

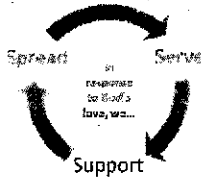
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – *When things are going wrong, we encourage our friends, saying, “Look up. Things will get better.” But that takes hope based on some report or promise. Our Advent hope is based on promises God has made throughout history, some of which we still await. Isaiah sees lions and lambs living together one day. Paul hopes that Jews and Gentiles will learn to live in harmony together now. But John the Baptist warns that only repentance will enable us to move forward. Advent is a time to recognize God's grace in forgiving our sins and to look forward and up in hope!*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

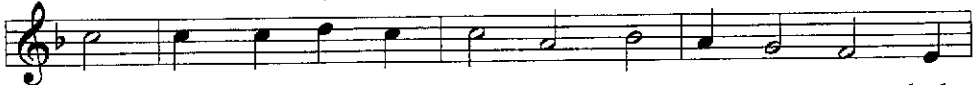
[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

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1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten-der With sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



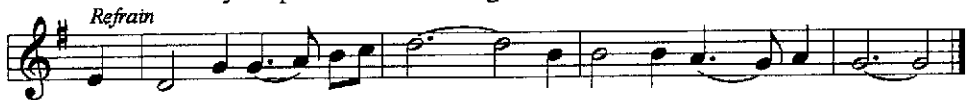
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: 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. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 11:1-10

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 15:4–13

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

♪ ALLELUIA VERSE

Luke 3:4b, 6

All: Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.*
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

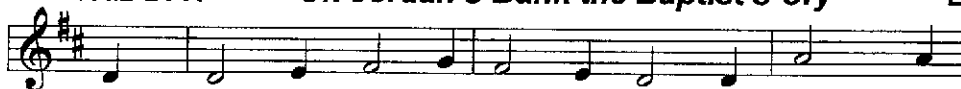
☪ YOUTH MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

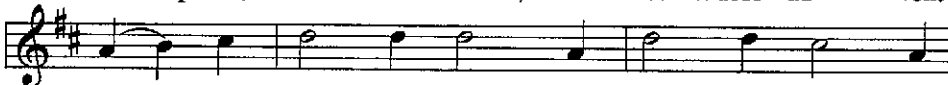
HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

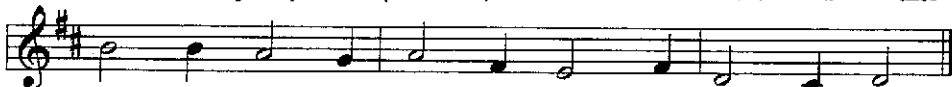
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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



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.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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SERMON**“ABOUND IN HOPE”****Romans 15:4-13**

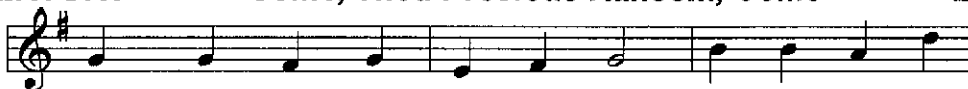
- I. Even in this festive time of year (and maybe because of this festive time of year), life can be full of hopelessness and despair.
- II. Paul reminds us today that because of Christ’s coming we can “abound in hope.”

♪ APOSTLE’S CREED

☐ 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 there 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.

♪ OFFERING**“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”**

by Ludwig Lenel

♪ OFFERTORY**Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come****LSB 350**

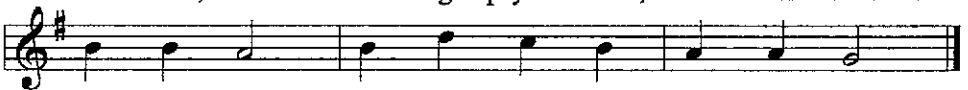
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -



Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,



Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I



will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [responses sung to: “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”]

Based on Romans 15:4-13

- ☐** As we live in hope until our Lord’s return, we pray for all people in their various needs and for the Church, here and around the world. For any among us and all others who hope for freedom from the consequences of their past mistakes, from the injustices of their societies, and from their own worldly passions, that God would surround them with people of faith “that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures” they might place their hope in Him alone, let us pray to the Lord.
- ☐** Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!

P For our communities and country and for all the nations of the world, wherever people live in hope for an end to discord with their neighbors and calm across their borders, that God would use people of faith to order society at home and work for harmony among the nations, so that peoples and nations might welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, let us pray to the Lord.

C Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.

P For all people in need of the Gospel, that God would inspire artists and craftspeople, musicians and poets to creatively praise Him among the Gentiles and sing to His name, carrying the news of Christ's advent in history, His presence with us now, and His promised return, let us pray to the Lord.

C Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.

P For people who hope for relief from long-term ills or sudden crises of health, looking for an end to unemployment and financial woes, [including . . .], that God would provide comfort, relief, and health so that they "might glorify God for His mercy," let us pray to the Lord.

C Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!

P For the Church here and around the world, led by clergy and lay members, "that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" and together we may with one voice glorify God, let us pray to the Lord.

C Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation.

P For ourselves and everyone who eagerly hopes for the return of our Savior, that the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

C That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

P Paul prayed, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who created us, the ✝ Son who saved us and shall return to welcome us home, and the Holy Spirit who creates and nourishes the faith that Jesus is the Lord—be with you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

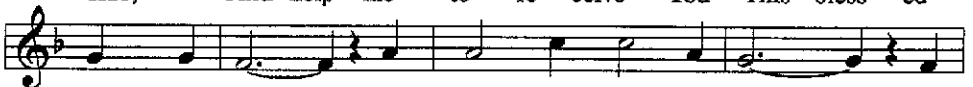
C Thanks be to God.



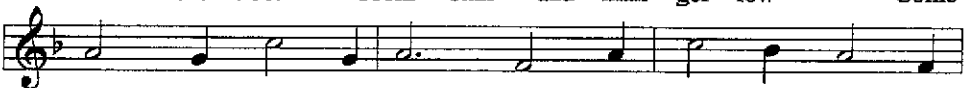
1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



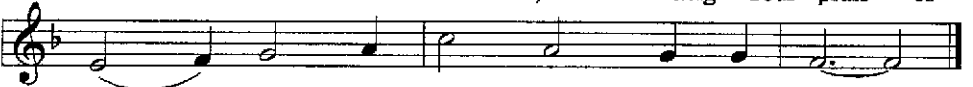
day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion, And makes true prep - a -
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Arise, O Christian People”

by Johann Christoph Back

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

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| Total General Offering Blessings – (Nov. 1, 2019 – Nov. 30, 2019) | \$ 38,308.52 |
| General Fund | 16,918.00 |
| E.C.C. Tuition | 19,732.05 |
| Loose Plate, Sunday School & Other Gifts | 1,658.47 |
| Total Expenditures | 32,583.52 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | 5,725.00 |
| Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit) | 8,130.74 |