

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in Advent

9:30 AM



Repent, For The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Near.

Atonement Lutheran Church



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Arise, O Christian People*CW₉₃ 14 (NCW 310) 1-4



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



Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your sins a - way.
Cast out what would of - fend him, This great, this heav'n - ly guest.
Be - neath his feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty soul shall lie.
And help me to re - ceive you This bless - ed Ad - vent - tide.



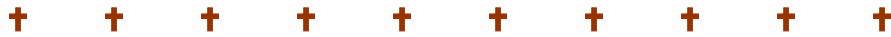
To us by grace a - lone The truth and light were giv - en;
Make straight, make plain the way: The low - ly val - leys rais - ing,
The heart sin - cere and right, That heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion
From stall and man - ger low Come now to dwell with - in me;



The prom - ised Lord from heav - en To all the world is shown.
The heights of pride a - bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.
And makes true prep - a - ra - tion — It is the Lord's de - light.
I'll sing your prais - es glad - ly And forth your glo - ry show.

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Hymn: *Arise, O Christian People* **CW₉₃ 14** (NCW 310) **1–4**

Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

All: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

Prayer and Praise

L: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

L: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of 12 staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first three staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Prayer of the Day:

L: God of might and compassion, open your ears to the prayers of your people, who wait for you. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redemption; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson:**Isaiah 11:1–5, 10** (NIV84)

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD— ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist...

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. This is the Word of our God.

The Psalm of the Day:**CW₉₃ Psalm 130**


CW₉₃ Psalm 130

Refrain



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone



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Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;*
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive*
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,*
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;*
therefore you are feared.

Refrain

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.*
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,*
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

2nd Lesson:**Romans 15:4–13** (NIV84)

⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs ⁹ so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." ¹⁰ Again, it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples." ¹² And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him."

¹³ May the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the Word of the Lord.

Hymn: Behold, a Branch Is Growing **CW₉₃ 47** (NCW 360) **Stz 1–4**

1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of love - liest form and
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In words of prom - ise
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro - claimed by an - gels
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With fra - grance fills the

grace, As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's
 sure, And Mar - y's arms en - fold it, A vir - gin meek and
 bright, How Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, Was born on earth this
 air; His bright - ness ends the dark - ness That kept the earth in

race And bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of
 pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will This child to
 night. To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the
 fear. True God and yet true man, He came to

cold - est win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.
 her is giv - en At mid - night calm and still.
 man - ger found him, As an - gel her - alds said.
 save his peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.

Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV)

