



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
www.stmaryslutheran.org

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday, December 3rd & Sunday, December 4, 2022

All are welcome at St. Mary's!

- Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.
- We practice open communion, which means you need not be a member or a Lutheran, you need only believe in Jesus and wish to commune. Gluten free wafers are available. Communion will be celebrated at the altar steps or at the communion rail by Communion Assistants. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please tell the usher and it will be brought to you in your seat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(SUN) JUBILATE! HANDBELL CHOIR "When in Our Music God is Glorified"
ARR. HART MORRIS FEATURING NATE WEIRICK ON TROMBONE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Hymn #253 "He Came Down" v. 2
(Sunday) The Jorgensen Family: Kurt, Roberta, Charley, and Marielle

STAND

GATHERING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,

and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

Amen.

People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst,

a tender branch,

a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on + Christ,

and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Hymn #239 "Hark, the Glad Sound"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

(SAT) KYRIE

(ELW p. 147)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SIT

WORD

Pew Bible Page

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

(pg. 558)

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

(pg. 924)

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(SUN) MUSICAL OFFERINGS

JUBILATE! HANDBELL CHOIR

"Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella"

ARR. CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI

ADULT CHOIR

"Come, Run, Ye Shepherds"

ARR. HOPSON

Come run, ye shepherds! The star is shining, the gates of Bethlehem high are lifted.

Make haste to enter, and find the stable, And kneel down before the newborn King.

Come play your pipe, come play your drum; Make merry and dance the way along,

For Christ is born, yes, Jesus, our Savior is born.

Sing Noel on the way to Bethlehem; Com and join us; Jesus, the Savior is born.

The prophets wrote, the sages spoke of this night of wonder, this night of joy.

Come join our hearts, come join our voices in praise of the newborn King.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia" (ELW p. 151)

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

(pg. 784)

The holy gospel according Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

(SUN) KIDS CONNECTION

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY Hymn #264 "Prepare the Royal Highway" vs. 1 & 4

NICENE CREED

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SIT

(SUN) CHOIR & BELLS ANTHEM

"Christmas Joy" - PAGE

Songs of joy from heaven ring on this joyful Christmas day.

"Alleluia!" angels sing, Jesus Christ is born today!

"Gloria in excelsis Deo," angels sing in joyous praise.

All creation join the chorus, glad triumphant songs to raise.

Sweeter songs than earth can give is the Christmas melody,

sweeter now, because He comes fulfilling ancient prophecy.

"Gloria in excelsis Deo," angels sing in joyous praise.

All creation now rejoice: Christ for us this day is born.

Heav'n and earth sing with one voice alleluias on this morn.

STAND

OFFERING

(SAT)

Hymn #686 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

ACCLAMATION AND AMEN

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (ELW p. 153)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, who has come to save you.

SIT

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God" (ELW p. 154)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Hymn #247 *"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"*

STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,

in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.

As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.

Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Hymn #249 *"On Jordan's Banks" vs. 1 & 5*

(SUN) JUBILATE! HANDBELL CHOIR *"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"*

ARR. BY CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI

(SHE ARRANGED THIS PIECE SPECIFICALLY FOR ST. MARY'S IN 2009 TO CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF HANDBELL MINISTRY AT OUR CHURCH!)

DISMISSAL

We are God's People.

Followers of Jesus Christ.

Gifted by the Spirit.

Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEKEND'S WORSHIP LEADERS

INTERIM PASTOR: Pastor Kathy Brown

ASSISTING MINISTER: Di Michalski

SOUND/VIDEO: Kristofer Twadell, SMLC Technician

SATURDAY

PIANO: Laurel Borter

READER: Tim Somers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Pat Gallo, Edie Iverson

USHERS: Bob VanBendegom, Dale Brandes, Sandy Benson

HOSPITALITY: The VanBendegoms, Lana Woller, and/or Sandy Benson

SUNDAY

ORGAN: Deb Black

READER: Di Michalski

ADULT CHOIR: Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma, Director;

Deb Black, Accompanist

JUBILATE! HANDBELL CHOIR: Maddie Weirick, Director

KIDS CONNECTION: Stephanie Raszkievicz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Dave & Leslie Sandahl, Andy Schroeder

GREETER: Kay & Dave Manderfeld

USHERS: Gary Rice, Ralph Tollas, Carole Scotese, Dave

Raszkievicz, Dan Neururer and/or Doug Derginer

HOSPITALITY: Alice & Peter Schwalbe



*This weekend's altar flowers are given
to the Glory of God &
In thanks and praise to God on the
birth of our first grandchild, Celine
Reve Hartfield, born October 26, 2022
with love by Steve and Debbie
Hartfield.*