

2nd of Advent — December 7, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle— The candle of Peace- The Ferrucci Family

Hymn Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah ELW 240 vs. 2

Confession and Absolution Pg 94-95

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

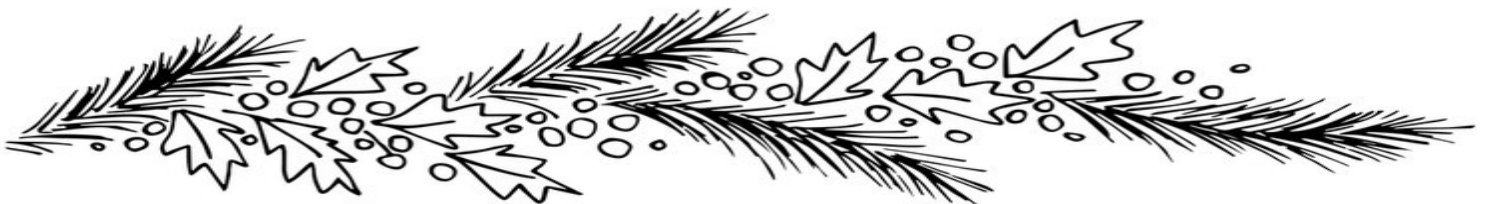
C Amen.

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn Hail to the Lord's Anointed ELW 311

Apostolic Greeting ELW Pg. 147

L 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.**



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 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.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C Thanks be to God!



Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 spoken

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

² **that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

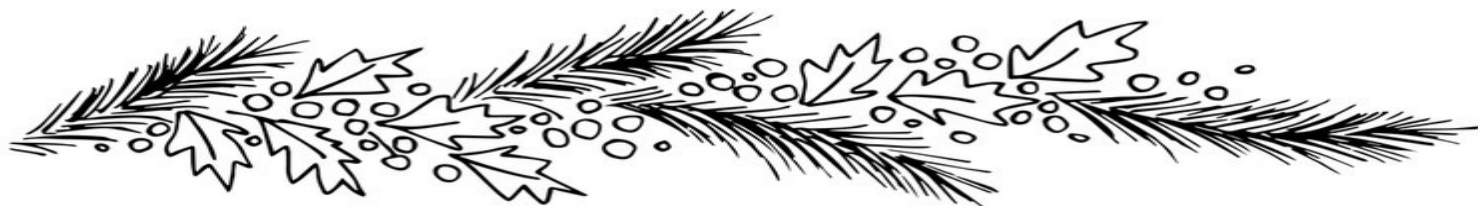
⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹² and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Holy wisdom, holy word. **C Thanks be to God**



Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 3rd Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

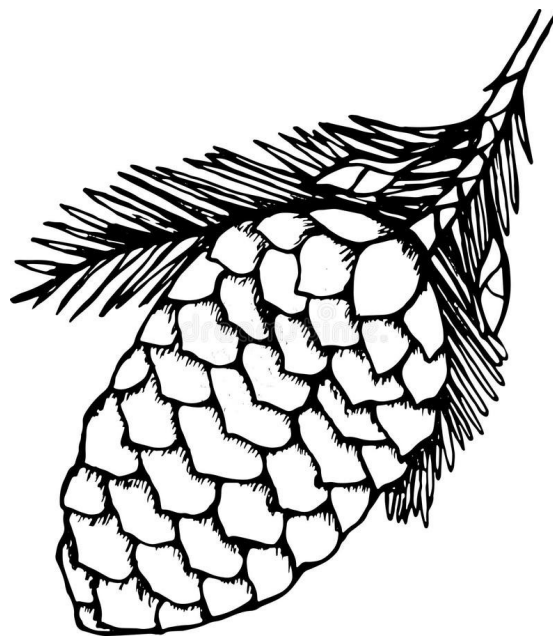
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Apostles Creed

**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 of the Church

L: Trusting the promise of Christ's saving grace, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we lift our intercessions for ourselves and our neighbors.

AM: On this healing Sunday we pray for the people on our Prayer List...

Leader and Assisting Minister read the first names on the prayer list.

AM Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

AM: For all Christians of all times and places, that the fire of the Holy Spirit may drive us to ever more courageous and compassionate engagement with the world. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

AM: For the nations of the world, that violence, hatred, greed, and malice may be replaced by gentleness, love, and generosity, and that the Church may show that this kind of life is possible, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the holy creation, including the land upon which we dwell, that we may feel gratitude for those who tended it before we arrived, and care for those who will come after us. And may we, with a Christ-like Spirit, be protectors and sustainers of our good earth, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all the children across the globe, that their tender souls may know the love and security of good adults, ready to help them thrive, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For ourselves, that we may be uplifted by this season's promise, and that our grateful hearts may become wells of generosity, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For any other needs you now raise.....Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For these, and all other needs we have, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**
Amen

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The offering is received

Anthem: With Joyful Expectancy Words: John Parker Music: David Lantz III

With joyful expectancy come let us sing. We eagerly wait for the birth of our King. We bow down in homage, our glad gifts we bring. With joyful expectancy we will sing. The time is now for all God's people to pray, people to pray. We humbly bow; Lord, send us a Savior today. With joyful expectancy come let us sing. We eagerly wait for the birth of our King. We bow down in homage, our glad gifts we bring. With joyful expectancy we will sing. The day has come, Messiah is soon to appear, soon to appear. The Chosen One; We sing so the nations may hear, may hear. With joyful expectancy come let us sing we eagerly wait for the birth of our King we bow down in homage our glad gifts we bring with joyful expectancy we will sing. With joyful expectancy come let us sing. We eagerly wait for the birth of our King. We bow down in homage our glad gifts we bring. With joyful expectancy we will sing. We bow down in homage our glad gifts we bring. With joyful expectancy, joyful expectancy, joyful expectancy we will sing!

