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Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2008

VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning.
May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite
you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and
hope you will return again soon.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive
the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread
and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first
speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this
gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us
through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in
an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the
Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and
drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the
body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).
Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this
congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For
a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing
here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness
and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of
the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since
attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church
fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in
doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri
Synod.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #343, "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Invocation and Opening Versicles

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

C: Amen.

P: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
C: make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (Isa. 40:3)
P: "You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
C: You covered all their sin.
P: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,
C: and grant us Your salvation." (Isa. 61:10)

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us come before the Triune God to confess
our sins. To the Lord all hearts are open and from Him no secrets are
hid.

(There is silence to call to mind your sins)

P: O Lord,

**C: hear my prayer for deliverance. Let my cry for help come to You.
Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;
according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in
Your sight. I have lived as if You did not matter and as if I
mattered most. Your name I have not honored as I should; my
worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let Your love have
its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are
those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
For the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me,
a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and
ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you,
and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I
forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Responsory: "A Voice by Jordan's Shore"

Text: Samuel Longfellow, public domain

Tune: Potsdam, #414

1)

A voice by Jordan's shore,
A summons stern and clear:
"Reform; be just, and sin no more,
God's judgment draweth near!"

2)

A voice by Galilee,
A holier voice I hear:
"Love God; thy neighbor love, for see
God's mercy draweth near!"

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively see worship insert

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle 2 Peter 3:8-14

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (Lk. 3:4b,6)

P: Alleluia!

C: Alleluia!

P: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;

C: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Nicene Creed see back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #347, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Sermon: "Advent Tidings from God's People"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer see back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Distribution

#344, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

#606, "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

#618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Post-Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: For the Good News that You bring to the poor, and for the healing of those who are brokenhearted,

C: praise to You, Jesus of Nazareth!

P: For John the Baptist and all who point us to the Savior,

C: praise to You, promised Messiah!

P: For the joy given us in this Sacrament,

C: praise to You, Christ, our Lord! Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #345, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	7:30PM	Nybo's Family Bowling Night
Tuesday:	7:00PM	Board of Elders
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	6:30PM	Advent Midweek Supper
	7:30PM	Advent Midweek Worship (in fellowship hall)
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:		No Women's Bible Study this Month
Friday:	8:30AM	CILS Christmas Rehearsal
	6:00PM	Fellowship Club at Clair's
Saturday:	9AM-11AM	Sunday School Christmas Practice
	5:30PM	CILS Staff Party
Next Sunday:	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday - M/M Bob Augustin

Wednesday - Jerry Holm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (finished chemotherapy; in need of healing); Dale Safe (Pat Banitt's brother, recovering from a bull attack); Linda Soifakis (resurgence of cancer); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Phillip Sorenson (diagnosed with Adult Onset Cystic Fibrosis); Hilbert Gerdes (recovering from the insertion of a pacemaker).

Food Shelf

New Horizons is sponsoring a collection for the local food shelf through December 14th. Monetary donations can be placed in the box in the entry way.

150th Anniversary Pictures and Souvenirs for Sale

Christmas is coming! We still have salt and pepper shaker sets, Christmas ornaments, and numerous event pictures of all sizes available for purchase. All pictures are \$5. The salt and pepper shaker sets are \$14 and the Christmas ornaments are \$10. Members of the 150th Anniversary Committee will be available after the service to help those who would like to make a purchase.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Many thanks to Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter for volunteering to lead the Sunday School Christmas program this year. The event will be held on Sunday night, December 21st at 6:30 PM. Parents, please note the additional rehearsal dates on the December calendar. Don't forget to invite your friends and family. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Life Quote – December 7

"Given the climate of our times where the humanity of the unborn is denied and the value of the humanity of the disabled is questioned, it becomes more important than ever to focus on God's gracious fulfillment of these promises (Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 7:14). For they give value to all humanity—born and unborn, healthy and frail." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /** www.lutheransforlife.org

Advent Midweek Suppers

This year we are again offering midweek suppers on the Wednesdays of Advent. These meals begin at 6:30PM, after confirmation and before the 7:30PM worship service. What a great opportunity to have some fellowship with the saints on the Wednesdays of the rich season of Advent. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to volunteer to bring a meal or a portion thereof.

Advent Midweek Services

Midweek services will be held again this year on the Wednesdays of Advent at 7:30 PM. The theme this year is: "Prophetic Names of the Coming Messiah." Worship will be held in the fellowship hall and the remaining dates and sermon titles are as follows:

December 10: "The Star of Jacob" Num. 24:15-19
December 17: "The Branch of Jesse" Isa. 11:1-10

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

Did you know that a resolution at the 1935 convention of the Synod called into being what is today called the Armed Services Commission? One hundred and twenty-six chaplains from our church body served overseas during World War II. During that war our Synod established overseas service centers in England, France, Germany, China, and the Philippines. Over one hundred civilian pastors and twenty-three chaplains worked part or full-time in service to the spiritual ministry of German prisoners of war interned in the United States during World War II.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 14

8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

"Things Can Change"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

There was no room at the inn the night Christ was born. Today, many people and nations remain closed to the Savior. Why are they so afraid? (John 3:17)

