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Second Sunday in Advent
December 8, 2024

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S!

We extend a warm welcome to you this morning in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose advent we await with joyful anticipation! As we wait for Him, we do so gathered around His Living Word with His family in Christ! Thank you for joining us this morning! Your presence is a blessing! Please sign the guest register located in the hallway and please join us again! May God bless you all!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 8, 2024

TODAY'S SERVICE: There are times when we are excited about our work, our marriage, our faith, and our life as God's children. In the same way, there are also times when the weariness of our daily routines, the aging of our bodies, and the passage of time can also take away the excitement of life and the joy of our faith in God and we become ho-hum Christians with little fire in our souls who just go through the motions. It's in such times that we need a revival, a renewal of faith and life and joy! And God comes to us and picks us up again. Such was the purpose of John the Baptist. He was sent by God to revive a spiritually sleepy land, to re-awaken its faith and prepare it for the most exciting moment in human history—the appearing of the Holy One of God, the Word made flesh! Through John's work the land exploded with faith and purpose again! A true renewal took place!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: TLH pg. 5 (Blue Hymnal)

HYMNS: #68, #63, #352

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

The Old Test: Malachi 3:1-7b **Malachi predicts the coming of John the Baptist.**

The Epistle: Phil. 1:2-11 **St. Paul thanks God for his fellow Christians who labor with him.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-14 **John the Baptist appears to bring a renewal of faith..**

SERMON TITLE: "The Danger of Drifting" Luke 3:1-14

TODAY'S PRAYERS: We remember Mark Rundquist who has been diagnosed with cancer; Dorothy Grigsby who is at Golden Pond; Sara Fowler who is experiencing effects associated with her brain injury 2 years ago; Hugh Baker, who is at Bonaventure of Thornton, 12281 Washington Center Parkway, Thornton; Becky Rundquist, who is receiving medical care for her leg; Art Arendall (former member) who underwent triple by-pass surgery; Richard Bell, brother-in-law of Carolyn Voss, who is dealing with eye issues; Gerry and Sheryl Griesinger, friends of Cheryl Medford, who are ill; Debbie Youland, mother of a close friend, who is undergoing cancer treatment and Rudolph Walter, brother of Betty Skafien, battling cancer. Please remember these requests in your prayers this week. Thank you!

ST. LUKE'S NEWS

OUR ADVENT JOURNEY: Our Wednesday services this year are focusing on what might be called the "second family" of Christmas. While, Joseph, Mary and Jesus, are of course, the "first family, Zecharia, Elizabeth and John are the second. As we look more deeply into their characters, we invite you to join us in our preparations for the coming King! Services are held at 10:00 AM. We would love to have you join us!

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to sign up for the donation of altar flowers for 2025, the calendar is in the hall and the envelopes are on the entry-way table. The cost of altar flowers is \$20.00

THE DECEMBER CALENDAR is available on the entry-way table.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS sign-up sheet is on the entry-way table. The price is \$20.65 for the whole year beginning with the March 2025 edition. Please sign up for your subscription by the end of the year. Your check can be made out to St. Luke's Lutheran Church with the memo line "Lutheran Witness" and placed in the offering plate any time before the end of the year.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2025 are now available. Please sign up for them on the sheet on the back table. The box of envelopes will be placed in your mailbox before the first Sunday in January.

OUR CHARITY DONATIONS for December go to the Christian Action Guild of Golden. The 4th Sunday of the month has been designated as the collection day. The following items are needed and will be accepted for their pantry: canned soups (other than Tomato), tomato sauce, canned beans, canned tomatoes, crackers, canned tuna, cereal, and peanut butter and jelly.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Large print Bulletins with insert are available each Sunday. If you are having difficulty in reading the Bulletin and insert, please check with an usher for the large print version.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Pastor's Family Day	
Wednesday	Advent Service	10:00 AM
Thursday	Bible Class	10:00 AM

THE WORD IS BROADCASTED

ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR next Sunday hear the Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler speak on "Sorrow Welcomed Here". The church welcomes people, but does it also welcome their problems? Dr. Michael Zeigler says the church should be a place that makes room for both joy and sorrow. (Zephaniah 3:14-20) Hear this program at 6:05 AM on radio station KOA (850 AM) each Sunday morning or on the internet at www.lutheranhour.org.MST).

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE
(Without Communion)
TLH PG. 5 (BLUE BOOK)

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THOSE SERVING:

Elder: Kreg Renzelman

Organist: Becky Rundquist

Altar Guild: Peggy Jacobs, Sunshine Frahm, Lori Schwindt

Altar Flowers: Sunshine Frahm

Last Sunday's Offering: \$2,754.00

Attendance: 43

Bible Study: 16

Thursday Bible Study: 18

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Pastor and Mary Schmidt in grateful thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

IN THE WORD

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY: Christians today are caught in a funny predicament! We are in between the two Advents of Christ! He came long ago fulfilling the Scriptures and He promised to come again at a time unknown. That we might be ready, He comes to us through His Living Word! As He does, we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall after service today as we open up our Bibles again! Join us as we "prepare the way!"

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Are you eager for God's Word? Eager for Bible Study? Eager to fellowship with Your fellow Christians? Indeed, the Holy Spirit is ever trying to inspire us to desire the gifts of God! As He does so, why not come into His presence as we gather for the study of God's Word! It's through that Word that our zeal for the Lord grows strong! Fellowship Hall, 10:00 AM!

THE VERSE OF THE DAY: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.'" Luke 3:4

TODAY'S THEOLOGY QUESTION: From today's reading we see two prophets in the Old Testament that predicted the coming of John the Baptist. One of them was Malachi. Who was the other?

- A. Jeremiah
- B. Isaiah
- C. Micah
- D. Jonah
- E. Billy Graham