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – page 152

- L The Lord be with you. C And also with you.**
L Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is chanted.

- L 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 Pg. 152

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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**

Agnus Dei Pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

O Day of Peace

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Dismissal

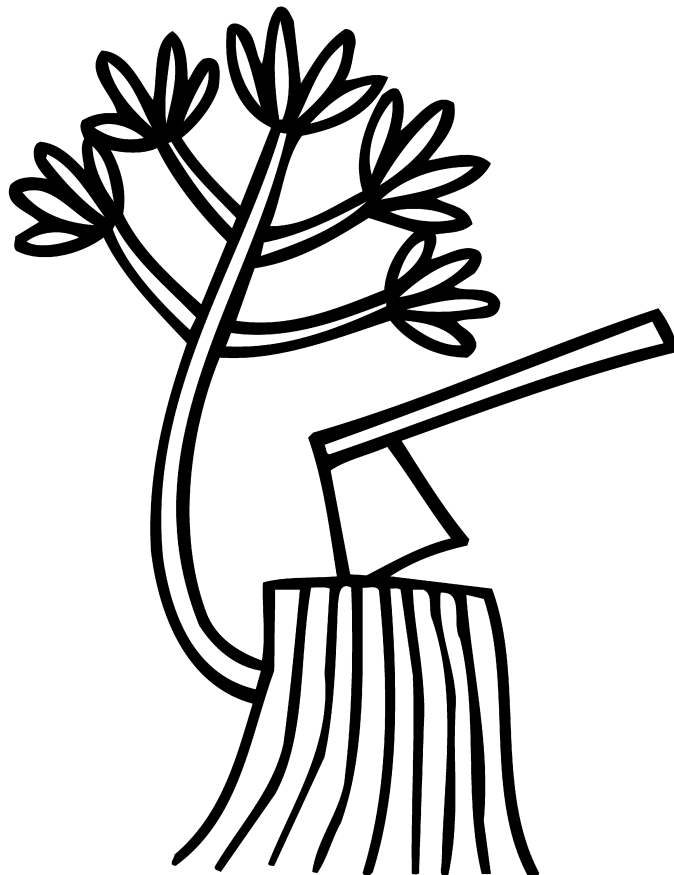
AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Thank you for coming.

May God's peace be yours today.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Charlie Blakeslee

John Lewis
David Little
Rebecca Little
Amy & Dave Louen
Kari Machowski

Deb & Jon Sterling
Tom Sterling Sr.
RuthAnn Stone
Patricia Switzer
Gloria Thibault

Family and Friends of Dennis Nalette

Family and Friends of Margaret Franzi

Kathleen Bowler
Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Kathy Ann Campbell
Angelo & Nicole Capasso

Mary Ellen Mackinnon
Jerry MacManus
Irene Madore
Audrey Marquard
Abigail Marine

Andy Thomas
Julia Thompson Carroll
Kyle Thurlough & family
Susan Tycienski
Carol Vrlík

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Judy Schaller
Ernest Marquard
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray

Carol Cianciolo
Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson

Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers

Eveyn Walters
Steve Warner
Sue Watkins
Renee Woodard
Bruce Yauney

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Winifried Diorio
Irene Douglas
J.J. Eby
Judy Elliott
Walt Esker

Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller
Bob Murphy
Barbara Nalette

Clayton Young
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jen O.
Jaiden

Jan Eucalitto
Jennifer Ezzo
Weston Faith
Bruce & Liz Falls
Tommy Fitzpatrick

Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family
Karen Pagano
Russell Palmer

Steve
Lou W.
Steve
Todd
Robert K.

Bob Frantz
Ashley Friday
John Fox
Joan Gerard
Danise Hall

Maria Payne
Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Caroline Quintal
Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard

Diane A.
Terry
Joe
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared

Jack & Barbara Heintz
Brayden Herzberg
Renate Higgins
Charles Hilton
Kathleen Hilton

Louise Roche
Baerbel Roehl
Patricia & Richard Sawitzke
Holly Schaff
Rosemary & Otto Schibi

Vinny
Hagbard
Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut

Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren
Erma Horn
Eunice Jones

Denae Seelye
Matt Simpson
Lori Sola
Dana Steele
Sigrid Smitley

Colleen
Ken
Kathy
Jaxson
Gail

Rusty Judd
Colin Keeley
Marilyn Killingbeck
Jason Lashbrook
Gail Lavoie

Paul Smith
Arlene Soja
John Sproat
Dana & George Steele
Jennifer Stella

F.C.H.
Chantel
Stephan
Jason R.
Diane L.

Holly L.
Al & Mary

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia USCG
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
New Evangelism Team meeting	12/7	After church
Yankee Chorale Concert	12/7	4 pm
Annual Congregational Meeting	12/18	6:30 pm
Pageant Rehearsal	12/19	6:00 pm
Blue Christmas Service	12/21	4pm
Christmas Eve	12/24	10 am 4 pm

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
 In person Bible Study Wednesdays
 10:00 am
 Wednesdays
 Tai Chi 11:00 am
 Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$4,561
Received	\$2,859
Shortfall	(\$1,702)
YTD shortfall	(\$64,875)

Minimalist bulletin

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