



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Something New This Christmas
The Position of Righteousness

Each time Christmas comes around, we hope for something new. It may not be a gift or an object; it may be a new, deeper understanding of what God is up to sending Jesus among us.

In this season, let's look for something new. Not something that can be bought or sold, but an ongoing transformation of our daily life through the One who comes to us at Christmas, and the One who will come again at the culmination of time. Jesus is coming, and he will redefine our notions of power, position, prosperity, perfection, and priorities. We'll discover what new thing Jesus is doing in us and through us

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

A green shoot will come forth from the stump of Jesse and a branch will grow from his roots.

The Spirit of God will rest on him, bringing wisdom and understanding, clear direction and great inner strength.

He will not judge by what he sees or hears, but instead will make decisions based on what is fair and equitable for the least of those among us.

When he comes, everything will be transformed.

The wolf will live in peace with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the goat. Lions and cattle will share the same pasture, and a little child will lead them.

Children will be safe wherever they go, and no human beings will hurt or kill one another. The entire natural order will be transformed on that day when all of God's messianic promises will be fulfilled.

*We worship our God in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

HYMN “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry” #249 vs 1,2,5
**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God, we long for a world in which peace, justice, righteousness and unity overcome strife, oppression, abuse and violence. Our world continues to be less than you imagine and less than we hope for. Hear our prayers of confession.

We admit that our current reality is not what you have dreamed for your world. We need to repent of those things that prevent your justice from being our lived reality. We believe that the more we have and the more we own, the happier we will be. Forgive us.

Silence for Repentance

We live as if the world revolves around our own wants, needs and preferences. Forgive us.

Silence for Repentance

We hold negative attitudes and make judgments about those who are not like us. Forgive us

Silence for Repentance

Believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of Christ who came and indeed, will come again. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Give us patience.

Christ, have mercy. Give us patience and peace.

Lord, have mercy. Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.***

Righteous God,

your new reign of righteousness demands repentance from our self-centered ways, and turning to your ways. This transformation is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit, and it opens us up to your promised future.

Come among us and bring your peace, justice, righteousness and unity. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

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.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12

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 word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Position of Righteousness"

HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

#256

"Comfort, comfort now my people;
tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim
that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.

Valleys, rise to greet the Savior;
hills, bow down in humble favor.

Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain.

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that God's word is never broken.

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 catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We give our offerings to our abundant and loving God who desires that all people live in peace with God and with one another. When we give generously, our gifts have the power to transform the world we live in. We are ordinary people who have the privilege and calling to partner with God to bring peace on earth. We become the heart and hands of Christ when we serve others' needs. Thank you for your generosity, all who are giving a gift now and everyone who gives automatically or in other ways. The ushers will now receive our offerings

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Let us pray. God,

you are at work making all things new. Join these offerings to your work in the world. Add them to all that points in the direction of peace, justice, righteousness and unity. May they be a tangible sign of your movement in the world as your preferred future unfolds before us. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

We are the people of God who gather at the table of love and mercy to eat and drink forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Christ is present with us in bread and wine. Across time and space, the risen Christ meets us in this foretaste of the feast to come.

We come, trusting in promises of God that stir our hearts and breathe hope into our lives.

Here we celebrate our unity as the body of Christ, and hope for the day when God's justice reigns among us

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Blessed Be the God of Israel* #250

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.**

**The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David a child of grace has come,
a Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.**

**Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
oh, bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

DISMISSAL

Go in the name of Jesus Christ, trusting that God is at work making all things right and new. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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The Mission Committee is excited to announce we will be working with LSS of Rapid City and the Hermosa School again this year to provide Christmas gifts for local children as well as the youth who are a part of the Arise program. There are several ways you can participate. Thank you for helping children to experience God's love at Christmas time.

