

A reading from Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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A reading from Romans.

(Not Printed)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.***

The gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ADVENT 2



*A shoot shall come out
from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow
out of his roots.*

ISAIAH 11:1



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GATHERED TO WORSHIP

GATHERING

Chancel Choir

"My Lord, What a Morning"

Confession and Forgiveness

(Inside back cover of hymnal)

Gathering Song v. 1-4 No. 257

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

✠ **Kyrie** p. 3

Prayer of the Day

Chancel Choir

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Children's Sermon 9:30 am

Advent Wreath Lighting and Hymn

WORD

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

✠ **Gospel Verse** p. 8

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

Hymn of the Day No. 713

"O God of Every Nation"

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Prayers of Intercession

Peace

MEAL

Offering

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Distribution Hymn No. 496

"One Bread, One Body"

No. 241

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

SENDING

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song No. 250

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Dismissal

✠ Indicates Liturgy from

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

WELCOME

Visiting Today

If you are visiting today, thank you. If you wish, please fill out a "Visitor Card" located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

The Worship Service

The bold "No." on the front of your bulletin are hymn numbers. The Psalm can be found by turning the hymnal to the side and looking for the stripe. The small numbers marked with a "p." are at the bottom of the page at the front of the hymnal.

Holy Communion

All are welcome. Distribution is by intinction, taking a piece of bread, dip it in the wine, and receive both elements at once. A gluten-free station is available near the baptismal font.

Offerings

Thank you for all who contribute and share in the work of Christ's church.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Gale Wolff.

Fair Trade Products

Fair Trade products will be available today and the next few Sundays in December. Need ideas for Christmas gifts? There are new and exciting Fair Trade items. Come and check them out!

7th Grade Bake Sale

Sunday, December 8

A group of SALC 7th Grade confirmation students will hold a bake sale in support of the area middle school student food pantry. Stop by their table to purchase your favorite goodies!

"Giving Tree"

The "Giving Tree" has not yet gone up, but opportunities to give are now available. Look for a display in the Fellowship Hall to choose local to global giving options during this season of Advent.

Safety Procedure Training

Sunday, December 8, 10:45 am

In the Sanctuary

All ushers, Sunday school teachers, and interested members are asked to attend either one of these scheduled meetings to learn about updates from the safety task force regarding door scheduling and safety procedure updates.

Trim the Trees & Deck the Halls

Sunday, December 8, 4:00 pm

All are invited to help "deck the halls" of Saint Andrew as we prepare to celebrate Advent and Christmas—trim the trees, set up the nativity, prep Christmas Eve candles, hang decorations. A chili supper will be hosted by the Saint Andrew staff.

Join the SALC 40th Anniversary Team

Tuesday, December 10, 5:00 pm

The meeting will take place in the Parish room. All are welcome!

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15, 9:30 am

The SALC Sunday school students will present "Too Many Shepherds", a unique telling of the Christmas story, during the 9:30 worship service. Members are invited to bring their favorite Christmas cookies to share for fellowship following the service. Drop them off on Friday, December 13 or bring them on Sunday morning. Plan to attend to receive the Christmas message from our youngest members!

Gingerbread House Decorating

Sunday, December 15, 10:45 am

Activity Room

The gingerbread houses, frosting and candy will be provided as well as lunch. Bring your family and creativity. A sign-up sheet is available on the Information Desk.

Spending Plan Review

Sunday, December 15, 10:45 am—Chapel

Using 2019 giving records, pledged support for 2020, and ministry needs, a proposed estimated budget will be presented to inform interested members of the anticipated budget for the coming year of

THIS WEEK AT SALC

Sunday, December 8

- 8:00 am **WORSHIP**
- 9:00 am 7th Grade Bake Sale
- 9:30 am **WORSHIP with First Communion**
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Christmas Program Reh. for Reading Parts
- 10:45 am Safety Procedure Training
- 10:45 am Christmas Program Reh. for All Participants
- 4:00 pm Trim the Trees & Deck the Halls

Monday, December 9

- 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
- 7:00 pm Dartball at Peace

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:00 am Reading Reflections
- 10:00 am Quilting Group
- 5:00 pm 40th Ann. Planning Meeting
- 6:30 pm Ministry Night Meetings

