

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Prepare the Royal Highway”
tune Bereden for Herran; setting Cassler

HYMN 343 - we sing, standing

ADVENT WREATH ~ 2nd SUNDAY

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, on this Second Sunday in Advent, our attention is turned to the great figure of John the Baptizer. John calls us out to the desert, proclaiming a time of repentance and renewal, for the day of the Lord is at hand. As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, let us prepare ourselves through prayer and penance. Let us open a way for the Lord to come into our lives.

Lord Jesus, Your forerunner John calls us to repent for You are near. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, You bring us forgiveness for our sins and You baptize us with Your Spirit. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You are the way, the straight path leading to the kingdom. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. 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.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 66:1-12

Pulpit side reads odd phrases

Font side reads even phrases

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - all standing

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - all standing

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!

After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 344 - we sing as indicated, seated

1 - all	2 - all
3 - pulpit side	4 - font side
5 - all	

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page

all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY

The Parish Choir sings (10:30) “Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming” by Praetorius

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

LORD'S PRAYER

page 162 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 333 and 352

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the

NEWS AND NOTES

All are Welcome to join us at our Advent Jubilee Lunch following this morning's 10:30 service.

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30PM	- Bible Study
- 7:15PM	- Bell Choir
- 8:00PM	- Parish Choir

Coffee Mugs celebrating CLC's 65th anniversary are available for purchase this morning. The cost is \$8/each; 2 for \$15.

2022 Pledge - Please return your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Your

Sacrament - where He gives forgiveness and Christian unity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 165 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 838 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - “The Advent of Our God”
tune Franconia; setting by Lang

pledge will assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations. Thank you!

Christmas Decorating - please join us on Saturday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m. to lend a hand decorating our building. Many hands make light work and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Heavenly Herald newsletters for December are on the narthex and hallway tables. Please help yourself to a copy to keep current on what's going on here at CLC.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord - The preaching and Baptism “of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “see the salvation of God” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3-4).