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## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*December 10, 2017*

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** afterwards, or indicate such together **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' located in each pew.

### **The Order of Service without Holy Communion**

**+ Prelude**

**+ Hymn - #61** "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

**+ Invocation – pg. 5**

**+ Confession of Sins and Pronouncement of Grace – pg. 5-6**

**+ INTROIT** *Ps. 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: Ps. 80:3*

*Restore us, O God;*

*let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!**

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

*You brought a vine out of Egypt;*

*it took deep root and filled the land.*

**Restore us, O God of hosts;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

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**+ Gloria Patri – pg. 6ff**

**+ The Kyrie – pg. 7**

**+ The Gloria in Excelsis, pg. 7**

**+ The Salutation – pg. 9**

**+ The Collect for The Day**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**+ The Catechism Review – The Apostles' Creed**

*What is The First Article?*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

*What does this mean?* **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.**

**All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**+ The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11**

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

**+ Sanctuary Choir (10:30 a.m.)**

**“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”**

*(You may follow the text at Hymn 60.)*

**+ The Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

**+ The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

**+ The Apostles' Creed, pg. 12**

**+ Sermon Hymn – #68**

**“The Advent of Our King”**

- + Sermon – “We Are Looking Forward”** 2 Peter 3:13-14
- I. We are looking forward to new heavens and a new earth.
  - II. Therefore we should be diligent to be found by the Lord in peace, spotless and blameless.

**+ The Offertory – pg. 12** (*stand*)

**+ The Offering** (*be seated*)

**+ The Prayer of The Church**

**+ The Lord’s Prayer – pg. 14**

**+ Hymn – LSB #348** (*See insert in bulletin*)  
“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

**+ The Collect for The Word / The Church – pg. 14** (*stand*)

**+ The Benediction – pg. 14**

**+Hymn - #67, v. 6, 7**  
“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

**Silent Prayer & Postlude**

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

## **DAILY READINGS**

**December 10:** Is. 26:20–27:13; 1 John 4:1–21; **11:** Is. 28:14–29; 1 John 5:1–21; **12:** Is. 29:1–14; Jude 1–25; **13:** Is. 29:15–30:14; Rev. 1:1–20; **14:** Is. 30:15–26; Rev. 2:1–29; **15:** Is. 30:27–31:9; Rev. 3:1–22; **16:** Is. 32:1–20; Rev. 4:1–11.

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