

# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 8, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.* -Luke 1:68

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .....The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

PRELUDE - *Of the Father's Love Begotten*.....T. *Divinum Mysterium* Wilber  
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE .....The Griffin Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

## ADVENT 2

(Standing)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**We will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds in songs of joy.**

Awake, awake, you people of God, put on your festive garments.

**For God has already clothed us with the garments of salvation and has covered us with the robe of righteousness.**

The Holy One has delivered us and has become our salvation.

BRESLAU

All praise to you, e - ter - nal Lord, clothed in a  
All this for us your love has done; by this to

garb of flesh and blood; choos - ing a man - ger  
you our love is won; for this we sing through

for your throne, while worlds on worlds are yours a - lone.  
all our days and shout our thanks in cease - less praise.

We give thanks to you, eternal God, for the Word in human form given to us in the child of Bethlehem.

**The Word speaks to us in a way we cannot avoid:**

Therefore, let us put aside the masks of pretended righteousness and confess our sins to God.

[Kneeling or sitting]

Gracious God, this Advent season stirs a longing to have Christ come alive within us, yet we allow ourselves to become enslaved to cynicism, selfishness, and greed. In a season for freely giving and receiving, we tend to live by debt and obligation. We rush from task to task, scarcely opening our eyes to the peace and beauty around us. We glory in the visions of the old man Zechariah in the temple, which were fulfilled in his wife, Elizabeth; but our ministry to the elderly in our midst falls short. We sing of One who was laid in a borrowed manger, but we ignore the poor and homeless among us. We decry the violence of a wicked king, yet we are too often silent in the face of abuse and injustice around us. For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray, gracious God.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to them and proclaim that they have suffered long enough, that their penalty is paid, and their sins are forgiven.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. Christ Jesus gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own. Thanks be to God!

[Standing]

JUDGMENT (585 A)

Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from realms on high;  
Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are bowed with care;

Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion, low - ly came on earth to die:  
Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, who lived among us as foretold by the prophets, who was descended from the royal line of David, and who was baptized in the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might.

**He does not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he judges the poor and decides with equity for the meek of the earth.**

We believe in the coming reign of God when justice will be established in the earth.

**How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains who brings good news, the news of peace, who announces salvation, who says, "Your God reigns."**

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

**The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.**

REJOICE (151 I)

Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

A - rise, the sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere!

The second system of musical notation is identical in notation to the first system, with the same treble and bass clef staves, key signature, and time signature. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we look, O Lord, to you

for all the earth's re - demp - tion, cre - a - tion made a - new.

[All may join in the following prayers of intercession,  
or the service may proceed as the liturgist directs.]

[Sitting]

Christ, the Light of the world, empower us to shine as lights in this dark world of sin.

**Christ, the Creative Word, by whom all things were made, lead us into good stewardship of creation that we and our children may preserve and enjoy the world entrusted to us.**

Christ, the Living Truth, give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that sees beyond temporal values to discern your truth and to declare it.

**Christ, our Righteous Judge, give us courage to stand by the poor, the meek, and the oppressed; and strengthen our support for all who are their advocates.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, send us forth as your ambassadors of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world; bring peace to the conflicts of nations, races, and tribes.

**We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that we might proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. May our lives show forth that which we truly are. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

(Standing)

May the Lord make us increase in love for one another and for all.

**May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to become more like Christ as we eagerly await his coming.**

GERMANY [22 R]

We long for might - y signs of God - ca - the - dral,  
 But poor, in weak - ness, comes the Christ; his glo - ry  
 Not in our own strength, Lord, we move; your king - dom

mir - a - cle, and sword, his pow'r and glo - ry  
 gone, no king we see; a ser - vant Lord, no  
 falls not when we fall, but for - ward press - es

writ - ten plain - so none may doubt that he is Lord.  
 praise he seeks. Thus comes God's power to you and me.  
 day by day un - til your truth is known to all.

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SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79 (responsively) The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David,** As he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

**that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant,

**the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,**

to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

**in holiness and righteousness in his presence of all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

**to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.** Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Philippians 1:3-11

*During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-106.*

ADVENT

## On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry 267

1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 make us rise to fall no more; O let your face up -

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
 whose advent has our freedom won,  
 whom with the Father we adore,  
 and Holy Spirit, evermore.

