

# Second Sunday of Advent



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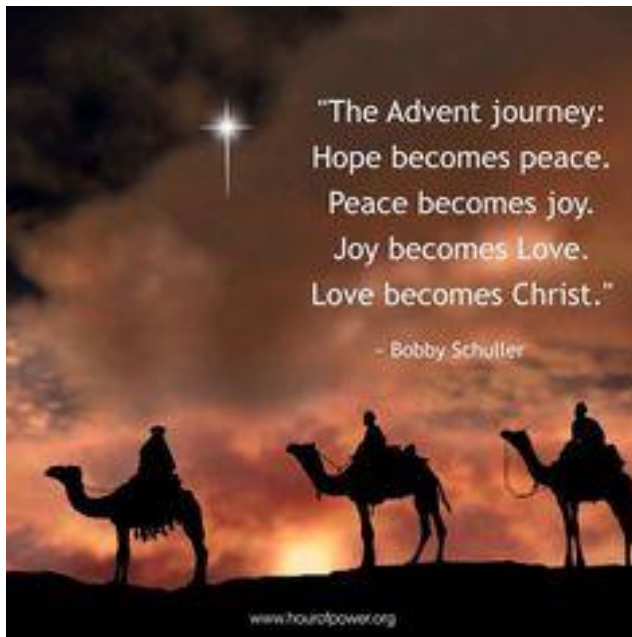
# Welcome to worship! So glad you are here!

To assist in your worship: \* means stand as you are able, **bold** print means we respond, + means you may make the sign of the cross if you so desire.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME: ADVENT 2—PEACE

Israel was dead—or so it seemed. God showed Ezekiel that, like dry bones restored to life, Israel could and one day would be restored to life.

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# **GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into God's house with peace and a promise:

**Despite the darkness, the light awaits us.**

Despite what looks like the end,

**Restoration and new life are here.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**    *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*    #242

### **\*GREETING**

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.**

### **\*KYRIE**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.    Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son.    Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.    Lord, have mer - cy.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Glory to You*



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: PEACE**

We look to Ezekiel's witness, recognizing that peace is transient, passing.

**We know, too, that we are called to work within the world to bring about peace, just as Ezekiel prophesied to God's people, Israel.**

(*light candle 1*) We light first the candle of hope, trusting that hope for a savior remains.

(*light candle 2*) **We light the second candle of peace, trusting that God’s Son will usher in a new order, where God’s love will bring peace.**

**ADVENT HYMN**      *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (vs.2)*                      #257

**\*GREETING**

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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray, God of new life, **You showed Ezekiel that you have the ability and willingness to restore Israel to new life. We ask that you restore us, too, to new life filled with abundant blessings and gratitude. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**                      *Somebody Build a Manger*                                      Raney

**WORD**      *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

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**FIRST READING**                      Ezekiel 37:1-14      Pew Bible Old Testament pg. 898  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le-lu - ia,      al - le-lu - ia,                  al-le-lu        - ia.

**GOSPEL**                      John 11:17-27                      Pew Bible New Testament pg. 108  
The Holy Gospel according to John the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

\*SERMON HYMN

*Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

#333

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

Life-Giving God, **hear our prayer**

Renew our strength and rekindle our zeal for your word and your work in this world, and make of us the living answers to prayer for the sake of all whom you love. **Amen.**

### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

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### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**

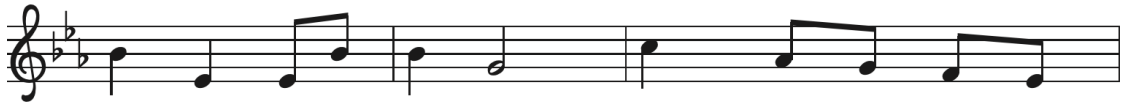
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night our Lord Jesus was betrayed...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**\*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.**

**SENDING**    *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING/COMMUNION HYMN**        *I Am the Bread of Life*        #485

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus is coming. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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# VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

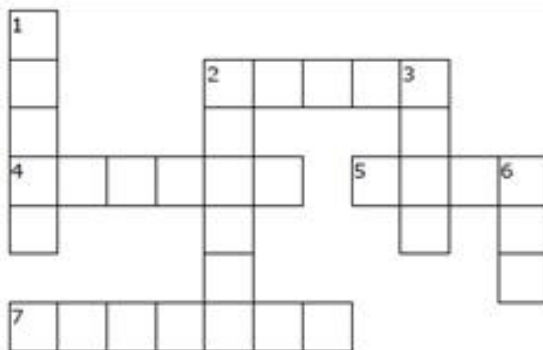


# Word Search

Y F L E S H D U P R R F I L V  
U S Y Y T Y W G P K T T S B F  
A K V H Y I B M R I K N I R E  
F I A L C M Q P R L O A Q E I  
D N L U I N I I O D I T L A S  
G E L S O F P W N V H V A T Y  
S V E M H S E E Y U L H E H R  
K N Y O A P T Q B G D S B U L  
N Q A Y N L Y K E R A R F E Z  
F B M X D D S C O W I N D S Y  
R H O B G P K L G R D P Q I V  
Y O V N V X B M U B R E A T H  
W E P D E A W O P F X L H C P  
J U E R X S F I R G M E I Y A  
E U K Y C N G V T G K P Z H I

TENDONS	BONES	LIVE	BREATH	BREATH
SKIN	DRY	FOUR	LIFE	VALLEY
LORD	WINDS	SPIRIT	FLESH	HAND

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

2. The hard pieces that form the skeleton of a human or animal.
4. An area of low land between hills or mountains.
5. The movement of outside air
7. A person who speaks for God

## DOWN

1. To have life; not dead
2. The air that you take into and let out of your lungs
3. The outside covering of our bodies
6. Without any water or liquid

BREATH	PROPHET	BONES	DRY
SKIN	VALLEY	ALIVE	WIND

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**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

### CHILDCARE

We hope everyone of all ages and abilities will be able to worship together. A special play area is available at the back of the sanctuary. If you need to take a "time out" please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the main entry. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the main entry. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Christ Is Alive!*

### OUR VISION STATEMENT

Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God's incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.

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