

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent December 5, 2021

9:30am

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Gathering

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

One: Our souls magnify the Lord!

**All: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

One: The mighty One has done great things for us!

**All: Holy is God's name!**

One: Let us worship God.

**All: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation  
God gives mercy.**

\*Opening Hymn            "Angels from the Realms of Glory"            No. 220

\*Advent Candle Lighting

One: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

All: **Its light reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

One: Once you were in darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light.

All: **If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.**

*(Two purple candles are lit)*

One: We are children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

All: **Jesus said, "Everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness."**

\*Opening Prayer

**Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming**

**may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Scripture Reading            Malachi 3:1-4

\*Hymn of Preparation            "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"            No. 196

Scripture Reading            Luke 1:68-79

Sermon            Prepare the Way            Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

Response to the Word            Creed            p. 7

Holy Communion            p. 7

\*Closing Hymn            "Soon and Very Soon"            No. 706

\*Benediction

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**