

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

“The Jesse Tree”

December 8, 2024 • 9:00 a.m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Carla Barrows, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP “Veni, Jesu, Amor Mi”
by Luigi Cherubini, arr. Jennifer Kerr
Rebecca Castillo & Kari Mendoza

Veni, Jesu, amor mi.
(Come, Jesus, My Love)

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WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

PROCESSIONAL “The Advent of Our King” . . LSB 331, vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on
To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH . . . "Advent's Holy Light" by Joel Raney

Cantor: As we watch for the dawn of a brighter day, a candle of peace lights the way.

As we look for the signs of the promised birth, of a Savior who brings heaven to earth.

All: Lord, we are waiting for peace to reign. Lord, we are listening for love's refrain.

For hope, peace, and joy and love to unite in the beauty and wonder of Advent's holy light.

Reader: We continue our Advent journey today with the lighting of the Hope candle and the second candle, the candle of Peace. Let the gentle glow of these candles symbolize the tranquility we seek in

our hearts and homes, fostering a sense of peace that transcends the chaos of this world.

Reader: In a world filled with conflict and confrontations

People: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

Reader: For the storms that sometimes rage within us

People: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

Reader: As we rush and hurry our way through busy lives

People: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

Reader: And for those around us we know are carrying heavy burdens

People: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

Reader: Let us pray . . . Gracious Creator, in the quiet moments may we find solace in Your presence, and in the noisy chaos of life may Your peace prevail. Calm the storms that rage within and around us. May we be instruments of Your peace, fostering understanding, compassion, and harmony in our hearts. Amen.

Cantor: *Lord, we are waiting for peace to reign. Lord, we are listening for love's refrain.*

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

P The Jesse Tree, Christ's family tree,

C Points us the way to Jesus.

P From Eden down to Calvary,

C Our loving Savior frees us.

P The promise is for you and me

C And points the way to Jesus.

READINGGenesis 37:3-4

R A reading from Genesis 37.

R ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors.

⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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READING Exodus 31:12-18

R A reading from Exodus 31.

R ¹²And the Lord said to Moses, ¹³“You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep My Sabbaths, for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you. ¹⁴You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. ¹⁶Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. ¹⁷It is a sign forever between Me and the people of Israel that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’”

¹⁸And He gave to Moses, when He had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

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HYMN “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” . . LSB 342, vs. 1-2

What hope! An Eden prophesied
Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side,
Led by a little child!

A shoot will sprout from Jesse’s stem,
A branch from David’s line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:
The fruit of God’s design.

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Lonnie Gonzales,
Associate Pastor of Outreach

SONG “O Jesse Tree” vs. 6, 7 & 8

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
God helped Ruth follow faithfully; She’s now part of Christ’s family!
O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
 God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
 Though Jesse’s son was frail and small, His offspring would be King of all!
 O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.
 God’s promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!
 The temple of King Solomon Prepared God’s people for His Son.
 O Jesse Tree—Christ’s fam’ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

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READING 1 Kings 17:1-16

R A reading from the 1st Kings 17.

R ¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” ²And the word of the Lord came to him, ³“Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” ⁵So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. ⁶And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks.

And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that He spoke by Elijah.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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HYMN “What Hope! An Eden Prophesied. . . LSB 342, vs. 3-4

As banner of God’s love unfurled,
Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world
Would rally to the cross.

Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,
Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel’s flaming sword—
Come, open heaven’s door.

READING Joshua 2:1-7, 15-16

R A reading from Joshua 2.

R ¹And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ²And it was told to the king of Jericho, “Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land.” ³Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.” ⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them.” ⁶But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. ¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶And she said to them, “Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way.”

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OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING. “Laudamus Te” from “Gloria” by Vivaldi
Rebecca Castillo & Kari Mendoza

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

(We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.)

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PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

☩ 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.

BENEDICTION

☩ 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 ✠ give you peace.

☩ Amen.

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

**POSTLUDE “O Come, All Ye Faithful” . . Carla Barrows, Organ
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