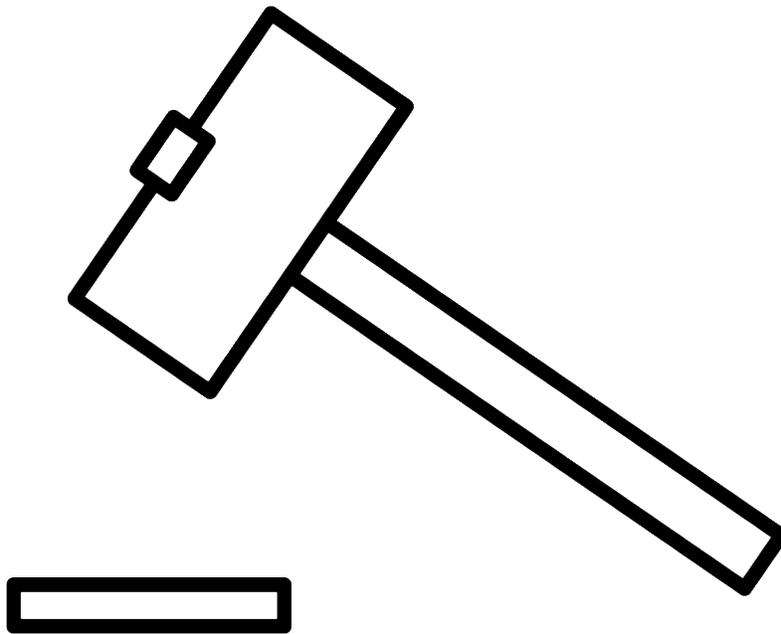


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Notes for Visitors:

- **Welcome!** If you are a guest this morning, please fill out a cream colored card. These cards are placed in every pew. One side of the card is for members receiving communion, the other side is for visitors. You may place the card in the collection plate. Feel free to also speak with one of the pastors to introduce yourself or ask any questions.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the blue hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday in Advent

The Pastors' Notes

“Advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming.” Christians prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus by remembering the longing of the Jews as they waited for the Messiah to come. We are reminded of how much we also need a Savior, and we look forward to his second coming (Advent)—even as we celebrate his first coming at Christmas.

The theme for our four weeks of Advent is: COME, LORD JESUS! This second week of Advent, we see him come as Judge. When Jesus comes again he will judge with mercy and grace for those who trust in him. We hear calls from the prophets to "prepare the way for the Lord." Our readings today remind us that the only way to prepare is to repent and believe that Jesus is the one promised by God to bring forgiveness, salvation, and peace.

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Senior Choir.....	<i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>
Sermon Theme.....	Isaiah 11:1-10

The King Who Comes to Judge

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.

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will 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.

³He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, nor will he render decisions based on what he hears with his ears,

⁴but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and he will render fair decisions in favor of the oppressed on the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath from his lips he will put the wicked to death.

⁵Righteousness will be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his hips.

⁶The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, the calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together, and a little child will lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear will graze together, and their young ones will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the cattle.

⁸The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole, and the weaned child will put his hand into a viper's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰This is what will take place on that day. The peoples will seek the Root of Jesse, who will be standing like a banner for the peoples, and his resting place will be glorious.

Psalm 130 (*Hymn 325*)

Epistle Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Indeed, whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that, through patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we would have hope. ⁵And may God, the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God. ⁸For I

am saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs. ⁹ He also did this so that the Gentiles would glorify God for his mercy, as it is written:

For this reason I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name.

¹⁰ And again it says:

Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.

¹¹ And again:

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples give him praise.

¹² And again Isaiah says:

There will be a Root of Jesse, and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles; on him the Gentiles will place their hope.

¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. And all people will see God's salvation. (Luke 3:4,6)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

¹In those days, John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, ²“Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near!” ³Yes, this is he of whom this was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.”

⁴ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him. ⁶ They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore produce fruit in keeping with repentance! ⁹ Do not think of saying to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰ Already the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance. But the one who comes after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

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