

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Sunday Worship:** 9 A.M.  
**Education Hour:** 10:15 A.M.

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# WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

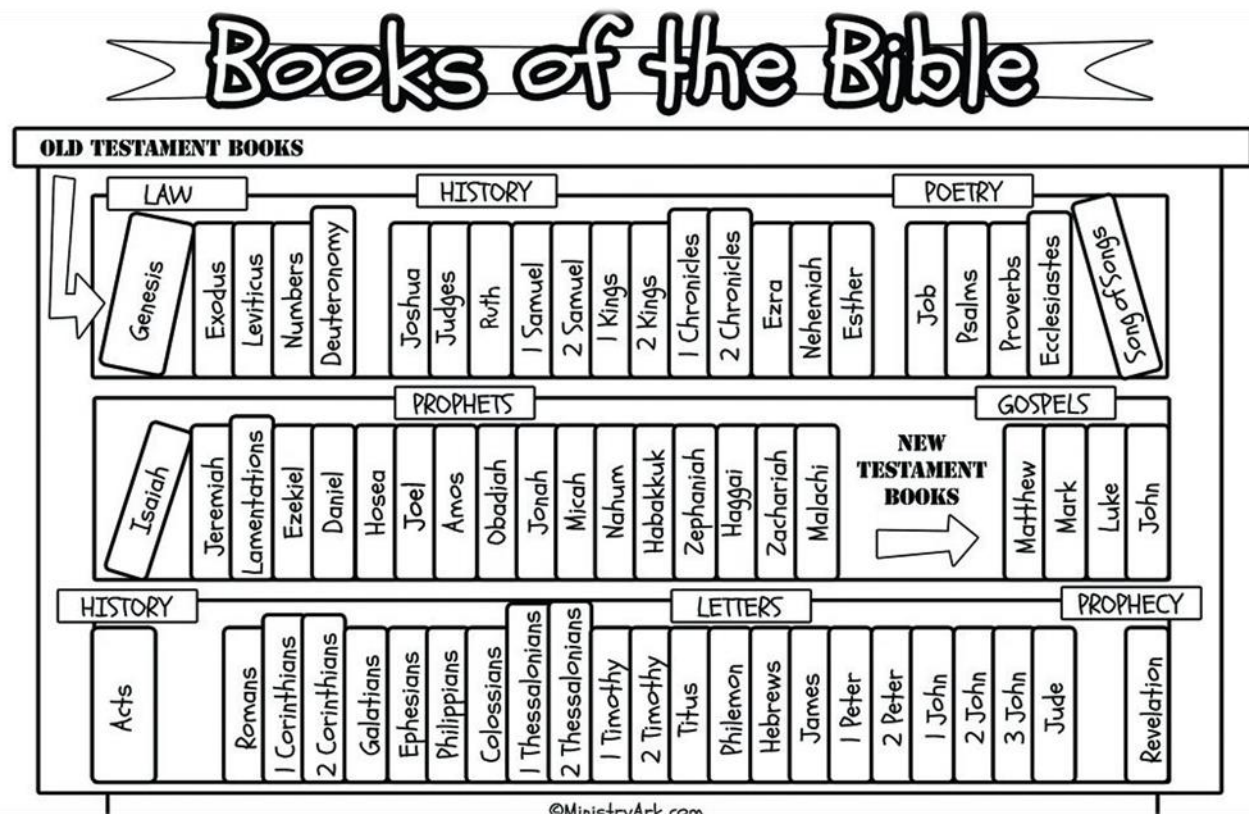
## To help you prepare for worship.

- 1. Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.**
  - Malachi 3:1-7
  - Philippians 1:2-11
  - Galatians 6:14
- 2. Mark each verse with a bookmark so you can easily find it during worship.**
- 3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.**
- 4. Pray the following prayer before worship:**

Dear Lord, clear my mind this morning and help me focus on worshipping You. Thank you for your mercy and love. Amen.

Bookmarks and Bible highlighters are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may help!



## PRELUDE AND WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN #344

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.
- △5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** The voice of one crying in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord.

**P** We pray as we acknowledge our sins and our sinfulness.

**C** **Father, I acknowledge my sinfulness.**

**I still have 'crooked places' that need Your straightening.**

**I still have 'rough places' that need Your smoothing.**

**At times, I have sought to keep my heart from You,  
and have tried to resist the conversion You seek in me.**

**But I am here today and I bow before You.**

**Please forgive me. I want a new start.**

**P** Here is your new start.  
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you  
and for His sake forgives you all your sins.  
As a called and ordained servant of the Word,  
I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
May He who began a good work in you bring it to completion  
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## **THIS IS THE FEAST**

*LSB pg. 155*

*Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Malachi 3:1-7*

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me.  
Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple;  
the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,"  
says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming?  
Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire  
or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver;  
he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.  
Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in  
righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem  
will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the Lord Almighty.

"I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EPISTLE READING**

*Philippians 1:2-11*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 3:1-14*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert.

He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the desert,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.  
The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.  
And all mankind will see God's salvation.'

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe 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."

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."

Tax collectors also came to be baptized.

"Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?"

"Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them."

Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"

He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

### HYMN OF THE DAY #349

Hark the Glad Sound  
*Tune and text: Public domain*

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To\_ enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.

## SERMON

### THE OFFERING – WAYS TO GIVE

- Sunday in the Offering Plate
- Text "Give" to 844-431-7278
- Scan the QR code.
- By mail: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472



Thank you!

### HYMN #354:1 & 4

Arise, O Christian People  
*Text and tune: Public domain*

*[sung as offering is brought forward]*

- 1 Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;  
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.  
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;  
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.
- 4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,  
And help me to receive You This blessèd Adventtide.  
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;  
I'll sing Your praises gladly And forth Your glory show.

## A TIME FOR PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### ✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:  
“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you.  
This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:  
“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with You.

#### AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

*LSB pg. 163*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine.  
Our Lord invites to his table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.  
If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place,  
please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*



**DISTRIBUTION HYMN #625****Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread***Text and tune: Public domain*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek, To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

**POST COMMUNION HYMN #632****O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee***Text: Public domain*

- 1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

## POST COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB pg. 166

**P** Let us pray . . . We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #357:1; 5-7

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
*Text: Public domain*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

## POSTLUDE