

The Second Sunday of Advent, year B

December 6, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Focus on the Season: The Second Sunday of Advent, year B

John stands by the waters of baptism as herald of the coming of God. He calls us to turn around, to find the way of the Lord, the way where “righteousness and peace” meet with a kiss and God’s salvation comes to all. Today Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say with our lives, “See, your God is coming!” in a world in need of God’s justice and peace.

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Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here**; it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: “Comfort ye, comfort ye my people” from *Messiah* G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Recorded on November 23, 3030; Paul Rudoj, tenor.

ADVENT DIALOG AND KYRIE



- P** The Spirit and the | Church cry out:
- C** **Amen.** | **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** All those who await his ap- | pearance pray:
- C** **Amen.** | **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** The whole cre- | ation pleads:
- C** **Amen.** | **Come, Lord Jesus.**

KYRIE

A: Chri - ste e - lei son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

C: Chri - ste e lei - - - son.

A: Ky - ri - e e - lei son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

C: Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - son.

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*Sung at Mount Olive on the First Sunday of Advent, year B, December 3, 2017.
Kyrie led by the Youth Choir*

Word

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN: *ELW 249, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday of Advent, year B, December 14, 2014.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11; reader – Gene Janssen, lector

- ¹ Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
- ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

- ³ A voice cries out:
 “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
 and every mountain and hill be made low;
 the uneven ground shall become level,
 and the rough places a plain.
- ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
 and all people shall see it together,
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
- ⁶ A voice says, “Cry out!”
 And I said, “What shall I cry?”
 All people are grass,
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.
- ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades,
 when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
 surely the people are grass.
- ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades;
 but the word of our God will stand forever.
- ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;
 lift up your voice with strength,
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
 lift it up, do not fear;
 say to the cities of Judah,
 “Here is your God!”
- ¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
 his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
- ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,
 and carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALMODY: Psalm 85:1-2, 17-19 (*sing along with the leaders; the tone is printed in the video*)

¹ You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD; * you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

² You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people * and blotted out | all their sins.

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying; * for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those
 who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you, * that your glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together; * righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, * and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, * and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD * and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

Recorded on November 23, 2020; Paul Rudoj, tenor.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a; reader – Kathy Thurston, assisting minister

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come

like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung before and after the reading*



Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B, December 24, 2017.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

SERMON

Cry Out!

Pastor Joseph Crippen

Silence for reflection.

HYMN: ELW 256, “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday of Advent, year B, December 10, 2017.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Kathy Thurston, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. *The Olive Branch* has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

OFFERTORY "Sweet Coming"

Sweet com-ing for which we long: soft com-ing of star-voiced Child; still
com-ing in fra-grant meal; swift com-ing for won-drous weal. Sure
com-ing, both hope and trial; soon com-ing, our wist-ful song.

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Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday of Advent, year C, December 6, 2015.

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LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

BLESSING *Response: Amen*

HYMN: ELW 264, "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday of Advent, year C, December 6, 2015.

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Fantasy on "Prepare the Royal Highway"
Improvisation on "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Recorded on the Second Sunday of Advent, year B, December 9, 2018

Paul O. Manz
David Cherwien



In Our Prayers

- Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Mary Lee; Elizabeth Beissel, Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Christine Walberg; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, James Alexander, and Peter & Faye

Kaliher, daughter and friends of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Jerry Baack and Todd Erickson, friends of Jean & Doug Parish; Melissa Suchor, niece of Mike Rader; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbeshier Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilkes and Julius Underwood, and Lonell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Hans Tisberger, Charles Gjovig, Usasumwen Obadiaru, Osemwivie Obadiaru, Kathryn Thurston, Terry Serres, Lynn Ruff, Nan Wilson, and Marcia Burow.
- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

December 6: *St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342 - Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.*

December 7: *St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397 - While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.*