

Week of the Second Sunday of Advent 2025

Date:	December 09, 2025 (Tuesday) [Year 2]	
Theme:	Peace	
Collect:	Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	
Psalm:	Morning: 26, 28	Evening: 36, 39
1st Lesson:	Amos 7:10-17	
2nd Lesson:	Revelation 1:9-16	
3rd Lesson:	Matthew 22:34-46	

Reflection:

Morning Psalm 26

In Psalm 26 the reciter challenges the Lord to give judgment because he has confidence he has always trusted in the Lord. But in verse 9, he begs (requests) the Lord to not include him with the sinners and sweep him away, because he will go on living with integrity.

Morning Psalm 28

In Psalm 28 the reciter appeals the Lord to hear him out, that he is different from the evildoers. It ends with praise to the Lord for hearing the voice of his prayer. Summary can be found on verse 8-9: “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped; therefore my heart dances for joy, and in my song will I praise him.”

Evening Psalm 36

Psalm 36 begins with description of the wicked. Then starting with verse 5, the reciter lauds the Lord’s might. Memorable verses: 7 – “How priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.” And 9 – “For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.”

Evening Psalm 39

Psalm 39 is a confession that the reciter let his anger get the best of him. He realizes how his life is short. He is contrite all the way to the end of the psalm where he says “Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, before I go my way and am no more.” A bit sad. Memorable verse: 8 – “And now, what is my hope? O Lord, my hope is in you.”

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Amos 7: 10-17

I was wrong about king Jeroboam – the king mentioned here and yesterday's reading is Jeroboam II, and not the first Jeroboam which is the person I referred to when mentioning 1 Kings 12. Bottom line- both King Jeroboams were corrupt as far as the Deuteronomist is concerned. Here it's King Jeroboam II who was the reigning king during Amos' time.

I'm sorry for Amaziah who told Amos to never again prophesy at Bethel. Amaziah got quite a disturbing prophecy against him from the Lord! Poor Amos, who defended himself saying he's just a shepherd, but the Lord told him to go prophesy to Israel. He's just following divine order.

Revelation 1:9-16

In today's passage in Revelation, John is recounting the beginning of the vision he saw as well as the voice he heard telling him what to do. Kind of like Amos. The vision is similar to Ezekiel's and Daniel's – very unworldly. What would I do if the Lord spoke to me and gave me visions as wild as theirs!

Matthew 22:34-46

Now is Pharisees' turn to try to entrap Jesus. They were check-mated by Jesus! The verse Jesus quoted is in the Evening Psalm 110 which was on the lectionary for Saturday December 06, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'" This quieted down the Pharisees.

May the Lord reign in each one of our hearts and bring peace and tranquility to our lives.

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