



DECEMBER 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

THE DOOR OF WELCOME - PEACE
“A PLACE AT THE TABLE”

RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE *BELL CHOIR*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *Prepare the Royal Highway*

vss. 1 & 4

ELW #264

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- 1 **Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Than greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!**
- 4 **His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav’n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God’s word!**

ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE—‘A Place At the Table ‘

L: Like the childhood game of “musical chairs,” we are convinced that there are not enough places at the table. And so we shrink the guest list just in case there is not enough, and we scramble to occupy the chairs first. And yet our sacred texts invite us to imagine and make real the gathering of all people to the table, robed in the garments of a Peace that comes with justice. This is what really matters – this is the fruit of what is right and good.

THE CANDLE OF *Peace* IS LIT

- L: Today we offer the Light of Peace to illumine the Door of Welcome.
C: May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, in our church.
L: May Peace awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.
C: There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.
L: Peace waits for us at Advent. Peace waits for us to rest.
**C: Peace waits for our acceptance of the truth that we are blessed.
In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world of gentleness and play,
PEACE is born in us each day.**

WE SING - *Make of My Heart A Stable*

Make Of My Heart A Stable

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, and a dotted quarter note G4. The second staff continues with quarter notes F#4, E4, D4, C4, and a dotted quarter note B3. The lyrics are: v.1 Make of my HEART a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a v.2 Make of my LIFE a sta - ble, a house for the Ho - ly, a warm and stur - dy place for PEACE to live and grow. warm and stur - dy place for PEACE to live and grow.

CONFESSION & 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

FIRST READING: BARUCH 5:1-5

¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. ²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head

the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; ³for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. ⁴For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." ⁵Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.
WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: LUKE 3: 4-6

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴As 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. ⁵Every 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; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Julie Rogness

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *When Will He Come?*

APOSTLES CREED

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

SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church.
Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

OFFERING OF GIFTS – OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of our waiting and watching,

C: we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

WORD'S OF INSTITUTION - LORD'S PRAYER - COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION SONG: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* vss 1-3 ELW #256

PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **“Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!” So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.
To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.**
- 2 **For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.
Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble favor.**
- 3 **Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God’s holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus from whom we wait. **C: Amen.**

CLOSING — “THE REST OF THE STORY”

L: For today’s closing carol, we sing *“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”* - a carol written by Edmund Sears and one of the earliest social gospel hymns written. Sears was writing from Boston in the years just before the Civil War began and this hymn emphasizes the message of the angels, “peace on earth, goodwill to all.” You can hear it clearly in the old stanza printed below. Let us remember that in true peace, all can hear the love-song of the angels.

HYMN: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* vss. 1 + Old Vs ELW #282

PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **It came upon the midnight clear, ¹ that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth ¹ to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, ¹ from heav-’n’s all gracious king.
The world in solemn stillness lay ¹ to hear the angels sing.**

*Old Vs. But with the woes of sin and strife ¹ the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have rolled ¹ two thousand years of wrong;
and man, at war with man, hears not ¹ the love-song, which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, ¹ and hear the angels sing!”*

RINGING OF BELL

CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL

L: May God’s Door of Welcome swing open in our heart and in our life. May Christ’s humble first dwelling remind us of the plenty we already know. And may the Spirit lead us into more possibility and hospitality than we can imagine, making room in THE INN for all.

May it be so for you. May it be so for us. May it be so for this congregation. Amen.

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *BELL CHOIR*

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR: Julie Rogness ASSISTING: Tom Ersland

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CALENDAR

Sun/Dec 5	9 am	ADVENT WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School
	7 pm	AA
Wed/Dec 8	6 pm	WED WORSHIP
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
Thu/Dec 9	1 pm	LOVE DAY
	6 pm	EdYou
	6:30 pm	Stewardship
	6:30 pm	Scouts
	7 pm	AA
Sun/Dec 12	9 am	ADVENT WORSHIP – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 am	Sunday School Christmas Shopping
	7 pm	AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

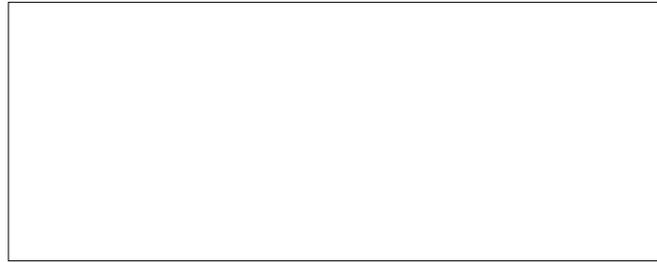
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Christ in Our Home-JanFebMar • Look for NEW devotion books near entrances tables.

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