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

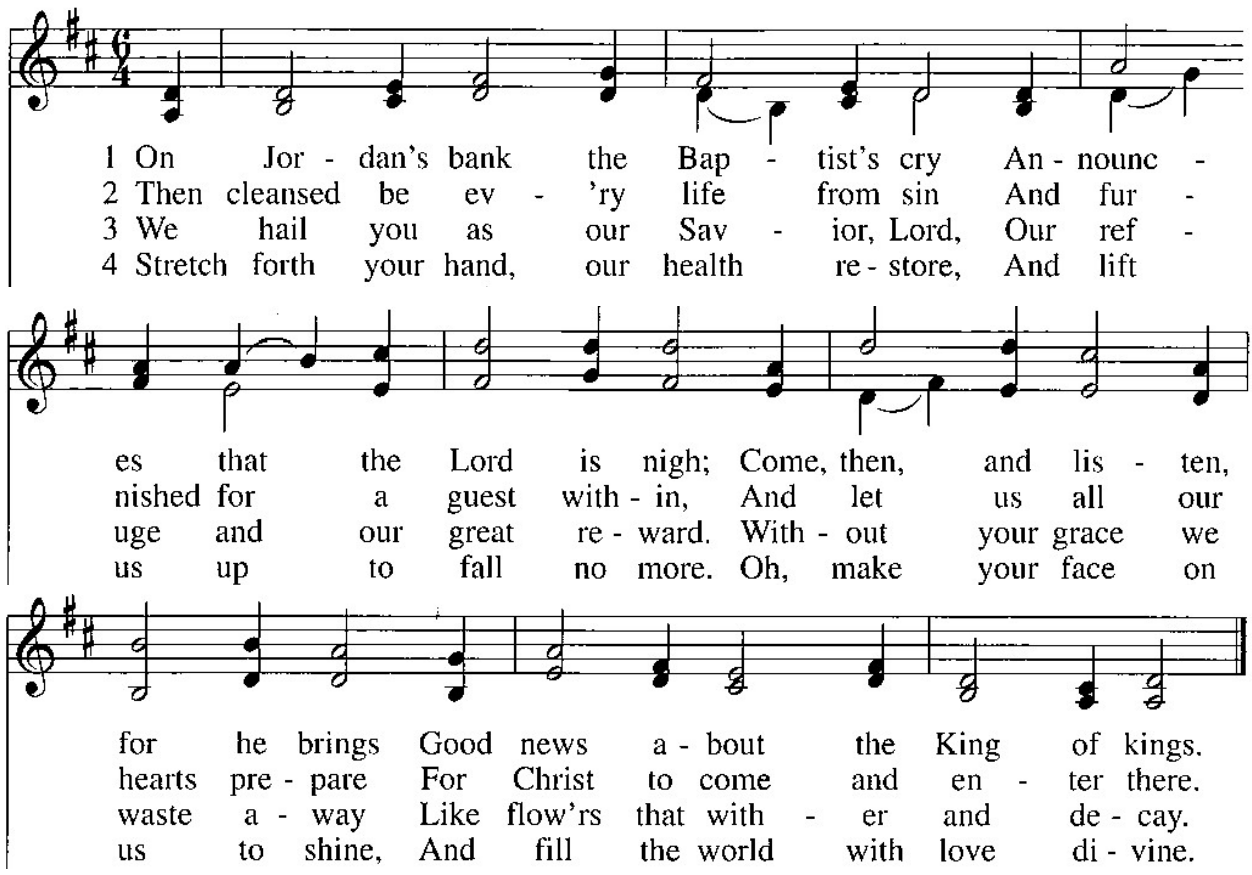
⁷ But when John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ John said, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry **CW₉₃ 16** (NCW 316) **Stz 1-4**



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift

es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
 nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
 uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
 us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on

for he brings Good news a - bout 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.
 us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.

Sermon:

Matthew 3: 1 –12 (pg 8)

Repent, For The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Near.



Apostles' Creed: *(together we confess)*

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

***I believe 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 is seated 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***

Prayer: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through Christ Jesus, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

***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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

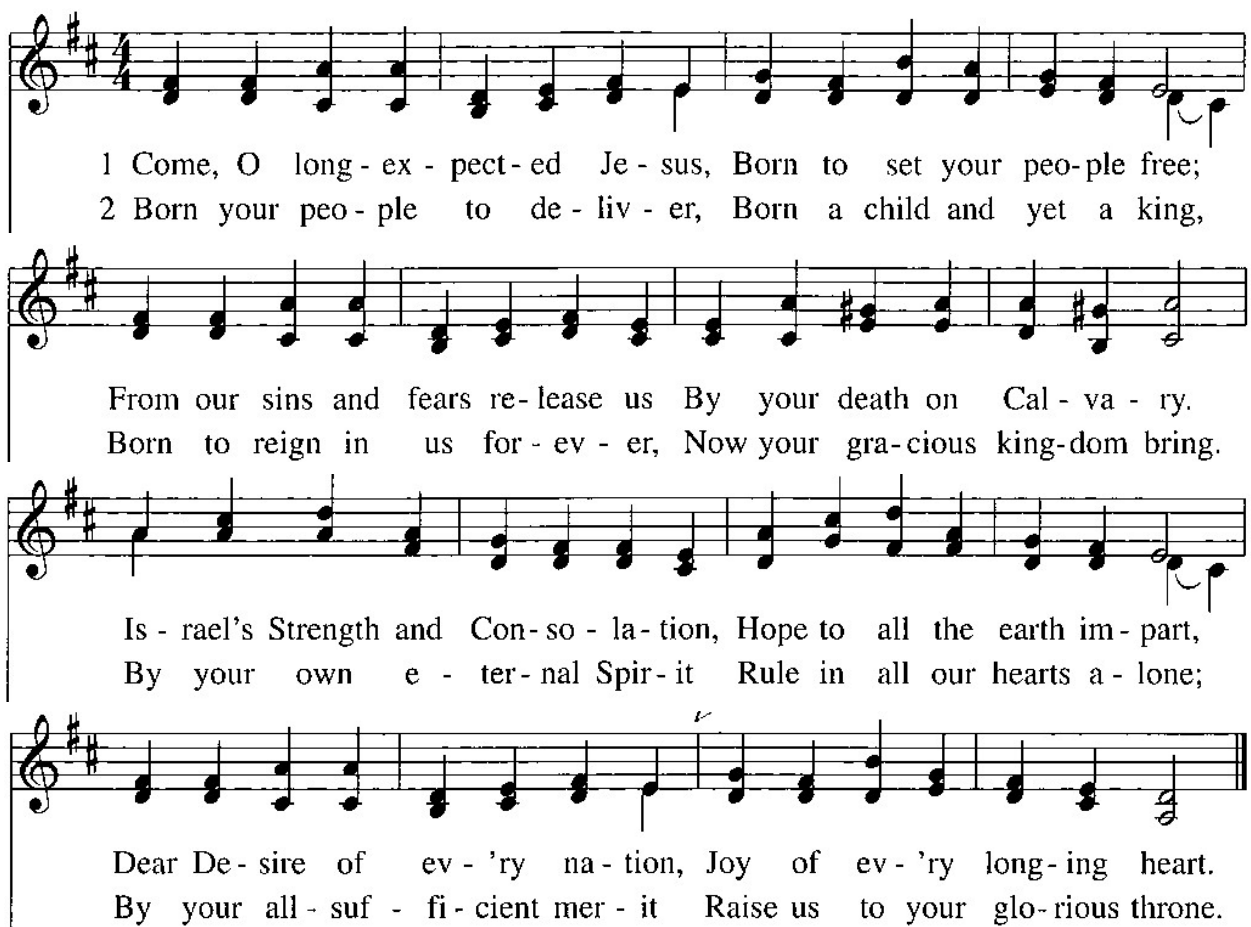
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: *Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*.....CW₉₃ 6 Stz 1 & 2

