

# Second Sunday in Advent- December 7, 2025 PAX

## Installation of Pastor Bernhard Huesmann

### As We Gather

The problem with good works is not *that* we should do them but *why*. Our works reflect what it is we believe and hold dear. Works are the fruit of repentance and faith and do not add to what Christ has done in His mighty work of redemption. The call to bear the good fruit of repentance is not to work harder to be saved but to manifest in our everyday lives that we are saved, that we belong to the Lord, and that He has accomplished all things for our salvation. John faced a generation impressed with their works and empty of faith in God's mercy. We should know that doing works is not a choice. Hearts of faith will produce the good fruits of repentance. This is the calling of Christians and the mark of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

### ***"Joyful (The One Who Saves)"***

Verse: Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of Love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before You, opening to the sun above.

Verse: Melt the clouds of sin and sadness. Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of eternal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Chorus: You are the One Who saves. You are the One Who saves. You are the One  
Whose hands lift us from the grave.  
You are the Light of Life, the Everlasting Day. You are the One Who takes all  
our sins away.

Verse: You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest.  
Fountain of the joy of living, ocean depths of happy rest.

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### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P** We light our second Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

*Two Advent candles are lit.*

### Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philippians 1:6*

- P** May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.
- C** **May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

- P** Holy and gracious God,
- C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan

were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

<sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Creed

*Apostles' Creed*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Message

**"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"**

Verse:                One Star burns in the darkness, shines with the promise, Emmanuel.  
                             One Child born in the stillness, living within us Emmanuel.

Chorus: We're singing "Glory! Glory! Let there be peace! Let there be peace!"  
We're singing "Glory! Glory! Let there be peace! Let it start in me."

Verse: One voice speaks for the voiceless. Hope for the hopeless, Emmanuel.  
One Love brings us together, now and forever, Emmanuel.

Chorus: We're singing "Glory! Glory! Let there be peace! Let there be peace!"  
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Bridge: Do not be afraid! His love is strong enough to save us.  
Nothing stands in the way, His love is strong enough to lead us.  
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Sermon *"We Preach Christ Crucified"* Rev. Glenn Meyer

## Offering

### ***"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"***

Verse: 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 are. Dear desire  
of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Verse: Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King. Born to reign in us  
forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thy own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone. By Thine all sufficient  
merit, raise us to Thine glorious throne.

Chorus: Come thou great Redeemer, come Emmanuel. Bless the nations with Your  
presence here.

Born our souls to rescue, born to save Your very own. Long expected Jesus,  
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### Prayers of the Church

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

### 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.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## ***"Hark The Herald Angels Sing (with King of Heaven)"***

Verse:               Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.

Chorus:             Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies. With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
                        Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king.

Verse:               Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace, hail the Son of righteousness. Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Chorus:             Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die. Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
                        Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king.

Bridge :             King of heaven, come down. King of heaven come now. Let Your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven, come  
                        King of heaven, rise up. Who can stand against us? You are strong to save. In Your mighty name, King of heaven, come.

Oh.....oh.....oh. Oh.....oh.....oh.

Verse:               Christ by highest heaven adore, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold Him come, offspring of virgin's womb.

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