

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2009

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

\* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* HYMN OF INVOCATION**     *Angels Singing in the Heavens*

(Melody: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

- 1. Angels singing in the heavens Of the Savior promised long!  
Ev'ry heart shall open to him Ev'ry voice lift high in song.  
He is coming! He is coming! Every voice lift high in song.**
- 2. Through the darkness of our lives, The Prince of Peace shall enter in.  
With the message of salvation: We no more are slaves to sin.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We no more are slaves to sin.**
- 3. Glory, Laud, all honor, blessings To the king whose reign will come.  
Praise and thanks and adoration, Father, Son, and Spirit, One.  
He is coming! He is coming! Father, Son, and Spirit, One.**

**\*INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. (Sung)**

L: God the Father, Creator and Preserver:

**C: Sustain our life in You.**

L: God the Son, who did come down from heaven for us and for our salvation:

**C: Cleanse us by Your blood.**

L: God the Holy Spirit, promised Paraclete:

**C: Dwell in our lives with Your gracious presence.**

L: Lord God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**C: We confess before You, and in the presence of our sisters and brothers in Christ, that we are sinners, born separated from God. We do not always live the godly and holy lives You call us to live. We are not spotless, blameless, or at peace apart from You. Lord, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we repent of our sin. Forgive us for the sake of the person life, death, and work of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*THE ABSOLUTION**

**C: Amen. (Sung)**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Sung)**

**\*THE KYRIE**

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (Sung)**

**\*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit. (Sung)**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Amen. (Sung)**

THE FIRST READING for the second Sunday in Advent is recorded in Malachi 3:1-4, page 802 (8:00 & 10:30)

<sup>1</sup> "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. <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 sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)**

THE EPISTLE READING is from Philippians 1:4-11 page 980:

<sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**\*THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

**C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Sung)**

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke, the third chapter, verses 1-6, page 858:

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)**

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And 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 Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying 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 become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (Sung)**

**\*THE NICENE CREED (8:00 & 10:30)**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was**



(\*\* Tune title "Ewing" for Hymn 513.)

NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung) - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

LSB page 199

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C: and His mercy endureth forever. (Sung)**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Amen. (Sung)**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with Thy Spirit. (Sung)**

L: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)**

\*THE BENEDICTION

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)**

\*THE CLOSING HYMN *The Advent of Our King* (1, 5 & 6) 331

\*SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - Sem. James Prothro

Organist: Abby Wuerffel

NEWS AND NOTES:

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TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons) Foundations: The Lutheran Difference

Adult Bible Class (Commons Conf. Room) How We Got The Bible

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL is in progress this weekend. THANK YOU cast, choir, crew, and receptionists for all your hard work! Following each Boar's Head service, please stay and mingle with our guests during the reception. Your friendliness and warmth encourages visitors seeking a church home to visit us again during regular worship services.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Fran and Ruth Rich in memory of loved ones; from Jane Gleue, in loving memory of her husband Ray; and from Robert and Jean Hubeli in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary on December 6th.

GERMAN SERVICE next Sunday, Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m. with the Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. Invite others.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, funding pro-life efforts, are available after services in the Commons through December. \$9 per box of 18.

NAT'L LUTHERAN CHOIR at Christ Cathedral, Sat. Dec. 19, 1-888-747-4589.

K-2 BASKETBALL registration now open. Sessions are 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays starting Jan. 2. Registration deadline Dec. 20. Forms available in Commons or online: [www.leaguelineup.com/plaa](http://www.leaguelineup.com/plaa). - A. Reinitz

COUPLES CLUB - Fri., Dec. 11, Decorate Church for Christmas at 6 p.m. (we'll have pizza in the Meeting Room afterwards). Our 11th Annual Christmas party is Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m., in the Lower Commons. Please bring a wrapped "white elephant gift" to exchange. This is an adult only event. RSVP by calling Seiller's or Behnke's. Hope to see you there!

REHEARSAL for grades 1-6 is Saturday, December 13, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., for the Children's Christmas Eve service. (Rehearsal for Nurs.-Kdg. Sat., 12/19, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; and second rehearsal for Gr. 1-6 is 12/19, 12:30-1:30 p.m.)

\$25 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS sold in Commons to benefit LHSS.

THRIVENT CHAPTER & KARCHER FAMILY thanks to all who participated in the Bake Sale fundraiser. Over \$3,000 will be matched by Thrivent.

YOUTH NEWS: Still need Youth & Parents to sign up to help with Tree Lot on Dec. 12. Sr. Youth Christmas Party will be Dec. 12 from 5-9 p.m. Bring \$10 for our Adopt-A-Family.

LADIES GUILD food items for the Feed My People collection need to be brought to storage room by Dec. 13th. Also, the Ladies Guild Christmas Pot Luck is Dec. 17th at noon in the Gym. Reminders: Members with last names beginning with A-L will provide salads, vegetables and desserts. All ladies are invited and husbands are also invited. RSVP to Jean, 487-4050, by Dec. 13th.

GIVING TREE is in the Commons. Take a tag, buy the gift designated, place the tag inside the unwrapped box, and return it to the tree by Dec. 13.—Joyce Birk

THE COMMONS CHRISTMAS TREE - Hats off to Pam Schulze, Nancy Holdenreid, and their crew for the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. It's a wonderful welcome to all who come to visit and worship!

CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT The Men's Club is again sponsoring the tree lot on Peace's West Parking Lot.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2009:

Mon: 3:30 GP B-Ball Practice  
5:00 Glocken Ringers  
5:30 GP Boys 3rd & 5th Gr B-Ball  
6:15 Celebration Ringers  
6:30 Council  
7:00 Pack 584 Committee Mtg  
Tues: 9:00 Quilters  
11:00 3 Yr Old Chapel  
6:00 Chimes Choir  
6:30 Men's Volleyball  
7:00 Alleluia Ringers  
Wed: 10:00 Anna Fellowship  
11:00 4 Yr Old Chapel  
4:00 5/6 Gr Conf Class  
4:00 7/8 Gr Conf Class  
5:00 Advent Dinner

5:35 Chantichor Choir  
6:15 Advent Service  
Thur: 9:00 Mary/Martha  
3:30 GP B-Ball Practice  
6:00 ESL Sports  
6:30 ESL  
Fri: 3:30 GP B-Ball Practice  
6:00 Couples' Club Decorates Church  
10:00 BSA Troop 584  
Sat: 9:00 Brass Choir  
9:00 Youth Works at Tree Lot  
10:00 Gr 1-6 Rehearsal  
11:00 HS Boys B-Ball  
5:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Sr. Youth Small Groups  
7:00 Couples' Club Christmas Party—Lower Commons