

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2023

Prelude - The prelude is an introductory part of our worship service. We ask that in quietness you prepare your heart for the hour of worship which is to follow.

Greeting and Announcements

Invocation

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Hymn #328 (Red Hymnal) *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

Opening Versicles page 260

Confession of Sin

O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but rubbish. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

Old Testament Canticle page 261

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 (p.p. 762/712)

Choir ~ *Prepare the Way!*

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-14 (page 1300/1209)

The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (page 1063/994)

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Catechism page 264

Sermon

Hymn #15 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Offering

Offertory "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (#391, vs. 1)

Prayer

Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son that at his second coming we may worship him in purity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for the Word page 265

Morning Prayer page 266

New Testament Canticle page 266

The Blessing page 267

Hymn #24 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Postlude



Special thanks to everyone who participated in organizing the Sunday School Christmas presentation and pie social. We are blessed when our brothers and sisters in Christ share their time and talents.

-Advent worship services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13th and 20th. Please join us as we prepare and give thanks for the countless blessings our Lord has bestowed on all who believe.

This week –

Wed.	Dec. 13	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation (Sermon notes)
		7:30 p.m.	Advent Worship Service
Sun.	Dec. 17	9:00 a.m.	Divine Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School

Last Sunday – attendance 64; offering \$845.00
Lessons for 10/17 - Is. 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

