

Offertory Response

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

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 LBW #58, 296, WOV #725

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Hark A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” LBW #37

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Faith Lutheran (LCMC)
Hutchinson, MN
8:00 First Word Service
December 7, 2025
The Second Sunday of Advent



What Does This Mean?

1. How does Matthew signal the vast importance of John the Baptist?
2. Why was it necessary for John to be such a fierce witness?
3. What insoluble problem does John's preaching present to his hearers?
4. How does John's fierce witness drive us to hear the promise of salvation?

Prelude

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 make ready the way of your only-begotten Son. Send your Spirit to kindle in us hearts so willing to follow Jesus as our Lord that his reign of righteousness and peace is made visible through our lives. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Advent 2 - The Bethlehem Candle Lighting

Prayer: **Everlasting God, as we light the Bethlehem Candle on the Advent wreath, may we be reminded of your favor for the smallest and weakest of people in this world. Help us to rely on your strength so that we might be truly stronger. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Song “From Heaven Above” LBW #51, sts. 9, 11

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Romans 15:4-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Faith Lutheran Puppets

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 “A Fierce Witness” Pastor Scott Grorud
Hymn “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (sts. 1, 4-6) LBW #23
Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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