

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**DECEMBER 8, 2019**

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

ADVENT 2A PSALM 105:4–8;**ANTIPHON: ISAIAH 40:3B**

P In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

C **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

C **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

P He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

C **He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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CATECHISM

The Second Article Redemption
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

COLLECT

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.

LEARN BY HEART*Romans 6:4*

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Is 35:1–10; James 5:7–11; Matt 11:2–15

INVOCATION**INTROIT** (front page)**MEDITATION:** *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism**LEARN BY HEART:** Bible Verse (front page)**DAILY READINGS:**

SU:	12/8	Isaiah 24:14—25:12 (Obadiah 1–21)	1 John 2:15–29
M:	12/9	Isaiah 26:1–19	1 John 3:1–24
T:	12/10	Isaiah 26:20—27:13	1 John 4:1–21
W:	12/11	Isaiah 28:14–29	1 John 5:1–21 (2 John; 3 John)
TH:	12/12	Isaiah 29:1–14	Jude 1–25
F:	12/13	Isaiah 29:15—30:14	Revelation 1:1–20
SA:	12/14	Isaiah 30:15–26	Revelation 2:1–29

HYMN LSB #357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**APOSTLES' CREED****IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed
- Jared & Allison; Carol & Kevin, Katie, Susanna; Harold "Bones"; Ruth

COLLECT (front page); **LORD'S PRAYER****BENEDICTION**

P Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

C **Amen**