Wednesday, December 11

- 6:45 am Son Riser's Bible Study
- 9:30 am Wonder? Women
- Lectionary Bible Study
- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 11:00 am Art Devo
- 5:15 pm Handbell Reh.
- 6:15 pm 7th & 8th Grade Conf.
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 12

- 12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
- 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Friday and Saturday, December 13 & 14

Lay School Classes

ministry. All are welcome to attend this informative meeting and to ask questions about the year ahead before the **Annual Meeting is held on January 26, 2020.**

Christmas Food Baskets

If you or someone you know would appreciate receiving a Christmas Food Basket, please call the church office by **Tuesday, December 17** at 715-842-3333. Baskets will be ready to be picked up on **Saturday, December 21 at 9:30 am.**

WORSHIP WORD



Second Week of Advent

Come and Find the Goodness of the Lord

Verse 1

Come and find the goodness of the Lord.
Sense the newness of his coming reign.
Look in wonder for the mighty King.
Hear the shouts of glory to His name.

Verse 2

See, He comes the hillsides bend in awe;
Canyons, rivers, valleys rise to see;
Sun and moon and stars proclaim His law;
On the clouds His throne of majesty.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Jenn Collins
Pianist	Joel Freiberg
Ushers	Johnson
Lectors	Diane Goetsch Herb Heyne
Greeters	Dick Jarvis & Julie Oemichen Brandon & Melissa Murphy
Altar Guild	Sandra Fischer, Sheila McCarthy, Darlene Caillouette & Lisa Weber

First Communion will be received today by: *Sawyer Matthew Berens, Grayson Scott Best, Carlee Jae Bloom, Emma Lillian Brandt, Mitchell Marvin Doering, Braylon Lee Kleinschmidt, Keegan Joseph Kruzan, Samuel John Lepak, Elissa Riley Nyman, Madison Lynn Orlovsky, Asa Jensen Richardt, Adria Marie Smith, Owen David Springer, Martin Remedios Vargas, Ella Rae Wiesman.* Please celebrate with these brothers and sisters in Christ who will be wearing a cross necklace today in honor of this milestone.



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DECEMBER 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT



Advent is the season of peace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 3:1-12	Prepare the way of the Lord
Monday	Isaiah 11:1-10	The peaceful kingdom
Tuesday	Romans 15:4-13	Good news for Jews and Gentiles
Wednesday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Thursday	Isaiah 55:10-13	God's people will celebrate
Friday	2 Thessalonians 3:16	Final greeting of peace
Saturday	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	A prayer for guidance for the king
Sunday	Matthew 11:2-11	Jesus and John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. **Isaiah 11:6 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, you who bring peace and hope to the world, guide our steps to walk in your peace. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for this food. May this gift of love strengthen us to live lives of hope and peace through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Come Now, O Prince
of Peace*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you are concerned about or that worries you?
- What is something you see in the world around you that gives you a sense of peace?
- Jesus comes to bring peace. How do you experience the peace that Jesus brings?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 3:1-12.

In the Bible the wilderness is a place of repentance, cleansing, and renewal. With John the Baptist, something most dramatic is happening in the wilderness: preparing for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives, the ultimate experience of repentance, cleansing, and renewal. John sounds harsh with words of judgment, not peace and hope. However, God's work of judgment is its own act of preparation that we may be made new. God's judgment condemns sin, death, and evil so that they may be destroyed. That is our great hope. Name places and situations in our world today where we gladly let the life of sin and death be swallowed up in forgiveness and peace.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, come into our lives and put an end to all that is within us that is not part of your kingdom of hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen.**

SERVICE



"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 3:2). The word repent in Greek means to change one's mind or purpose. John the Baptist wanted people to repent and live a life that "bears fruit" (v. 8). Leading a Christian life means being fruitful and bearing good fruit. Think about what this means. In what ways can people tell that you are a bearer of good fruit?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This week we light two candles on the Advent wreath in our homes. They are the candles of Hope and Peace. Today's candle reflects the peaceful kingdom.

Say: This is the second week of Advent. Advent means "coming." We are waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. Let us light the candles of Hope and Peace. [Light two candles]

Read: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

Respond: Let us walk in the light of Christ that gives peace.

Pray: **Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming with hope and peace. Amen.**



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