

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

8:30 A.M.



## WELCOME TO GRACE

### Prelude

### Word of Welcome

*stand as you are able*

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

### C Amen

P Let us come before God in confession.  
*silence for reflection and self-examination*

P To you, O God,

**C we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

P Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

**C Amen**

## **Gathering Hymn** 'Prepare the Royal Highway' **264**

### **Greeting**

P From the one who was and who is and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

A We praise you, O God,

C **for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candle on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen**

*The second candle is lit.*

### **Hymn**

'Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah' vs 2 **240**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

### **First Reading**

Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the

covenant in whom you delight—indeed, 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 descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <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 The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading**

Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*stand as you are able*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>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 the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out 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 be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

**Sermon****Hymn of the Day**

'On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry'

**249**

*stand as you are able*

**Apostles' Creed**

p. 105

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**Peace**      *The people greet one another saying:  
"Peace be with you".*

*please be seated*

**Offering**

*stand as you are able*

**Offertory**

'O Lord, How Shall I Meet You'      vs 1      **241**

**Offering Prayer**

A God of abundance,

**C we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving**      p. 144 & p. 132

**Lord's Prayer**      p. 134

*please be seated*

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins*

## Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God'	p. 146
'Blessed Be the God of Israel'	<b>250</b>
'Come Now, O Prince of Peace'	<b>247</b>

*stand as you are able*

## Table Blessing

## Post Communion Prayer

A Holy One,

**C we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen**

## Blessing

P May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**

**Sending Hymn** 'Hark, the Glad Sound' **239**

## Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Prayer Huddle

**Worship Assistants: December 9**

**Greeters:** Mason – Nita Williams  
East – Karen & Gene Krull

**Assisting Minister:** Becky Luett

**Lector:** Robbie Johnson

**Communion 8:30:** Ron Bailey

**Communion 10:30:** Deb Werth

**Ushers:** Marty Grow, Laury Grow, Brian Klauer,  
Kathy Lanska

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 12/02/18:** 8:30 - 44 10:30 - 38

**Grilled Cheese Lunch: 11/29/18 - 152**

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***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Ellen Holz and Donny Kassube.

***For Healing*** Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Kay Elliott; Bernie Hobbs; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev.

***For those with cancer*** especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Carol Baumbach; Dottie Frankie; Kristi Meier.

**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

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## **Announcements**

Thank you for **signing the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

There is a **sign up sheet** on the table in the narthex to sign up to **bring treats** for hospitality time between services. Please help and sign up today.

### **Flowers in Church**

The Altar Guild has a Flower Chart by the Nursery door near the East stairway in the narthex for those who may want to donate an arrangement of live flowers for worship on any Sunday. Please put your name next to the date you would like and contact Karen Krull, 739-3880 or Diane Bailey, 734-9076 to get the details.

The **Sunday School Christmas Service** "What Child Is This" will be on **Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15 am. Come and support our Sunday School.

### **FUN \$ FACT**

At the end of October 2018 our mortgage was at \$77,426.00. At the end of October in 2017 we owed \$95,074.00 on the mortgage. We have been making double payments on the mortgage this year and have reduced the debt by \$17,648.00.

Are you looking for a creative outlet? Are you willing to lend a hand? **Grace Sunday School** can use additional helpers and teachers. We have a great group of students to work with. Please contact Lois Hilger 920-850-0111 or Pastor Dan if you have any questions. We will be happy to have your participation to help share the responsibility of teaching our young people. God bless you for considering this!

**Calling for cooks and bakers!** Grace has volunteered to offer the lunch after an **Advent service at FVLH** on Wednesday, **December 12**. Please let Sharon Meier, 739-4281, know if you can provide a crockpot of soup, bars, or cookies. It needs to be at FVLH at 11:00 that day, but arrangements can be made for delivery.

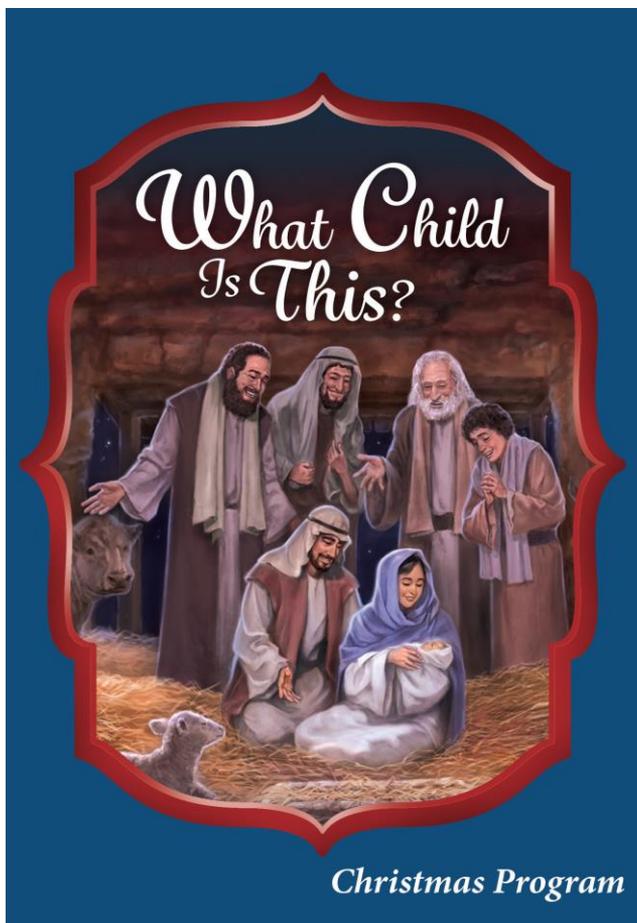
Once again there is an **ANGEL TREE** set up in the narthex. It will have ornaments on it with items to purchase for those in need. There will be green cards in a basket with instructions on how to help. All items must be returned by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. One change from previous years is the ornaments are only for items for individuals. However, there are 2 extra white cards with suggestions of additional items for children and adults that would be appreciated in addition to the ornaments also to be returned by **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks in advance for all the donations to help those less fortunate.

**Christmas Display-** The Altar Guild will be decorating the church during the Advent/Christmas seasons. Garland, trees, wreaths and plants will be part of this and remain in place until Jan. 15, 2018. You are invited to help with the cost by giving a suggested gift of \$12.00 or any amount you choose. You may place your gift in an offering envelope and mark it "Christmas Display". There is a sheet on the desk where you can place your name or fill out the form in the Newsletter and return it with your gift. Thank you for helping beautify the church during these seasons.



The **Sunday School Christmas Service** "What Child Is This" will be on **Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15 am at the end of the 8:30 am service. Come and support our Sunday School.

Following the program we will have fellowship in the PAC. Please join us in this celebration!!



## GRACE FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, December 9** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

**Monday, December 10** .....7:30 pm AA Meeting  
6:30 pm Joy Circle

**Tuesday, December 11** .....6:00 pm Confirmation

**Wednesday, December 12**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:30 am Worship @ FVLH  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, December 13** ..... 10:00 am Grilled Cheese  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm Salvation Army  
12:00 pm Fill Advent Bags

**Friday, December 14**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, December 15** .....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

**Sunday, December 16**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 am Sunday School Program w/ Fellowship after  
10:30 am Worship

