Advent

Douglas E. Wagner

He comes to heal the broken hearted, and those who thought that hope was gone.

To those who grieve, He is a refuge; to those who despair, He brings the dawn.

He comes to dry the tears of orphans, and bless the lonely and oppressed.

He comes to feed the hungry pilgrims, and helps the weary find their rest.

He comes to light a world of darkness, to cast all bitterness away.

He comes to live with us forever.

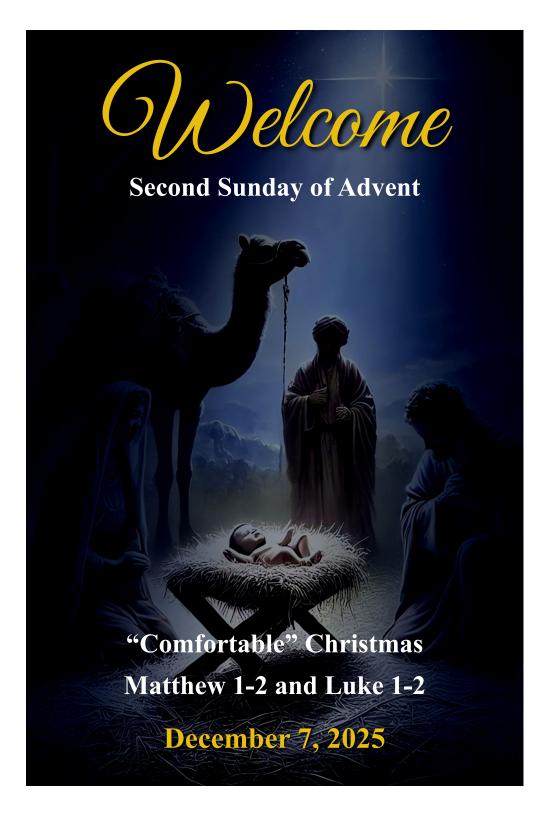
He comes to be born in us today.

Alleluia! The Lord is born in us today.

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Salem Evangelical Reformed Church, Hellers

December 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Waiting—Wonder—Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

We Gather to Glorify God

Prelude Preparing our hearts for worship

Advent Candle Lighting (Peace Candle) - Bill & Cindy Portner

*Hymn of Praise Angels We Have Heard on High (#227)

*Our Prayer of Affirmation

Father God, thank you for sending your Son, our Prince of Peace, to us in the Christmas story we find in Luke 2. God, I know I may have heard this story a dozen different ways. Help me to realize the astounding truth of the miracle of Jesus' birth. And let me pick up on the small details: why you chose shepherds to see Jesus first, why Jesus had to be born in a stable, the importance of the town of Bethlehem ... the list can go on. Help me to experience the glimpses of joy everyone present at Jesus' birth would've felt. Fill me with everlasting peace because of the gift of salvation Jesus offers us. Amen.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:12-16 (pew Bible page 1197)

*Hymn of the Month Fullness of Grace (#221)

Anthem Advent –Sanctuary Choir

We Gather to Grow in the Spirit

Pastoral Prayer

The Message "Comfortable" Christmas - Dr. Sam Harbin

Matthew 1-2 (pew Bible page 959) Luke 1-2 (pew Bible page 1016)

We Gather at the Lord's Table

Communion Meditation and Invitation Service of the Elements

We celebrate an open communion. All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to the Lord's Table.

The tray contains both white grape juice and red wine.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Into the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

*Hymn of Devotion Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (#259)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Leader—Bill McLain

Director of Music—Carolyn McLain | Organist—David Andrews

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes at the exits. You can also text SH to 717-807-5656 or scan this QR code. If you're new today, welcome! Please fill out a visitor's card (in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering box.



Sunday School at 11:15 AM—All Welcome!

Upstairs Age 3—7 Loving Jesus
Upstairs Age 8—12 Listening to Jesus

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Upstairs Age 13—18 Digging Deeper (Westminster Catechism)

Berean Room Adults The Basics of the Christian Life

^{*}Worshippers, please stand if physically able.