

John the Baptist

Prepares the Way

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday in Advent

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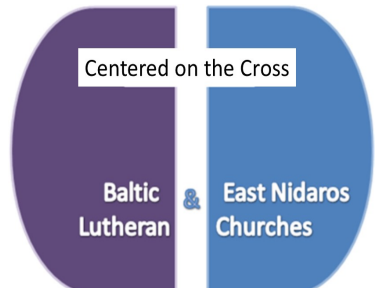
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Worship Plan for Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

LBW Setting Two without Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN *Prepare the Royal Highway* (LBW 26)

GREETING (LBW p. 78)

KYRIE (LBW p. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)

Glory to God in the highest

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You have been gracious to your and, O LORD; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

FIRST GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The First Gospel is from the 1st chapter of Mark .

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lighting of Second Advent Candle—FAITH CANDLE

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel LBW 34 vs.1 & 2

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION(LBW p. 83)

SECOND GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *In the Beginning...The Voice*

HYMN OF THE DAY *All Who Believe and Are Baptized (LBW 194)*

BAPTISM OF BENNETT JAKE RANDBY-Baltic

Children of the Heavenly Father LBW 474 verses 1&4

APOSTLE'S CREED (LBW p. 85) East Only

THE PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 97)

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *Praise and Thanksgiving* LBW 409 vs. 1 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus

Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING (LBW p. 97)

Sung Three Fold Amen

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling LBW 315

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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2024 Church Envelopes

With the New Year just around the corner, if you are interested in having 2024 Weekly Giving Envelopes, please contact Alvina for East Nidaros at dunaharv@alliancecom.net Or (605) 529-5328. Contact Lisa for Baltic at nidaros@alliancecom.net or call (605) 529-5471.

EAST NIDAROS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Super Heroes Baby Jesus

Yes – there is a new superhero who was born on Christmas Day!

Please join us on December 17, 2023, at 10:30 am for **“A Super Christmas”**.

There will be a lunch served after our Christmas program.

It is also the Sunday School's annual **Bake Sale**. Volunteers are needed to bring individually wrapped baked goods for the Bake Sale. Please bring on Sunday, December 17, 2023. Prices will be marked at the church.



MEMBERS

Betty Jean Benjamin
Donna Lee Boyd - Rhoda Wold
Jimmie Vollan—Nathan Vrchota
Kelly LaValliere—Heather Petersen
Dale Thompson— Gary Kocmick
Harry Laue—Bud Skancke

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community
Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community
Keith Fawcett—Kyla Fawcett's (Nesheim) father-in-law
Anita (Ana) Reategui—Friend of Jeff and Joan Boldt
Carolyn Koopman—Aunt of Kim Questad
James Langloss—Kim Questad's Uncle
Mattias Warne—Friend of the Community
Carol, Billy, Nicole, Chad, Dane, Noah, Brian & Lisa—Family of Eric & Lindsey Comes
Becky Berg—Sister-in-law of Dick Berg

Our Response to God's Love

Baltic: Dec 3: Attendance 105; General Fund\$2734.00 Noisy Can\$45.28
Thanksgiving Offering \$20.00

East: Dec 3: Attendance 41; General Fund \$1192.00 Noisy Can \$54.14
Thanksgiving Offering \$50.00

EAST NIDAROS Live Nativity

Please join us at our outside nativity on Sunday, December 10, 2023, from, 5 – 7 pm. There will be caroling and fellowship as we gather to celebrate Christmas and Jesus' birth.

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

DECEMBER NOISY CAN

Baltic: Honor Flight
East: Shetek Ministry

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship
	10:30 Worship and livestreamed on Facebook @
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Things Happening Week of December 10th

Mon Dec 11	No Bible Study in December
Tue Dec 12	2:30pm PQ at DNRC
Wed Dec 13	6:30pm Family Night for Confirmation @ East Nidaros
	6:30-7:30pm Food Bank Open

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Baltic	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @
	BalticLutheranChurch
East Nidaros	10:30 Worship

Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<u>Baltic</u>	<u>East Nidaros</u>
Dec 10 WELCA Officers	Dec 17 Birthday Cake Celebration
	Dec 24 Keith & Paula Harvey
	& 31 Rob & Katie Siemonsma

Baltic WELCA met Sunday following worship service. Joann brought the meeting to order.

Pat and Kaye will shop for Christmas gifts for the shut-ins so they can be delivered before Christmas. If you are on a committee and would like to be removed, or do not want your name to be included on the Fellowship serving list (serving after church), please contact an officer or the church office ASAP. We will be working on the WELCA booklet next week. The committees are: Banners, Flowers, Funerals, Sewing, Decorating. There is a communion sign-up sheet in the foyer for 2024. You can sign-up for a month. Communion is the first and last Sunday of each month. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned. Kaye Snow, Secretary