

Prelude “Oh Come Emmanuel” Katie McDonald,
Roxanna Boe and Ronda Eckhart

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” LBW #29

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music “Away in a Manger” ... Katie McDonald,
Roxanna Boe and Ronda Eckhart

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Second Reading Romans 15:1-9a

Faith Seeds Shelly Kirchoff
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

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

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “Jesus Is Coming...to You” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LBW #30

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Special Music ... “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” ...
Ringers of Faith

Offertory Response

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Distribution “Lamb of God” LBW pg. 92
Communion Hymns LBW # 28, 198, 37 (Tune #200)

Benediction

Hymn “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” LBW #25

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:
Matthew 3:1-12

- † What made John the Baptist’s fierce preaching so attractive?
- † What false security did John detect in the Pharisees and Sadducees?
- † What may be the hardest part of this text for Christians today?
- † What transformative promise does Advent declare to you?

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