all your sacred promises are "Yes" and "Amen" in Jesus Christ. In gratitude, we bring these gifts asking that you might multiply them so that your hope and joy would flow from this place into your world. Amen.

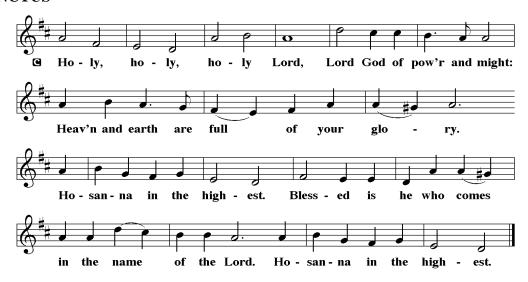
### **DIALOGUE**



### **PREFACE**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### **SANCTUS**



#### **THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

### C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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;

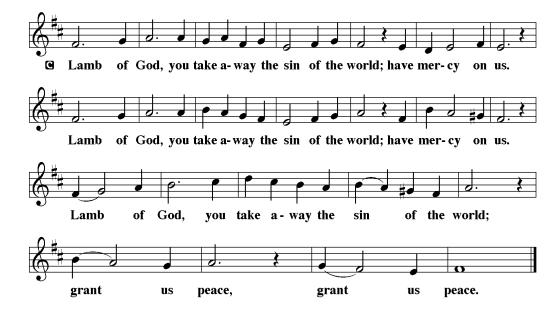
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

# Be seated AGNUS DEI



#### COMMUNION

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the \*bread and the \*wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Stand

#### **PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



### **HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (Vs 1 Only)**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus The Lord has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives. Isaiah 61:1 Born to set Thy peo - ple free. ➤ 1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born a Child and yet ➤ 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, us find our rest in Thee. fears and sins re - lease us; From our Now Thy gra-cious king - dom bring. for - ev er, Born to reign in us the earth Thou art; Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope of e - ter - nal Spir - it, Rule our hearts a - lone; all By Thine own Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart. Dear De-sire of ev-ery na tion, Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne. Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer it,

HYFRYDOL

8.7.8.7.D.

TEXT: Charles Wesley
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness
A lower setting may be found at No. 309

#### **BLESSING**

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.

### **SENDING HYMN**





Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

### **DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com.

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Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:7, NIV





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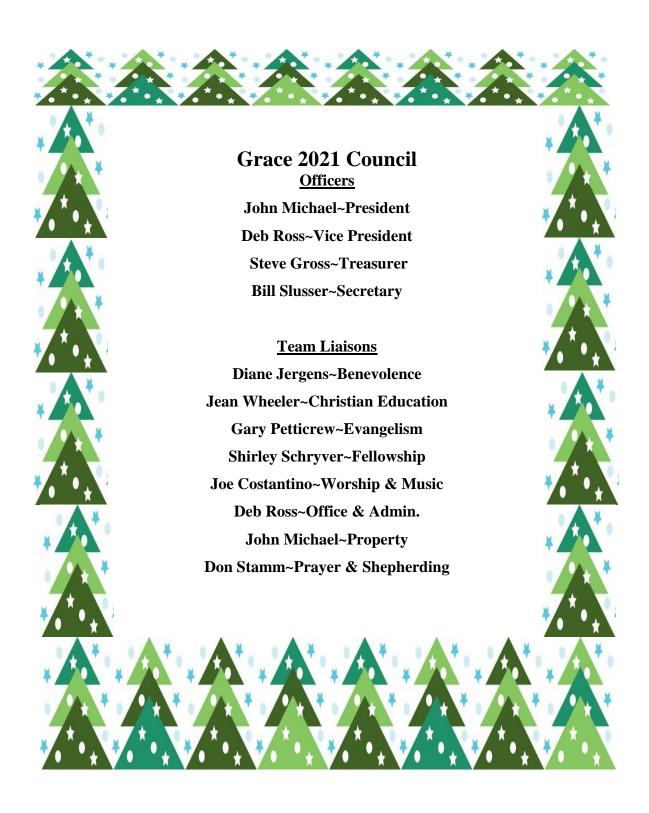
### **Nursery**

Dec 5	Kylene & Debbie
Dec 12	Tammie & Debbie
Dec 19	Nancy & Debbie
Dec 24 4PM	Rachel & Alexis
Dec 24 7PM	Rachel & Alexis
Dec 26	Nancy & Adrienne

### **Communion Servers**

Roseann and Joe Costantino





As a congregation of the *North American Lutheran Church* we are guided by four core values:

- 1. Christ Centered
- 2. Mission Driven
- 3. Traditionally Grounded
- 4. Congregationally Focused



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