

**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD - NETHERLANDS**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**December 5, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**PRELUDE** . . . . . “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” by John Leavitt . . Carla Barrows, Organ

**WELCOME** . . . . . Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** . . . . . “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” . . . . . LSB 344

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!


Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.

Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Choir: *Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the world began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.*

**All (sung): Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.**

Reader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in Scripture.  
**All: And He will be called the Prince of Peace.**

Reader: We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

**All: And He will be called the Prince of Peace.**

Reader: We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

**All: And He will be called the Prince of Peace.**

Reader: We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

**All: And He will be called the Prince of Peace.**

*Candle Lighting*

Reader: Today we light two candles. The first candle reminds us of the hope found in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor. We light the second candle to remind us that Jesus came to earth as the Prince of Peace. In a world filled with conflict and discord, we pray for harmony and unity as we work toward claiming the promise of peace on earth.

Choir: *Let the heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts His praises sing:  
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King.*

**All (sung): Emmanuel, Emmanuel, evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.**

Choir: *Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.*

Reader: Gracious Lord, we thank you for coming to earth to be our Prince of Peace. As we continue our Advent journey, help us to know the peace that comes from resting in Your power today and every day. Help us spread this peace through all the things we say and all the things we do. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** . . . . . Malachi 3:1-7b

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of Malachi.

**R** <sup>1</sup>“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.

<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 sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. <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.

<sup>5</sup>“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.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them.” (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** ..... "But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming" ..... Soloist - Anna Diemer  
by G. F. Handel

*But who may abide the day of His coming?  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?  
Who shall stand when He appeareth?*

*But who may abide, but who may abide the day of His coming?  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?  
When He appeareth?*

*For He is like a refiner's fire,  
For He is like a refiner's fire,  
Who shall stand when He appeareth?*

*For He is like a refiner's fire,  
For He is like a refiner's fire,  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?*

*But who may abide the day of His coming?  
And who shall stand, and who shall stand when He appeareth?  
When He appeareth?*

*For He is like a refiner's fire, like a refiner's fire,  
And who shall stand when He, when He appeareth?  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?*

*For He is like a refiner's fire,  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?  
When He appeareth?*

*For He is like a refiner's fire,  
For He is like a refiner's fire.*

**EPISTLE READING** ..... Philippians 1:2-11

**R** The Epistle Reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Philippians.

**R** <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (ESV)

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL** . . . . . Luke 3:1-14

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

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

**P** <sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

<sup>3</sup>And 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 Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying 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 become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

<sup>7</sup>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? <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”

<sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”

<sup>14</sup>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.” (ESV)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**ANTHEM** . . . . . “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” by Barlow Bradford. . . . . Sanctuary Choir

*O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O Come Desire of Nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and by Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.*

*Emmanuel!*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** . . . . . Matt Meier, Director of Discipleship

**MESSAGE** . . . . . Pastor Michael P. Dorn

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** . . . . . Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**OFFERING**

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**MUSICAL OFFERING** . . . . . “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” . . . . . Trinity Bells  
arr. Kevin McChesney

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**DISMISSAL**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✝}$  in peace.  
**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN . . . . . “Prepare the Royal Highway” . . . . . LSB 343

All: Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev’ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory  
Foretold in sacred story:

**Refrain:** Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God’s Word!

Solo: *God’s people, see Him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God’s promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! Refrain*

All: Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev’ry nation  
Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him!  
All nations, now adore Him! **Refrain**

All: His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav’n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding: **Refrain**

## POSTLUDE . . . . . “Let All Together Praise Our God” by Paul Manz . . . . Carla Barrows, Organ

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