



Second Sunday of Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forest City, Iowa

Pastors: Rod Hopp & Zech Anderson
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December 5, 2021 9:15am in person / live stream / on the radio

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the LORD of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Call to Advent"

Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Matt & Kelli Welp & family

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: God for whom we wait,

C: in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us gain of your saving grace. Amen.

L: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway"

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4 *My messenger is a refiner and purifier*

PSALM: Luke 1:68-79 [read responsively]

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,

⁷¹**from the hands of all who hate us,**

⁷²to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³**This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:**

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,**

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

SECOND READING: Philipians 1:3-11 *A harvest of righteousness on the day of Jesus Christ*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **"Alleluia"**

#175

GOSPEL: ADVENT WAITING: A focus on Mary's Song (the Magnificat)

WEEK 2: PEACE (Luke 1:43-45)

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Unexpected and Mysterious"**

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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PRAYERS: *L: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.***

baby Ruby Sue Albertsen

Bryon Kvale

Isaac Schneider

Liam Bartleson

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Mark Sutton

Hazel Barloon

Carolyn Newcom

Missionary Karen Anderson

Donna Gilbertson

Ashley Rayhons

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes

Lois Holst

Tim Schmidt

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: **"Lamb of God"**

#195

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

#241

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

#256

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

OFFERING: *As Christ supports and strengthens us, so let us strengthen Christ's mission through the Church as we give our offering*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Choir

OFFERTORY: "**We Are An Offering**" #692

OFFERING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: "**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**" #254

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Today's 9:15 worship is broadcast at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast and poinsettia are given in memory of Aaron, Sr. & Connie Charlson from Aaron, Jr., Rita & Dirk Charlson.

Baptized today: Henry Jameson Farus, born Sept. 19, 2019 to Joe & Bethanie Farus. Baptism sponsors for Henry are Suzanne Childs and Patty Brown.

Worship Participants:

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Scripture Reader: Scott Bertelsen

Piano/Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Song Leaders: Choir

Audio/Video: Bruce Mielke/Dave Midtgaard

Altar Care: Marla Betz

Communion Servers: Andy Buffington, Ken & Cindy Korth

Communion Set Up: Sue Moglestad, Ruth Melby

Ushers: Gary McCarthy, Jim Lund

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Coffee Fellowship: HS & MS Youth Groups