



Worship Service  
Sunday, December 6, 2020  
8:45 A.M.

THOSE  
WHO *prepare*  
DREAM *the way*  
*2<sup>ND</sup> sunday in Advent*

*The Advent wreath is a well-known custom for the season. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is a clear image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit, or bows. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.*

*You may wish to create your own advent wreath at home, creating a circle with candles in your worship space, and welcome God's presence among you in a new way.*

## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**      *O Root of Jesse (from the Great 'O' Antiphons) Carl Schalk*  
*(The hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' is based on these 8<sup>th</sup> century texts.)*

### **WELCOME**

On the second Sunday of Advent, we light two candles for peace.

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*O Root of Jesse (from the Great 'O' Antiphons) - Healy Willan*

*O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples,  
Before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:  
Come quickly to deliver us.*

### **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

May God, our Counselor and our Strength,  
our Eternal Protector and Champion of Peace, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Stir up our hearts, Lord Christ, and come.  
We thank you for the darkness of the wilderness that lets us witness the stars.  
Like stars in the night sky, you have sent messengers to lead us, calling us to  
prepare the way of the Lord, a way of justice and peace.  
As we light today's candle, the candle of peace, strengthen us to be messengers of  
your way, in a world that may or may not receive us, perceive us, and welcome us.  
May the light of these two candles radiate the ways you are already coming into  
our world in the starry sky as we proclaim the arrival of your Son, and may your  
peace be our guide today and always.  
**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11**

*In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

<sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 85:1-2, 8,13

### Refrain:

Righ - teous - ness shall pre -  
pare a path - way for God.

Psalm 85:13

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### Psalm Tone

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- <sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;  
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people  
and blotted out | all their sins.**
- <sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn  
their | hearts to you.
- <sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.   Refrain**
- <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**
- <sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.   Refrain**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Advent Alleluia**  
(based on 'Veni, Veni, Immanuel')

W. Horn

Organ intro. Assembly

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -  
ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8**

*The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.*

The gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

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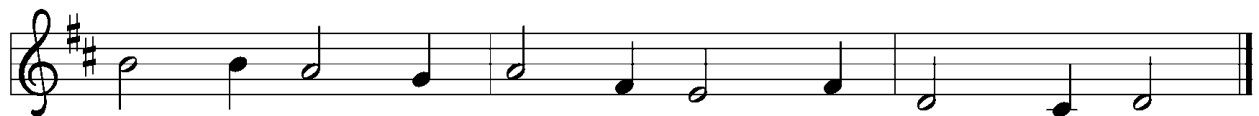
## HYMN OF THE DAY *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* ELW 249



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 you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
has our free - dom won, 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.  
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of power and might, come to this weary world and comfort your people, hearing the prayers for everyone in need, as we respond to each prayer with:

**“Your mercy is great.”**

*A brief silence.*

Come near to us, O God, in our dreams and in our rising, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**+ + + *Receive the Meal* + + +**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*We pause for prayer and reflection, and to give time to commune those gathered  
with others in the household.*

## SENDING

### OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,  
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,  
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, † now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**     *Prepare the Royal Highway*

**ELW 264**



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 may 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 will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

*Robert Hobby*





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***See you next week for worship at 5pm on Saturday  
and livestream from the sanctuary at 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!  
We continue sharing in communion. Please call/email the church  
office if you need elements brought to you.***



*Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.*

*We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council ([council@edgebrooklutheran.org](mailto:council@edgebrooklutheran.org)) with any concerns. Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!*