

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent, Yr. A



ADVENT: On the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Christ Jesus. To help us celebrate, we light candles on the Advent wreath to remind us, Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that Jesus is Life - and brings Life to us. All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

Ringin' of Bell

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

Light TWO Purple Candles as Reading Begins

RDR: On this SECOND Sunday of Advent,
we light the candle of *Peace*.
God sent Jesus to bring justice, harmony
and *Peace* to all creation.
Christ Jesus is the Prince of *Peace* —
Jesus is *Our Peace*.
And the fruit of his presence - is *Peace*.

**All: Come Lord Jesus - guide our feet
into the way of *Peace*.**

HYMN VERSE: Verse 2

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn No. 242

² To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing; music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.

◆ CONFESSION & 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. Teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God, 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. † We are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Hark, The Glad Sound!* No. 239

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long; let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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.

C: 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. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

From David's line, a ruler bringing justice and peace

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.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 We read responsively

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

L: 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

Live in harmony, welcoming one another.

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.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

A voice cries: Prepare the way of the 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."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor D.J. Chatelaine

HYMN OF THE DAY (w/organ) new ACS 266

We Are Waiting for Jesus

Music on Pg. 4

◆ 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 INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

C: Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

No. 239

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

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.

Come Now O Prince of Peace

No. 247

Use Hymnal

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.

C: Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. 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.

◆ HYMN *Prepare the Royal Highway* No. 264

Use Hymnal

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WE ARE WAITING FOR JESUS ACS 905

1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Sun of jus-tice, shine up on us; we are trust - ing in your prom-ise
Loving Shepherd, walk be-side us; stir our hearts, & gent-ly guide us.

We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

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PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMNS: *Hark! The Glad Sound!*

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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Dax Eggert, Larry Walker, Renee Spidahl-Carmichael,
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CALENDAR

Su 12-7

9 AM WORSHIP - ADVENT TWO

10 AM Coffee

10 AM SUN School Chr. Shopping &
Costume Assignments

We 12-10

5:30 PM Advent Supper

6:30 PM Advent Worship

Sa 12-13

2 PM BEAU CHANT Concert @ First

See flyers for more info

Su 12-14

9 AM WORSHIP - ADVENT THREE

10 AM Coffee

10 AM SUN SCHOOL - class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kenyon Area Internship Committee__

requests your input by way of a survey - found on
entrance tables. Please return by DEC. 14.
Thank you.

Christmas Plants in Honor / Memory

Christmas Repair Fund Gifts in Honor /Memory

Slips for both options can be found at Entrance Tables
and attached to Friday e-mails.

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