

## Offertory Prayer

L: God of our waiting and watching,  
C: we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives  
to the service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us  
as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.  
Amen.

## Holy Communion

+Words of Institution  
+Lord's Prayer  
+Distribution Hymn                      *All Earth Is Hopeful*                      ELW#266  
+Blessing

## Benediction

### Three-fold Amen

Closing Hymn                      *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*                      ELW #270

**Sending:**                      P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!  
   C: Thanks be to God!

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*Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!*

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021; 9:30 am                      Second Sunday of Advent

## Prelude

**Welcome/Announcements**                      *(Please sign the fellowship pads as they are passed)*

**Confession and Forgiveness**                      ELW p. 94

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**                      Troy, April, Sarah, and Grace Prohl  
*Light the Candle* (words below)

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| 1) Light the candle as a symbol<br>Of the Light that leads the way;<br>For each candle is a symbol<br>Of the hope that's ours today.<br>As we strike the match and light the wick,<br>Come, Spirit, shine bright.<br>Grant that all may see from the darkness<br>Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light. | 2) Light the candle as a symbol<br>Of the Light that leads the way;<br>For each candle is a symbol<br>Of the peace that's ours today.<br>As we strike the match and light the wick,<br>Come, Spirit, shine bright.<br>Grant that all may see from the darkness<br>Your Gift, Your Truth, Your Light. |
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**Bridge:** Emmanuel, Son of the Father,  
Come to us now, Savior and Lord.

## Prayer of the Day (All)

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

## First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Gary Parker

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

## Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## Alleluia Verse

*Love Has Come*

ELW #292 (vs. 2)

## Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Pastor Greg Johnson

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children's Sermon

Bruce Bonander

## Sermon

“On the Road to Christmas”

Pastor Greg Johnson

## Hymn of the Day

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

ELW #264 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

## Apostles Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Prayers of the Church

### Offering

*(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*

