

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

December 9, 2020

5:00 p.m.

ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE



BREATH OF HEAVEN
WEEK 2—POUR OVER ME YOUR HOLINESS

BREATH PRAYER

breathe in Breath of heaven,
breathe out pour over me your holiness.
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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Light the second blue candle for peace.

Creator God, fill us with a sense of peace and love. Help us to listen to your voice in our lives each day. Amen.

SONG

Bryan Gatten

READING *PSALM 51:1-12*

read by Catherine Anderson

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

REFLECTION

Mary Zastrow

MAKING THE WORLD A GENTLER PLACE TO RECEIVE THE CHRIST CHILD

Adding straw to the manger

ADVENT BLESSING

Even as we wait, watch, and wonder,
God is with us.

Amen.

BREATH OF HEAVEN

words and music by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant
prerecorded by Dana Varland, soloist; Bryan Gatten, guitar

Refrain:

Breath of Heav-en, hold me to - geth-er, be for-ev - er near me, Breath of
Heav-en. Breath of Heav-en, light - en my dark-ness, pour o - ver me your
ho - li-ness, for you are ho - ly, _____ Breath of Heav-en.

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