



2nd Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America practices open communion. Holy Communion is celebrated every week and ALL baptized believers are welcome at Christ's table.

WELCOME CHILDREN- Children of all ages are welcome! We have a nursery area just off the worship space if you and your child need a little extra space during worship. It has a window to the worship space and sound, so you won't miss any part of the service.

WHY PEACE LUTHERAN OF MORRIS? Jesus said the two greatest commandments are to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength"...and "To love your neighbor as yourself." We believe Peace Lutheran exists not just for ourselves, but the world around us. As a congregation, we gather each week to worship to be renewed, strengthened, and then sent out to share the amazing love of God in our daily lives. We invite you to join us as we work to fulfill our mission: "We go to share with others God's saving love in Jesus, that all may know the hope of his promises and the joy of his peace."

WELCOME CARDS-If you would like to receive more information about PLC, receive a call from the pastor, or if you are a current member and would like to update your contact information, please fill out the Welcome Card located in the pew and place it in the offering basket located in the Gathering Space. In addition, prayer requests may be added to the back of the Welcome Card and placed in the offering basket as well.

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GATHERING

We are following the recommendations of the CDC for COVID at this time. As per IDPH and CDC guidelines, masks are recommended for everyone whether vaccinated or unvaccinated.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH-Come Now, O God vs. 2



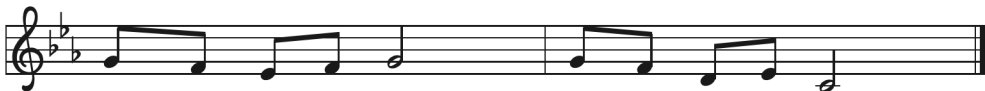
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el.

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Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune

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- A: This morning as we light the second candle of the Advent Wreath we wait for the freedom and salvation only you can bring.
- C: **Come, Emmanuel, Come, Emmanuel**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*) God for whom we wait,

C: **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

P: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, + your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C: **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN-*Prepare the Royal Highway ELW 264*



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

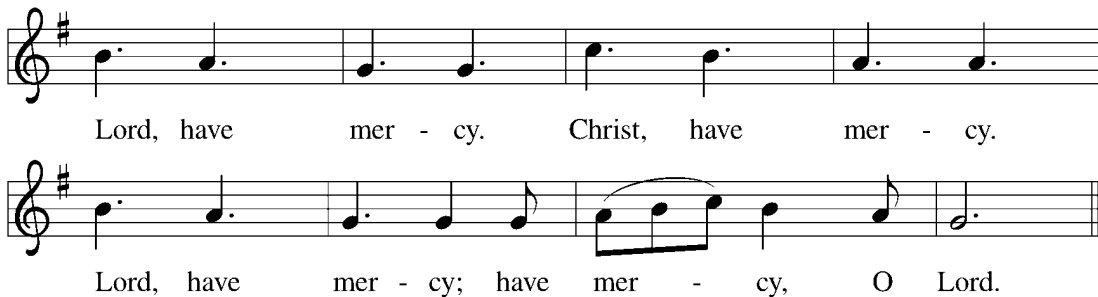
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 Music: BEREDEN VÅG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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GREETING

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-



Music: *Mass No. 1*, Avon Gillespie

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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-*Malachi 3:1-4*

R: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM-Luke 1:68-79

R: Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,

C: you have come to your people and set them free.

R: You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,

C: born of the house of your servant David.

R: Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,

C: from the hands of all who hate us,

R: to show mercy to our forebears,

C: and to remember your holy covenant.

R: This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

C: to set us free from the hands of our enemies

R: free to worship you without fear,

C: holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

R: And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

C: for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

R: to give God's people knowledge of salvation

C: by the forgiveness of their sins.

R: In the tender compassion of our God

C: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

R: to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,

C: and to guide our feet into the way of peace

SECOND READING-Philippians 1:3-11

R: I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,

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R: having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

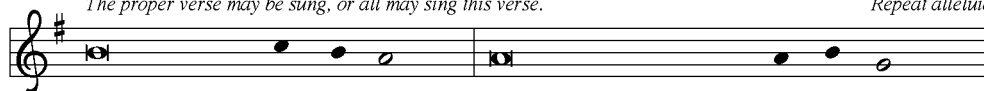
R: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION-“*Alleluia*” (Please Stand)



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL-Luke 3:1-6

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 3rd chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON-Rev. Lu Cantrell

HYMN OF THE DAY—*No Wind at the Window ACS 906*



1 No wind at the win - dow, no knock on the door;
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.
 3 This child must be born that the king - dom might come:
 4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;



no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.



no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,



just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.
 and . . . you are re - quest - ed to . . . moth - er God's Son."
 both . . vic - tor and . . vic - tim, both . . yours and di - vine.
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell . . God I say yes."

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: COLUMCILLE, Irish melody

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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith together through the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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 to 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 INTERCESSION

A: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence. (*A brief silence.*) You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Come now, O God...

C: Come, Emmanuel

A: Send your Spirit to all living creatures that are endangered. Provide them with shelter and care, and bring us into right relationship with the earth that you create and call good. Come now, O God...

C: Come, Emmanuel

A: Send leaders to our nations, cities, schools, and businesses to work on behalf of those who have lost parents, spouses, and loved ones; immigrants; the imprisoned; those living in poverty; and all who are oppressed. Make them bold in their commitments to justice and reconciliation. Come now, O God...

C: Come, Emmanuel

A: Send your servants to care for those who suffer. Use our ministries and our lives to reach out with compassion to those who are hungry, oppressed, lonely, or ill especially; Megan, Bredon, Heidi, Dave, Jim, Frank, Sue and David. Grant them healing and wholeness. Come now, O God...

C: Come, Emmanuel

A: Send prophets to speak difficult truths, even when they are poorly received. Embolden those who ask hard questions and challenge accepted ways. Instill in youth and elders alike a passion for pointing to Jesus in all things. Come now, O God...

C: Come Emmanuel.

A: We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Come now, O God...

C: Come Emmanuel.

A: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING-*For those that wish to give, offering baskets are located at the entrance of the sanctuary or online at www.plcmorris.org*

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

COMMUNION-*Lamb of God*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN-*Come Now Long Expected Jesus ELW 254*

1
Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2
Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

SENDING

CALL TO MISSION

A: Let us commit our selves to the mission our God calls us to in the world.

C: We go to share with others God's saving love in Jesus, that all may know the hope of his promises and the joy of his peace.

SENDING HYMN-*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ELW 250



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



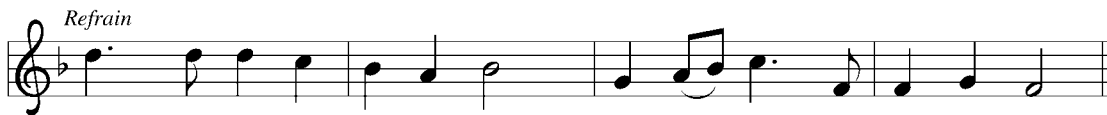
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Worship Leaders– The schedule for the first half of 2022 is being prepared. Please email your availability to the office

Informational Budget Meeting-There will be a meeting discussing the 2022 budget immediately following service.

Worship Leaders-December 5, 2021

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Assisting Minister-Jim Cantrell
Reader-Cindy McDonald

Worship Leaders-December 12, 2021

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