



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The Second Sunday in Advent
December 5, 2021

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

Communion Policy: In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” **344**

Confession and Absolution **184-185**

Introit **Ps. 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b**

[P] The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

[C] **“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

[P] Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

[C] **O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

[P] I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

[C] **Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

[P] But my people did not listen to my voice;

[C] **Israel would not submit to me.**

[P] Oh, that my people would listen to me,

[C] **that Israel would walk in my ways!**

**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.**

[P] The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

[C] **“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”**

Kyrie **186**

Hymn of Anticipation **357 vv. 1, 4, 5**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

P The Lord be with you.

C (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

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 (*sung*) **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b ESV

¹“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. ²But 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. ³He 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C **From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

Epistle

Philippians 1:2–11 ESV

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

St. Luke 3:1–20 ESV

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

[C] (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ 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, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,

“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”

¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”

¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] (*sung*) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Sermon “God’s Construction Project”

Philippians 1:2-11

Offertory and Offering

192-193

Prayer of the Church

Craig Hakes, Helen Mekosch, Lance Kuehl (Don and Diana Kuehl’s son), Maverick Danielson (Mark Oeltjenbruns’s great-grandson), Clayton Williams, Karen Temple, Sharon Henning, Isaac Onken (great-nephew of the Onken sisters), Jane Henning, Heather Muir (Mary Muir’s stepdaughter), Rose Baerg (Mark Oeltjenbruns’s aunt), Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch, Kim Nesmoe.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

Final petition:

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

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament **194-202**

Distribution Hymns **334, 347, 341**

Closing Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” **338**

Postlude



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