

What Is the Candle of Peace?

One of the hallmarks of the Christmas story is when the angels appear to the shepherds and proclaim, "Peace on earth," in **Luke 2:14**.

Jesus brought about peace, in the most unexpected ways, when he arrived. The Jews, particularly the zealots, wanted a rebellion. They wanted their Savior to overturn the oppressive rule of the Romans and bring about peace in a violent way. But Jesus had something else in mind. Jesus brings us peace in a number of ways.

First, he gives us inner peace. Because of his work on **the cross**, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This grants us an inner peace (**John 14:27**). Not only do we have the peace that comes from our assurance of salvation, but we also have the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.

Second, we have peace with others. We put aside our differences (**Galatians 3:28**), especially with other believers, because we belong to the same family. We have the same purpose: to let others know about the peace of Christ.

The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to see God's here and not-yet here kingdom. Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to **trust in God's promises** (**Proverbs 3:5**), through restful, tranquil faith, despite the dark, scary world around us.

What Does the Bible Say about Peace?

Not surprisingly, the Bible has a lot to say about peace, as it attributes peace to Jesus himself: the Prince of Peace (**Isaiah 9:6**).

In fact, the word peace appears somewhere between **200-400 times** in the Bible.

In addition to the items listed above, biblical peace:

Guards our hearts from the devil (**Philippians 4:7**)

Brings us joy (**Proverbs 12:20**)

Is a blessing from God (**Psalms 29:11**)

Assists us during dire circumstances (**Isaiah 54:10**)

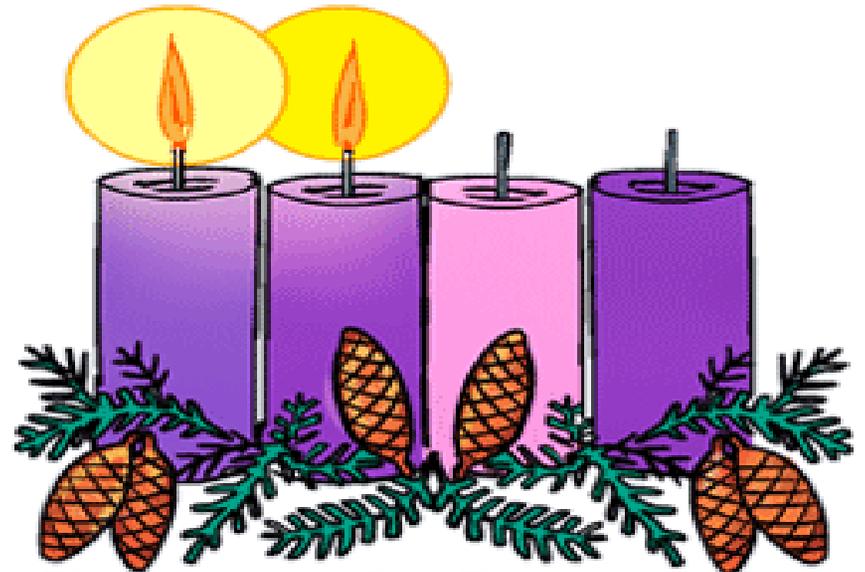
Among **dozens of other purposes**.

In a scary and violent world, the peace of God grants us a tranquility you cannot find anywhere else and offers a light to others who do not yet know that peace.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

-A Church of Joy-

Welcomes You to Worship



**Second Sunday
of Advent**

December 5th, 2021

**10:00 am Worship
1st Sunday in Advent
Remo A. Madsen**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
A Church of Joy!

THE MINISTERS

The People of Good Shepherd Lutheran Congregation

PASTOR

Reverend Remo A. Madsen



A Prayer for
the Second Sunday of
ADVENT

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting. Amen.

Together as a family of faith, let us celebrate **#OurAdvent**

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Therefore I say to you,
whatever things you ask
when you pray, believe
that you receive them,
and you will have them.
Mark 11:24

OUR MEMBERS AND LOVE ONES WITH SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS

OUR MEMBERS:

Barbara Tung, Chick Lent and the Griggs family, Adina Perullo, Gary Regan, Lil Holiner, Marie Neznamy

OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS WITH SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS ARE:

Lee Ann Lo Monaco-cousin of Fran Neri, Tracy Dolen-daughter of Gail George, Pauline DeMicco-mother of Paul George, Cara Smith-daughter of Peggy and Ken Bailey, Lily-friend of Jackie Pigeon, Karen Callahan-friend of Curt Neznamy, Linda Cucci-sister of Donna Berchoff, Larry Dolen-ex husband of Gail George, The Colon Family- friends of Donna Z

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 10am - 11 am..... AA meetings

Tuesday Seniors 1—3 pm

Wednesday Adult Education - Bible Study - 7:00pm

Thursday Joann's Bible Study on-line at 7 PM

Friday Food and Fun Friday— Septembers— 5:30-8:30

Saturday Farmers Market 9 –1
Serenity Night Live 6:30 PM (open meeting)

Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR PANTRY NEEDS OUR PARTNERSHIP

**Cans of Vegetables
Cranberry Sauce
Cans of Fruit
Mac and Cheese
Soup**

**Cereal
Mashed Potato Mix
Jams
Stuffing Mix**

Place donations in the labeled container outside the tent

Any items you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated

******* We also need Supermarket Gift Cards *******

Place them in the offering basket

Contact Info: 516 655 9080

SENIOR GROUP

If you are looking for some companionship and fellowship, please come and join us. We have refreshments, lots of talking and even some crocheting and knitting.

TUESDAYS FROM 1PM TO 3 PM

Make some new friends and keep the old
One is silver and the other is gold

PASTOR'S WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.....O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

(refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, strong branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

(refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.



APOSTLE'S CREED (CONGREGATION)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

SCRIPTURES/READINGS: MARK 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God



TIME TO COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.....



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One of our greatest blessings is our church and the fellowship and support we find here at Good Shepherd.

Please remember your church at this time of need and a gentle reminder to please continue to send in your pledge commitments according to your promised schedule. This helps us to feel confident that we can proceed with our rebuild plans

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS NOW OPEN!!!!!!!!!!!!

**SUNDAY 12 NOON—8 PM
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 12 NOON—8 PM
SATURDAY 10:00AM—8 PM**



Please contact Wendy M @ 516 361 3649 to sign up for a shift as cashier or Tree Lot worker

PRAYER AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P: May the God who is above you watch over you, beside you, befriend you, behind you pick you up when you fall, ahead of you lead you every step of the way, may you go in peace, joy, and with -

C: ENTHUSIAM

SENDING HYMN

God sent his Son, they called his Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive,
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He hold the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives,
But greater still, the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

AMEN

SERMON HYMN.....I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with him,
Though the night around me be falling.
But he bids me go, through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known

*******THE LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE ***** 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT**



SERMON.....REMO A. MADSEN



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: 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**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God;

C: We confess that we are in bondage 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.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN**

OFFERING AND TITHES WILL BE RECEIVED DURING THE HYMN

OFFERING HYMN.....ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!



Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King!
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Congregation)

**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,
The power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**