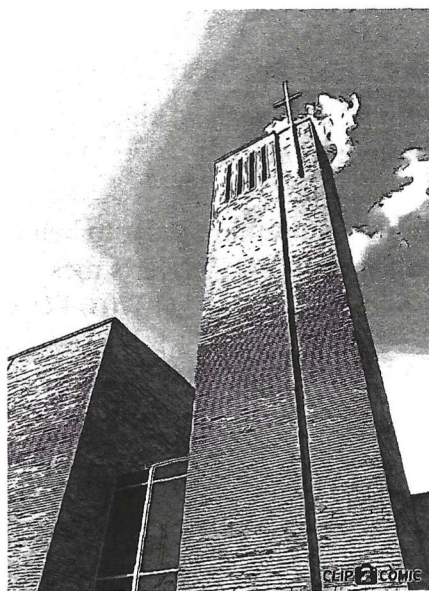


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Sunday, December 5, 2021

+Order of Service+
December 5, 2021
Second Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting Three
LSB 184

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Processional Hymn: **Prepare the Royal Highway** LSB 343
Confession and Absolution LSB 184
Introit, Gloria Patri, and Kyrie LSB 186
Collect of the Day LSB 189
Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:1-7b
Epistle Philippians 1:2-11
Holy Gospel Luke 3:1-14
Creed
Hymn of the Day: **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry** LSB 344
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Distribution Hymns
 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray LSB 623
 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People LSB 347
 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born LSB 624
Nunc Dimittis LSB 199
Concluding Liturgy LSB 200
Closing Hymn: **ON What Has Now Been Sown** LSB 921

November 28, 2021, Of Our Time: 85 Communion: 69
Giving: \$ 5,814.00
Thanksgiving: Giving: \$ 28,839.00 Of Our Time: 58
Advent: Giving: \$ 885.00 Of Our Time: 18
Bank Loan: \$ 0.00

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-7

“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. (2) 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. (3) 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. (4) Then 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. (7) From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’”

Epistle

Philippians 1:2-11

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.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-14

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.”

LADIES AID CHRISTMAS Luncheon will be at the China Café in Truman on Tuesday, December 7th at noon. We will be ordering off the menu. Everyone is invited to attend. Please let Donna Bentz (236-9247) if you are attending.

LET ST. JAMES Lutheran do your Christmas baking! Please join us for our Annual Cookie Walk, Saturday December 11th, 9am-11am, @ St James Lutheran Fellowship Hall in Northrop. Goods will be available for purchase by the pound. Containers will be provided, or you may bring your own. Pre-boxed “giftable” cookie batches will also be available. Coffee and cider will be available while you shop for a free will donation. Proceeds benefit the Church Flower Fund.

St John’s Antrim Church will be having their 6th annual Beef Commercial Meal TODAY from 11-12:30 pm. We will once again be offering to go orders, with limited seating in church basement. **This is a free will donation event.**

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING is designated for MLHS tuition aid unless specified otherwise. New Year’s Eve offering is designated for seminary student aid unless specified otherwise.

THE MARTIN LUTHER High School, Northrop, Europe 2022 group will be working for tips at the Pizza Ranch in Fairmont on Monday, December 13. Come and enjoy the buffet!

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

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!*

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

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

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

“But my people did not listen to my voice;*

Israel would not submit to me.

Oh, that my people would listen to me,*

that Israel would walk in my ways!

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:

+ **Terry Bentele, Arlys Halverson, Charles Scott, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Jim Hagedorn, Marlen Halverson, Neal Breitbarth, Gloria Drevlow, Ursula Scott, Marsha Miller, Grace Ekstrom, Carol White, Emery Armbrust, Carol Ritz, Bea Schultz, Richard Gottschalk, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit, who face prolonged illnesses.** May the Lord’s grace be their strength in their weakness.

+ **Our Shut-Ins: June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth.** May the Lord comfort them in their old age.

+ **Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed.** May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

THE SEASON OF Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come. Next week listen to Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler’s message: "When You're Expecting" (Luke 1:20-80) on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM, KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM, KJLY-FM (104.5): 6:00 PM & XM’s Family Talk Radio 170 12:00 PM. Today’s message: "Because We Belong" (Luke 1:5-25).

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun.,	Dec. 5	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School
			Special Voters meeting
		4:00	Jenny Williamsen Church Concert
Mon.	Dec. 6	9:00	Jenny Williamsen School Concert
Tues.,	Dec. 7	10:00	Ladies Bible Study meets
			Chapel
		12:00	Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon @ China Cafe
Wed.,	Dec. 8	4:45-5:45	after school Confirmation
		7:00	Advent Service
Thurs.,	Dec. 9	10:00	Blue Earth Circuit Pastors' Conference here
Fri.,	Dec. 10	6:00	Christmas Service School Children
Sat.,	Dec. 11	7:00	MLHS Christmas Concert @ Opera House
Sun.,	Dec. 5	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Organists:

Ushers: 12/05 Skip Henton, John Matasovsky, Randy Miller, Ken Urban,
Neal Breitbarth, Gerald Urban, Scott Halverson, Wade Krenz

12/08 Glenn Kubly, Ken Urban, Scott Halverson, Andrew Ritz, Elder on duty

12/12 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Jason Meinert, Elder on duty

12/15 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Gerald Urban, Elder on duty

12/19 Glenn Kubly, Ken Urban, Scott Halverson, Andrew Ritz, Elder on duty

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion

L O R D S Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves.

S U P P E R Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**