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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 9, 2018

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 – #63

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

+ Invocation – pg. 5

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

+ INTROIT (*Sanctuary Choir sings at 10:30*)

Ps. 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the LORD, make his paths straight."

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen 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 submit to me.

Oh, that my people would listen to me,

that Israel would walk in my ways!

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

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

- + **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 Close of the Ten Commandments**

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

What does this mean? **God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**

+ **The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-7b**

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

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

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

+ **The Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11**

+ **Triple Hallelujah, pg. 10**

+ **Gospel Verses, pg. 11**

+ **The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-14**

+ **The Apostles’ Creed, pg. 12**

+ **Sermon Hymn – #60**

“Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

**+ Sermon – “The Baptized Produce Fruits Worthy of Repentance”
Luke 3:1-14**

- I. We have been baptized for the forgiveness of sins.
- II. We should and can produce fruits worthy of repentance.

+ The Offertory – pg. 12 (*stand*)

+ The Offering (*be seated*)

+ The Prayer of The Church

+ The Lord’s Prayer – pg. 14

+ Hymn – #272

“When All the World was Cursed”

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

+ The Benediction – pg. 14

+Hymn - 75

“Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

December 9: Is. 26:1–19; 1 John 3:1–24; **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.

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