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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
TO THE CITY OF DAVID

*Joseph also went up ... to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem. Luke 2:4*

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## Welcome and Greetings to Our Guests!

If you're new here, we welcome you in the name of Jesus. We also sincerely hope that you will come and worship with us again! Following the 9:30 am worship service, members and guests are invited to come down to the Upper Room for a cup of coffee, juice, snacks, and a time of fellowship with one another. Please join us for Bible Study on the Gospel of John in the fellowship hall. As a reminder, please **turn off or silence** your cell phones during the service.

## As We Gather

In our worship for the second week of Advent, the journey of Mary and Joseph will remind us that God's people have always been on the move. Still today, we walk by faith and not by sight. As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, we will celebrate the journey of Mary and Joseph and our journey of faith as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

***"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"***

*LSB 341*

*Choir Sings Stanza 3*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**P** Caesar August decreed that his subjects were to return to their ancestral hometowns to register: "And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,

**C** **"Because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child."**

**P** We light the second candle on our Advent wreath as we remember the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, where the Savior would be born.

**C** **Lord and Savior, light our journey of faith until we rejoice forever in your presence!**

**C** O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!  
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
 No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,  
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

**C** Almighty God, in our journey of faith we often wander away from your Word and your will. We choose our own paths to follow and satisfy our own desires. We sin against you each day in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

**P** God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus walked the path to the cross, never turning from his purpose, never turning from his Father's will. He suffered, died and rose from the dead to give us forgiveness and eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C** Heavenly Father, lead us in the paths of righteousness, following in the footsteps of Jesus our Savior.

*Sit*

*Stanza 1-2 All, Stanza 3-4 Women, Stanza 5-6 Men, Stanza 7-8 All*

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:8-10*

**R** And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**R** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 6:1-4*

**R** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**R** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 11:1-10*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**A** Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed



**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn**

**“Once in Royal David’s City”**

*LSB 376*

*Stanza 1, solo, Stanza 2-3 All, Stanza 4 Choir, Stanza 5 All*

**Sermon**

**“To the City of David”**

*Luke 2:4*

*Joseph also went up ... to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.*

## **Sermon Notes** - (For reflection now or later)

Know What? - *What is this section of God's Word saying?*

So What? - *Why do you think God included this in His word? What is he teaching us?*

Now What? - *Now what am I going to do with what I read/heard? How can I put it into practice?*

## **Hymn of Praise**

**"O Bride of Christ, Rejoice"**

LSB 335

*Sit*

## **Offering**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C** 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.

## **Prayers of St. Mark**

**P** Let us pray. Lord and Savior,

**C** **Travel with us each day.**

**P** Lord Jesus, you came from heaven to earth to be born among us, God in human flesh, sleeping in a manger in Bethlehem. You entered Jerusalem to begin your last earthly journey and walked the road to the cross for the sake of our salvation. Lord and Savior,

**C** **Travel with us each day.**

**P** Lord Jesus, as we travel through life, we pray that you would walk with us during this Advent season and always, as you have promised. Help us to share the good news of your saving love with all those we meet on the way. Lord and Savior,

**C** **Travel with us each day.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we pray that you would be present with those who travel during this busy holiday season. Watch over them and keep them safe so that they will arrive safely at their

destinations, gathering with family and friends to celebrate your birth. Lord and Savior,

**C** **Travel with us each day. Amen.**

**Benediction**

*Romans 6:3-5*

**P** Do you not know that all of us who were baptized in Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**C** **We too might walk in newness of life.**

**P** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

***"Prepare the Royal Highway"***

*LSB 343*

**Closing Prayer**

**Postlude**

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**Prayer Requests and Suggestions** - If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the forms found in the workroom or your pew and place in the offering tray.

**Those continuing medical care and/or undergoing treatment:**

Jack Adkins, Mary Benninger, Betty Deater, Betty Havermans, Brenda Hoisington, Jody Hoppus, Pat Hoppus, Kevin Kolberg, Jan Larabee, Cindy Meister, Larry Miller, Sally Mitchell, Sue Neuman, Norbert Scholle, Lu Suchovsky, Carol Warren.

**Red Meister - Hospice Care**

**Please pray for family and friends of the congregation:**

**Steve Sherburn**, cousin of Lynne Guerne; **Karen Marquez**, mother of RJ Marquez; **Mary Barker**, friend of Gary and Kathleen Schottke; **Wilma Hudson**, sister of Vergie Council; **Betty Ridgell**, sister of Vergie Council; **Pat Jaeger**, mother of Pastor Gilson; **Dale Johnson**, friends of Jack and Colleen Adkins; **Joy Chalko**, sister of Renee Schaab; **Scott Verhoven**, son of Sandy and Frank Verhoven; **Mike Johnston**, nephew-in-law of Ron and Bonnie Micka; **Joanie Davis**, sister-in-law of Sharon Johnson; **Jennifer Snowden Bossi**, granddaughter of Ardy Bulthouse; **Jeff Jasicki**, friend of Leo Deuster; **Ron Burmeister**, father of Steve Burmeister; **Yvonne (Jacoby) Ochmanski**, friend of Judy Yonker; **Charles "Joe" Barton**, friend of the congregation; **Amy Loper**, cousin of Dick and Lynne Guerne; **Shelly Schaub** friend of Sharon Johnson; **Lesli Lehner**, friend of Larry and Gloria Miller; **Tim and Allison DeVreindt**, friend of Duane and Cherie Wentzloff and **Sheila Bluhm**, daughter of Lois Bluhm.

**Pray for St. Mark members** who reside in assisted living facilities: Gerry Bastian at Hermitage; Valerie Larson at Seminole Shores, and Marguerite Maxwell at Sanctuary on the Shore Nursing Home in Grand Haven.