How to participate in the 2022 Local Angel Tree Mission

1. Donate financially to the OSL Angel Tree Mission of the Moment beginning now through December 31st. Cash or checks (write Mission on the memo line) can be mailed or dropped off at the church. Give online through Tith.ly (drop down menu has Mission of the Moment option.) These donations will be used to shop for gifts on tags not taken from the tree. (Pastor Deb will shop for any last-minute gift requests we receive.)
2. Take an ornament off the tree in the narthex. Purchase the gift and return it wrapped or unwrapped by December 11. Please attach the tag to the gift. Please only purchase what is on the tag. Each child has multiple tags so they will receive multiple gifts. The gift list provided by the parents have been separated onto the tags so that each child in the family receives the same number of gifts. If you would like an ornament mailed to you, contact Josie or Pastor Deb. Please do not include your name or any other gift tag on the wrapped gift.
3. The Mission Committee will be wrapping the gifts on Monday, December 12th beginning at 10 am. All are invited to come help wrap. Wrapping supplies will be furnished.

Let Us Pray

Please Pray For...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Pastor Leroy Flagstad and Robert Lewis (Friend of Tammy Dennert)

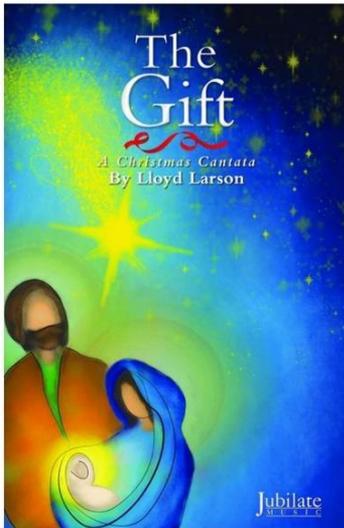
**Those recovering from surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including Bob Tesch; Rose Bintliff (Friend of the Kaisers); Keith Buchholz (Brother-in-Law of Judy Stanley); Ruth Henriksen (Mother of Rebecca Kaiser); Ashley; LeAnn (Friend of Mikkey T.); Kathy (sister of Mikkey T.) Seth and Brenda (Friends of the Baschnagels); Mike; Abbot (Great-Grandson of Lane); Dorothy Wall (Friend of Toni Ramsey); Kirt Burt (Friend of the Kaisers)

**Those with on-going concerns, including Chuck Baschnagel (Father of Mike); Kimber Kaiser; David Vining; Peg Tesch; Glenyce (Cousin of Carla Oerter); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Marie Kennedy; Iris Brimer; Clay Walberg; Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Barbara (Aunt of Carmen Lakner); David Henriksen (Brother of Rebecca Kaiser)

**For our military members and their families

**For our leaders at all levels

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far



Enjoy this year's Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 18, 2022

3:00 pm

Hermosa Adventist Church

14313 Broken Spoke Place
Hermosa SD 57744

Christmas is a season of celebration, gratitude, and giving - this cantata focuses on the ultimate Christmas gift, Jesus. Brimming with beloved carols and exciting new songs, *The Gift* traces the ageless Christmas story through the lens of gratitude and our response to the Greatest Gift.

Pastor Deb Grismer, Director
Chantry Nelson, Accompanist

Something New This Christmas



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

You Are Invited to celebrate Christmas with us as we experience *Something New This Christmas* through music, scripture, candles, prayers and Holy Communion.

A Quiet Christmas Service

Candlelight Service with Communion

All are welcome at this special service designed for those who are seeking a quieter service to celebrate Christmas.

Thursday Dec. 22nd 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Services

Candlelight Service with Communion

Saturday, Dec 24th 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Christmas Day Services

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Sunday Dec 25th 9:30am

All services are in person and livestreamed on Our Savior's Lutheran Church Facebook page and YouTube Channel

HAAA Christmas Carnival 2022

Sunday, December 4

11 am to 2 pm

Hermosa Community Center

122 Vilas Street

FOOD AND
GAMES



Photos and visit with
Santa and Mrs. Claus

FUN FOR
ALL AGES

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