

**Second Sunday in Advent**  
Introit (sung responsively by half-verse)

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness;\*  
**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”**

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*  
**O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of |  
Egypt,\*  
**Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.**

But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*  
**Israel would not sub- | mit to me.**

Oh, that my people would lis-| ten me,\*  
**that Israel would walk | in my ways!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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Grace Ev. Lutheran Church  
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**Office Hours**

Tues-Wed: 9:00am - 1:00pm  
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Bible Study  
Sun. 9:15 am

Worship  
Sun. 10:30 am

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Welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting for the first time, we are glad that you are here and kindly ask that you sign our guest book at the sanctuary doors. If you would like to become a member please speak to the Pastor. In case of illness, the Pastor should be informed. He will always be glad to speak with those who are confronted with problems of a spiritual nature. The time before worship is a quiet time for prayer and meditation to prepare for worship. Please see the inside cover of the hymnal for prayers and page 329f to prepare for Holy Communion. Communicant members are asked to fill out a communion card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plates. The grace of God is with us!

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Blessing of the Advent Wreath.

Divine Service Setting Three is found on **page 184**.

The Introit is on the last bulletin page and is sung responsively by half-verse.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-7b

Epistle: Philippians 1: 2-11

Holy Gospel: Luke 3: 1-14 (15-20)

The Nicene Creed is confessed on page 191.

**HYMNS:** 331, 344, 359, 346, 353

**Organist:** Paula Hohmann

**Choir Director:** Sandra Doyle

### Holy Communion:

Since the Lord's Supper gives the forgiveness of sins in the body and blood of Christ to all who believe the words "given and shed" and is also a celebration of oneness in faith, we ask that only those who have professed such faith publicly in a Lutheran Church-Canada (or Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) congregation come to the Lord's Altar. Everyone intending to commune for the first time is kindly asked to speak with the Pastor prior to the service.

### STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Attendance Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>: 90 Communion: 79

Offerings: Nov. 29th: Common \$3,165; Building \$75; CLWR: \$29; Debt Reduction: \$40; Seminary Student: \$40; LWML: \$10; Total: \$3359.00.

**PRAYER REMEMBRANCES:** Morris(Michelle nee Van Vorst's Father-in-law); Cam Glazier (friend of Julie Hersey); Doug Seim (June Drexler's brother); Penny McLeod (cancer); Micheline Tourigny (Rob Vincent's Aunt); Warren Maschke (Bowmanville Hospital); Merv Brisco; Gail Bugbee; Gary Zytner and mother Katie (hospitalized in Windsor); Hildegard Vollmer and daughter Heidi; Paul Grant; Kristina Kaverly; Lucie Wunsch.

**BLESSED ADVENT TO YOU!**

### *The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord*

The preaching and baptism "*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*" (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptizer was completed with the first Advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the Forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to "*see the salvation of God*" (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed, and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy; He fills up our valleys with His peace. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does he perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He "*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*" (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight, abounding in faith and love, so that our very lives are offered in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3-4).

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICE:** at 7:30pm. Come and pray Vespers as we eagerly wait for our coming King. The Wed. morning Bible Class and Matins will resume in January.

**MUSICIANS:** who are involved in the Community Christmas concert on December 12<sup>th</sup> following our Advent Dinner, please meet after church today upstairs in the balcony.

**MICROPHONES:** If anyone knows the whereabouts our microphones are please let the office know.

**CARE BEARS:** will be having their Christmas Luncheon on Wed., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 pm at Traditions restaurant on Simcoe St. N. For more information please contact Eva Gainer.

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Our adopted student from the St. Catharines Seminary, Perry Hart, was involved in a car accident, which resulted in the loss of his car. The church council is asking you for a special offering to help Perry and his family cope with their losses for the next two Sundays. Special offering envelopes will be provided in the bulletins.

**ADVENT DINNER/ CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** is this Saturday beginning at 5:30pm. Please remember to sign up for food on the poster in the narthex.

**GATE 3:16:** We are now collecting Angel bags for Christmas please pick up your tag from the bulletin board in the narthex. They need approximately 600 bags this year to meet the needs. They are also in need of the following items: coffee, tea, sugar, whitener, Styrofoam cups/soup bowls, canned tuna/salmon, peanut butter, jam, mayo, paper towels, Kleenex, Mr. Clean,, Lysol, feminine products, baby diapers. You can drop off your items in the box provided in the narthex.

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