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# PEACE



**December 7, 2025 ✉ 9:30 AM**

## **2 ADVENT**

**PREACHING TODAY:  
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## WELCOME TO ALL who join us today for worship!

Most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal.

- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
- **Large print bulletins and hearing enhancement devices** are available. Please ask an Usher for assistance.
- **Everyone's encouraged** to record your name on the attendance sheets found in the attendance folders at the end of each pew. Any special requests (prayers, visits, inclusion in mailings, etc.) may be written on these sheets.
- **Wooden offering box** for contributions is located in the center aisle at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Extra offering envelopes** can be found in the back of the attendance folder.
- **Please silence** your cell phone or switch it to vibrate.

\* The congregation please stand as you are able.

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRELUDE***Interlude No. 1 from "Advent Wreath"* - Paul Hamill  
Joanne Vasey, organ**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P      Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✕ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C      **Amen.**

P      Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P      Long-expected God,

C      **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

P      God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✕ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C      **Amen.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* - ELW # 242**\* GREETING**

P      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C      **And also with you.**

## \* KYRIE

ELW p. 98

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.  
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.  
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.  
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
Amen, amen.

## \* LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*Light the Candle*

Vajda/Schalk

Gently *p*

Light the can-dle of PEACE to- day, the Giv- er of peace is

here! \_\_\_\_\_ Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but

on- ly Christ can give. \_\_\_\_\_ Flick - er and flame and

glow\_\_ with peace, light up the world a - round you.

Flick-er and flame and glow\_\_ with peace, light up the world a -

round \_\_\_\_\_ you. \_\_\_\_\_

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## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 17:15-22

<sup>15</sup> Thus God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, for Sarah is now her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and indeed of her I will give you a son. And I will bless her, and she will become nations; rulers of peoples shall come into being from her.” <sup>17</sup> Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Can a child be born to one a hundred years old? And can Sarah, ninety years old, give birth?” <sup>18</sup> Then Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael could live in your sight!” <sup>19</sup> God said, “Nevertheless your wife Sarah shall give birth to a son for you, and you shall call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him, an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. <sup>20</sup> Now as for Ishmael, I have heard you and I will bless him and make him fruitful and I will make him exceedingly, exceedingly numerous and he shall be the father of twelve chieftains, and I will make him a great nation. <sup>21</sup> But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall give birth to for you at this season next year.” <sup>22</sup> And when God had finished speaking with him, God ascended from Abraham.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-25

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the daughters and sons of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the daughters and sons of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – ELW p. 257

#### STANZA 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain***

#### STANZA 2

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain***

#### REFRAIN

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.***

## \* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup> Mary set out in those days and went to the hill country with haste, to a Judean town. <sup>40</sup> There she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> Now when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> From where does this visit come to me? That the mother of my Sovereign comes to me? <sup>44</sup> Look! As soon as I heard the sound of your greeting in my ear, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Now blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of those things spoken to her by the Holy One."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY

*Unexpected and Mysterious* - ELW # 258  
(Alternate Tune: HYMN TO JOY)

### \* THE APOSTLE'S CREED

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**A** In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

**P** With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

A With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease especially for those we name aloud and in our hearts (*brief pause*). Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C **Amen.**

## \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting “Peace be with you” with one another.)*

## OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

*Bell Cadence* - James Southbridge  
Joanne Vasey, organ

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## \* DOXOLOGY

*Lord Jesus Is Coming* AWAY IN A MANGER;  
Music: James R. Murray Words: Brian & Joanne Vasey

**Lord Jesus is coming and so we prepare  
Our homes and our lives for the child so fair.  
It's Advent we're *peaceful* for Jesus is near.  
O come and dwell in us our Savior so dear.**

**All praise to the Father, All praise to the Son.  
All praise to the Spirit who makes all things one.  
Our hope, our salvation is now drawing nigh.  
O Christ, our Redeemer from Heaven on high.**

## \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

**C Amen.**

## \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \* SANCTUS

ELW p. 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## AGNUS DEI

ELW p. 112

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Soon and Very Soon*  
Text and Music: Andrae Crouch  
Pop-Up Choir

*(All interested singers welcome! Simply come forward and grab a binder. Folks not comfortable singing an alto, tenor, or bass part may stay on the familiar melody.)*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Creator of the Stars of Night* - ELW # 245

## \* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## \* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.  
C **Amen.**

## \* BENEDICTION

P May God who comes among us, Father, ☧ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.  
C **Amen.**

## \* SENDING HYMN

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* - ELW # 244

## \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Keep awake.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## \* POSTLUDE

*Then Shall Your Light Shine Forth* (French Advent Carol)  
Patricia Lou Harris  
Joanne Vasey, organ

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## December 7 - 14, 2025

<b>Sunday, December 7</b> 2 Advent Pastor Justin preaching	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 2:00pm –4:00pm Synod Youth X-mas Party - CML 4:30pm –6:30pm Faith Lab - CELC
<b>Monday, December 8</b>	6:30pm Parish Peal Handbell Choir 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR 7:15pm Parish Choir
<b>Tuesday, December 9</b>	
<b>Wednesday, December 10</b>	9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 2:00pm –3:30pm Transitions - Parlor
<b>Thursday, December 11</b>	
<b>Friday, December 12</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 13</b>	
<b>Sunday, December 14</b> 2 Advent Pastor Katy preaching Congregational Budget & Council Vote	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 1:00pm –4:00pm SVSWG - LCH/Room 202 6:00pm Youth X-mas party/dinner/ gift exchange

**ATTENDANCE:** 9:30 am: November 30, 2025: 97

**OFFERINGS:** Nov. 16, Nov. 23 & Nov.30, 2025: \$7,395.00