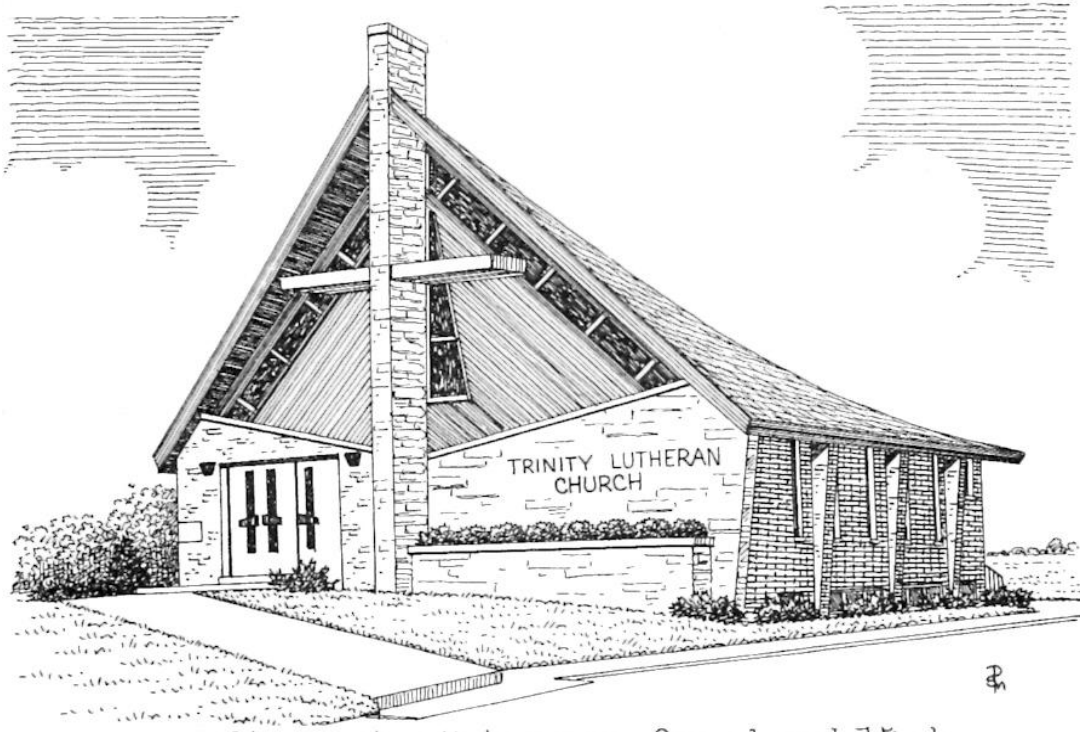


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- THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - **December 5-6, 2009**

Saturday, December 5, 2009
Sunday, December 6, 2009
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Wednesday, December 9, 2009
Sunday, December 13, 2009

Worship Service 5:30 p.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Advent Service 7:00 p.m.
Adult Information Class 3:00 p.m.

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Introit

Psalms 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

Hymn of Praise

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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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.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Gradual

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God

of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. The powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Hymn of the Day

"Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

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Distribution Hymns

**“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”
“Once He Came in Blessing”**

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Closing Hymn

“The Advent of Our God”

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Daily Lectionary

December 7 Is 24:1–13, 1 John 1:1—2:14
December 8 Is 24:14—25:12, 1 John 2:15–29, *Obadiah 1–21*
December 9 Is 26:1–19, 1 John 3:1–24
December 10 Is 26:20—27:13, 1 John 4:1–21
December 11 Is 28:14–29, 1 John 5:1–21, 2 *John 1–13*; 3 *John 1–15*
December 12 Is 29:1–14, Jude 1–25
December 13 Is 29:15—30:14, Rev 1:1–19

Next Weeks Lessons: Gaudete—The Third Sunday In Advent

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord . . .” (Isaiah 40:1–8). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah’s coming through repentance, for “all flesh is grass.” Now He asks from prison, “Are you the Coming One?” (Matthew 11:2–10) Jesus’ works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord’s hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The stewards of the mysteries of God (1 Corinthians 4:1–5) still deliver Christ’s overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God’s people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among those who believe. For in it, “the Lord is at hand” (Introit).

Collect

Lord, we implore You, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You now live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-8 (9-11) [Prepare the way of the Lord . . . comfort my people]

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 [He who judges is the Lord]

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2–10 (11) [John’s question to Jesus from prison]