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Come, Lord Jesus!

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*Second Sunday in Advent  
Come, Lord Jesus! – As Judge*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

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December 4, 2022

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## TODAY’S THEME

When Jesus comes back as judge, everyone will face a binary outcome. Either they will be judged righteous and experience the peace and joys of Paradise. Or they will be judged wicked and suffer unquenchable fire (Matthew 3). John the Baptist’s job was to point to the only way to prepare for a judgment, one where the stakes are that high. Repent! And look to the Lord Jesus. For when Jesus came into our world the first time, it was not as judge, but as Savior. All those whose faith is in Christ have already been judged righteous. Please, take these words to heart: the reign of God draws near, and his judgment is inevitable. As John the Baptist once said, “All people will see God’s salvation.” The only question is if one sees Christ’s second coming with joy or regret. For those who fail to repent, the coming of the Judge brings certain doom. But his people will see that Judge like a banner on the hilltop, rallying us to his glorious side.

## CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

**Pastor**.....Jeremy Glowicki

**Organist**.....Lois Zander

# Holy Baptism

## 647 Word and Water, Filled with Promise

CW 647 sts. 1-4

*Remain seated*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us  
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,  
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.  
It also means that a new person should daily arise  
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Lettie Louise Morlock/Olivia Rose Morlock, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Lettie and Olivia as your own children and made them members of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to them and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Word

### Prayer of the Day

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

*From the family tree of Jesse, father of King David, another King would come to judge the world with righteousness and establish an everlasting kingdom.*

A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit. 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 the fear of the LORD. He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, nor will he render decisions based on what he hears with his ears, but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and he will render fair decisions in favor of the oppressed on the earth. He will strike the earth

with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath from his lips he will put the wicked to death. Righteousness will be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his hips. 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. The cow and the bear will graze together, and their young ones will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the cattle. The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole, and the weaned child will put his hand into a viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. This is what will take place on that day. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 130 Out of the Depths

Psalm 130

## Second Reading

Romans 15:4–13

*God's people face the coming judgment not with fear but with hope because God has raised up the Root of Jesse as our Savior.*

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. And may God, the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God. 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. 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. And again it says: Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people. And again: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples give him praise. 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. 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.

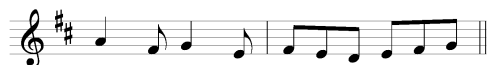
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

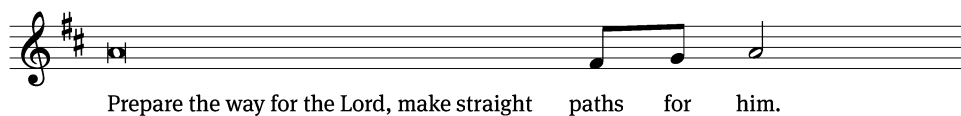
Luke 3:4,6



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

*To prepare us for the coming judgement, God sent John the Baptist, a voice in the wilderness, calling all to repent.*

In those days, John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near!” 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.” John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. 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? Therefore produce fruit in keeping with repentance! 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. 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. 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. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 316 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

CW 316

## Sermon

*Stand*



## 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 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*

# Prayer of the Church

## Offering

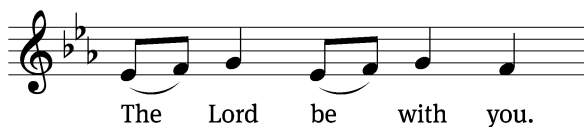
During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

# The Sacrament

Stand

## Preface

CW 165



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -

san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's 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.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Pax Domini**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

*Be seated*

## Distribution

## 312 Comfort, Comfort All My People

CW 312

*Stand*

## Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## Proclamation

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

## 304 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied CW 304


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MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE



DAWN  
of  
REDEEMING  
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CHAPEL OF THE CHRIST

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 4:00 pm





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## *News & Notes*

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### **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Terry and Judy Morlock in memory of their parents. Thank-you!

### **Christmas Decorating**

Everyone is welcome to help following worship today as we decorate for Christmas.

### **Children's Christmas Practice**

We have exciting new plans to have our Children's Christmas Program the Sunday before Christmas, on December 18, at 9 am. We hope more youth from our congregation can participate by moving the program away from Christmas Eve. This will be a trial run for 2022. Please look ahead to December and let your child's Sunday School or Religion teacher know if your children can participate. We are beginning to assign parts to kids and need to know who will be with us for the program. We'd like the program to include pre-k through 8th grade students.

**Practice dates:** Saturdays, Dec. 10 & 17 9:00 to 10:30 am and worked into Sunday School throughout November/December. **Program:** December 18 at 9:00 am

### **Children's Christmas Bags**

We are taking donations for the children's Christmas bags that will be filled with goodies for each child to take home after the children's Christmas program on December 18th. Donations can be placed in the "Well" located on the table in the gathering area.

### **Church Basement Ladies**

For those who went to the Church Basement Ladies play and wish for a refund, please contact the office to receive a check. Otherwise, please let the office know if you would like to go on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm instead.

### **2023 Offering Books**

Offering books for next year are on a table in the gathering area. Please remember to grab yours! Reminder: Don't use envelopes from this pack until Jan. 1.

### **Religion Class Update**

There is no class on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Classes resume in January 4<sup>th</sup>.

# DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Senior Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am	2	3
4 Worship 9 am Communion <b>Christmas Decorating</b> Sunday School 10:15 <b>Advent by Candlelight</b>	5 Worship 7 pm Choir Practice 7:45 pm	6	7 Religion and Catechism Class 6 pm Ladies Aid 6 pm	8	9	10 Christmas Practice 9 am
11 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sunday Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	12 Worship 7 pm Choir Practice 7:45 pm	13 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Religion and Catechism Class 6 pm	15	16	17 Christmas Practice 9 am
18 Worship 9 am Communion <b>Children's Christmas Program</b>	19 Worship 7 pm Choir Practice 7:45 pm	20 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service Time TBD
25 Christmas Day Service 9 am	26	27	28	29	30	31

# SERVING THE LORD

	Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
12/4	9 AM Ryan Bertrang	1	Jenna Elsenpeter	Lois Zander
12/11	9 AM Riley Firle	2	Karissa Firle	Lois Zander
12/18	9 AM Tyler Bohnsack	3	Kaitlyn Sparby	-

December Altar Guild	December Cleaners
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	-
December Counters	Fall Service Group Leader
-	Dianne Jabs
January Altar Guild	
Ramona Pauly/Karen Firle	

Attendance	
Sunday	93
Monday	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$13926	\$3834
Give Plus Online	\$461	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14387</b>	<b>\$3834</b>



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