TEXT: Charles Coffin (1676-1749). Composite tr.  
 TUNE: Adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621). Setting ©1959 by A. R. Mowbray & Co., Ltd.,  
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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:1-6.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

SERMON: *Crying in the Wilderness*

SON AND REDEEMER

# 483 Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Unison*

1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten ere the worlds be-gan to be,  
 2 O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin, full of grace,  
 3 Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;  
 4 Christ, to you, with God the Fa - ther and the Spir - it, there shall be

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga - he the source, the end - ing he  
 by the Spir - it blessed con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;  
 pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;  
 hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and the shout of ju - bi - lee:

of the things that are, that have been,  
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,  
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent,  
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion

and that fu - ture years shall see ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

TEXT: Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius (4th cent.)  
 Tr. John Mason Neale (1854) and Henry W. Baker (1859), alt.  
 TUNE: 12th cent. plainsong. Arr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1916)  
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DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to [homemoravian.org/donate](http://homemoravian.org/donate). You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.*

OFFERTORY INVITATION

ANTHEM: *Behold a Star from Jacob Shining* ...Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

HMC Choir

*Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising, to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning star is he, the promise of the coming day, beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, O light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of thy rising.*

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD .....Rev. Tobiassen

FATHER AND CREATOR

# The God of Abraham Praise 468

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
2 He by his name has sworn, on this we shall de - pend,  
3 Tri - um-ph'ant hosts on high give thanks to God and sing,

the An-cient of e - ter - nal days, the God of love!  
and as on ea-gles' wings up-borne to heav'n as - cend.  
and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!"

The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heav'n con - fessed -  
There we shall see his face, his pow'r we shall a - dore  
Hail, A - braham's God and ours! One might - y hymn we raise.

we bow be - fore his ho - ly name for - ev - er blessed.  
and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.  
All pow'r and maj - es - ty be yours and end - less praise!

TEXT: Thomas Olivers (c. 1770), alt.  
TUNE: Hebrew. Adapt. Meyer Lyon (c. 1770)

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LEONI [YIGDAL] (345 A)

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.*

SERVICE MUSIC

**832**                      **The Grace of Our Lord**

The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of  
God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
be with us all, be with us all. A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time, the second in 3/4 time, and the third in 3/4 time. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13  
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular  
(540 E)

POSTLUDE: *From Heaven Above to*

*Earth I Come* (BWV 606).....T. *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her'*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

**We extend a cordial welcome** to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Bob Williams* by Hessie Williams and the family.

**The wreaths** are placed on the outside doors of the Sanctuary in loving memory of *I.B. and Mary Southerland* by I.B. and Carol Southerland and their family.

## SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

**GODLY PLAY, CE 106 (ages 3 and up)**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (in person and via Zoom), 11:15 a.m. Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom**

<https://bit.ly/3ZsrlyP>

**Intro to Moravian Theology, Saal, Podcast**

**homemoravian.org/resources Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom <https://bit.ly/3OpggsS>**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR/POWER HOUR MUSIC, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., CE-104 YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 3rd floor CE building CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., CE-106 and 107**

## CALENDAR

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

10:20 a.m. - *Godly Play*, CE-106

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room

11:00 a.m. - Children's Choir/Power Hour Music, CE-104

11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School Classes (see **Sunday Educational Programming**) 2:00 p.m. - Music@Home Concert, Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. - Forsyth IAF Sponsoring Committee Voting Assembly St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church

Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Christian Formation Team, CE-101

7:00 p.m. - Trustees, Parlor

Tuesday - 1:30 - 12:30 p.m. - Praying in Color Parlor (Registration required) 5:30 p.m. - Winter Vespers, Saal

Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant

2:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor

5:45 p.m. - HMC Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall

Thursday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus

Saturday - 2-4 p.m. - Children's Holiday Adventure, Cookies & Carols, CR

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## PERSONALS

**Receiving hospice care at home:** David Cotterill

**Receiving hospice care at Trellis:** Dee Ann Smith

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Men of the Church** will be selling candles after worship outside the office. Sales will continue each Sunday in December. A box of 2 (10 inch) candles costs \$6.50, or buy a case of 24 boxes for \$120.00. Contact Gary Hauser.

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*  
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