



BLESSED SACRAMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

“John was setting forth the anticipatory and ancillary value of his own baptism, showing that it had no other purpose than to lead to repentance. He did not say that he baptized with water for forgiveness, but of repentance. He points toward Christ’s baptism, full of inexpressible gifts.” St. John Chrysostom (St. Mt. 11.5)

Dear Saints,

Second Sunday of Advent 3 Dec. 2020

We don’t make much of a transition this Sunday from the Candle of Prophecy, because front and center is John the Baptist, the one whom Jesus said there was none greater. Indeed, Jesus said that for those who would receive it, John was that Elijah who was to come. And so Mark’s Gospel, our text for the Second Sunday of Advent, begins with John. And, so, the coming announcement concerning the arrival of God’s kingdom reign on Earth begins with John.

John’s first words call his auditors to repent. In the same way, we, too, are called to have a change of mind that results in a change of living, but as the result of the fulfillment of the news he was heralding. It is the gospel of God’s Messiah that causes us to live *coram Deo*, before the face of God, according to the reality He has determined on account the accomplishments of Christ.

The call to repentance is always a law-imperative. But there is plenty of Gospel upon which our present summons to repent is based: We see and hear the truth of God — the Lord has made us his own so that we hear his voice. We know where to find him and we also know where our lives and this world is heading. We are called to live with allegiance to that truth, that reality. When we don’t or alter our priorities according to that which our time esteems as valued and valuable, then comes the call of John afresh: repent.

Our repentance is met with grace, the strengthening of faith, and above all divine forgiveness. That’s why we gather ... because an Advent occurs each and every time we experience the Eucharist: Christ comes bringing salvation. Let us therefore come this week heeding John and receiving Christ.

NEW LOCATION & TIME! Blessed Sacrament will be gathering from

0830 Augsburg Academy

0930 Divine Service, 0930

Hayden Discount Theatre,

300 W Centa Dr, Hayden, ID 83835, in theatre Number One

Sunday Mass. Color Blue/Purple. Sermon: “It Begins with John.” Processional: **348**; Kyrie —1, **943**; Gloria: 946; Hymn of the Day: **356**; Recessional: **358**. Psalm **85** chanted responsively during the distribution. Post-Communion Canticle: **Nunc Dimittis**.

Midweek Mass. We gather at the MacPherson’s @ 4pm. The Divine Service is under an hour. Text will be Mark 1:1-9, with the homily: “This Is Elijah.” Thank you Nathan and Lara for your hospitality.

Third Sunday of Advent. Color Blue/Purple. Sermon: Processional: **359**; Kyrie —1, **943**; Gloria: 946; Hymn of the Day: **361**; Recessional: **362 stanzas 1-7**. Psalm **85** chanted responsively during the distribution. Post-Communion Canticle: **Nunc Dimittis**. Texts:

Catechesis. Sunday catechesis for all will take place from 0830 - 0915. We will continue with a new lesson in “Loving the Liturgy.”

Dec. 6	Second S. in Advent	Is. 40:1–11	Psalm 85	2 Peter 3:8–14	Mark 1:1–8
Dec. 13	Third S. in Advent	Is. 61:1–4, 8–11	Psalm 126	1 Thess. 5:16–24	John 1:6–8, 19–28

Prayers for the saints in our midst. Sandi, a friend of the Drake family. Safe and peaceful Christmas gatherings. Julia traveling.

Resources: TALK RADIO & PODCASTS FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: The Hymn “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” John the Baptist, 4th Century Christian Martyr Lucia, The Book of 1 John and more.

You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Event! Advent Party at the Bombaro home Friday 18 Dec @ 5:30pm. If attending, please bring (1) a side dish or dessert; (2) a white elephant gift (under \$10) for each person playing. Holiday ham will be the main dish. There will be carol singing and merriment. No humbugs, please. Text Melinda with any questions: 619.651.5365.

Nota bene: Pastor Bombaro will be attending a Navy Chaplains (virtual) Professional Development Conference Monday-Thursday (7-10 Dec.), and drilling with the Marines in Spokane Friday, Saturday, and immediately after Church on Sunday 11-13 Dec).

Friends in our Holy Faith. Blessed Sacrament received a number of gifts from Our Faith Lutheran Church, Davis, CA, when Howard and Louise Worthington drove items that ranged from paraments to a paschal candle to Coeur d’Alene to personally deliver these well-kept accoutrements. Sadly, Our Faith Lutheran closed in 2018 and consolidated with a nearby parish, as demographics shifted in their region. Thanks be to God for the generosity of His people.

Sunday 10/4/20	Sunday 10/11/20	Sunday 10/18/20	Sunday 10/25/20	Sunday 11/1/20	Sunday 11/8/20	Sunday 11/15/20	Sunday 11/22/20	Sunday 11/29/20
22	24	29	26	27	31	28	37	31

Gen Op Acct	\$6,156.70
Lutherans for Life	\$1,825.00
Building Fund	\$35,103.54

Gratefully yours in Christ Jesus,
Pastor John