

Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2025, 10:30 am

Prelude / Bell / Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We come to prepare the way;

L: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ

L: We cry out together in the wilderness:

L: We come to be part of the light

C: The way for Christ

C: to enter our world, to enter our hearts.

C: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

C: the light that shines in the darkness.

May it be so with us. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Song

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ELW # 255

Lighting the Advent Wreath

L: The voice of one crying out in the wilderness.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

C: O God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.

L: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

C: O God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.

L: The crooked shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low."

C: O God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.

L: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

C: O God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.

L: We light again the first Advent candle and remember that hope is coming. As we light the second Advent candle, the candle of peace, we remember that the Prince of Peace is coming and we join in the work of preparing the way. We can walk gently in the way of peace. **C: Amen.**

Song

Light One Candle (verse 1 & 2)

ELW # 240

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.**

Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

L: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. + You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **C: Amen.**

Greeting: L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer L: Holy God

C: We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7. 18-19

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.

Gospel Acclamation *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ELW 257 v. 1

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
 L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Welcome Song *"Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world. You are loved and you are light. You are precious in God's sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."*

Children's Message & Sermon Rev. Mindy Czycalla

Hymn *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* ELW # 249

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 People, response: L: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Offering / Offertory *Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow*
(sing to tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

L: Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**
Service continues on

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*sing*)

Communion Welcome:
All who are hungry for God's love and mercy are welcome to this table of forgiveness.

Holy Communion *"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"* ELW # 247

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing: L: 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.**

Closing Hymn

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

ELW # 264

Dismissal: L: Go in peace. Keep awake. **C: We will. Thanks be to God.**

We Thank

Ushers; Tech Desk; Advent Wreath: Schaefer family
Reader: Peggy Moline

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson
Communion Servers: Paul Gaebe & Lauren

Nordland's Week

Dec. 7, 2025

Today 9:30 / 10:30 Education & Fellowship & Assembling cookie plates / Communion Worship
11:30 am Pasta Dinner to welcome Pastor Mindy Czycalla and Lawnmower Appreciation!
Wed. 9:00 am NLCW & Gather Bible Study
6 / 6:30 pm Wed. Meal / Education & Confirmation
Sun. 9:30 / 10:30 Education & Fellowship / Christmas Program "The Star over the North"
4:00 pm Blue Christmas Worship for the Weary

Congregational Surveys are in church boxes or at the usher counter and are due back today Dec. 7.

We will be looking for volunteers to deliver goodie plates to our honored members after church today.

The Mitten Tree is up! The Link & Community Service Center appreciate your donations of hats, scarves, mittens & new socks. We'll be taking donations up till Christmas but delivering a couple different times to the centers early to help those already in need. – Congregational Life Bd.

Christmas Concert by the Porch Players today, Dec. 7, 2 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, Belgrade. Come enjoy the music and stay for a light lunch following! Everyone welcome!

Sunday School Christmas Program is Dec. 14, at 10:30 am Worship. Practice Dec. 7 & 14, 9:30 am. This years' program will have a Norwegian theme, and we encourage you to wear festive sweaters!

Sunday, Dec. 14 there will be a Love Offering basket for Jerrod Quade Family.

Salem Historical Church "Pioneer Christmas" celebration December 20. Wagon rides 3 - 4:15 pm, and program at 4:30. Please bring gifts of non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys suitable for children ages 2-12. Your generous gifts will help brighten the holidays for local families through the Community Service Center. A freewill offering will be taken for the restoration of Salem Church. Refreshments and treat bags for all. The address is 28547 220th Street, Paynesville MN. For more information, visit the website <https://www.salemhistoricalchurch.com> or call 320-249-0373.