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1 Come, O long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;
2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,
From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.
Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,
By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;
Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

The Potter's have placed flowers in church to give thanks to the Lord and wish their grandson, Elias, a joyful birthday.

Keep God's People in your prayers:

B Dize was home for a short period of time and is now back in Union Memorial Hospital room 617-2. The doctors are planning to equip her with a defibrillator on Monday, Dec. 5th. Let us ask the Lord, our greatest physician, to guide the hands of her caregivers and bring success to her. Here is her cell number. 410.387.5083

Bob Baur's daughter, Leslie, is recovering at home and is eagerly awaiting the results of her medical tests. We ask the Lord to comfort her soul and calm her mind.

Audrey Gerlach is doing better and is thankful for all your prayers. She is waiting for additional medical results before other decisions can be made. We ask the Lord to shine his light on her and give patience to her as she waits.

Nancy Witzel continues to suffer the effects of COPD and congestive heart failure. Nancy is back living in her apartment. She has been enrolled with Hospice Care. Send correspondences to:

Mrs. Nancy Witzel, Apt 10H
6811 Campfield Road
Baltimore, MD 21207

Christmas Hand Bell Practice each Sunday at 10:30am



On Sunday December 4th at 10:30am, we need help setting up the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas party. Thanks

 **Looking Ahead**

Date		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
December						
Sun Adv 2	4	9:30 AM	Mark F	Jessica O.	Scott. S	
Wed Adv 2	7	7:00 PM	Carol/Jessica	Paul T.	Bob B.	
Sun Adv 3	11	9:30 AM	Dan M.	Jessica O.	Mark F.	Gil P.
Wed Adv 3	14	7:00 PM	Carol/Jessica	Paul T.	Scott S.	



Thank you for all those who helped decorate the Church and Fellowship Hall

Friday, Dec. 9 7–10 PM The Atonement Family Christmas Party

Bring: your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share

Bring: the beverages of your choosing.

Bring: a \$20 Wrapped gender neutral gift for the “exchange.”

Sign up, if you are interested in attending the party.



December Birthdays:

- 2 Elias Backes
- 7 Tiffany Williams
- 11 Jessica Orth
- 13 Pastor Newton Trimmer
- 20 John Wittmershaus
- 29 Nate Potter
- 31 Larry Galbreath

2022 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall
Cleaning may be done any day and time during the week preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

Names to be added later