

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion toward all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Mitten Tree – Our mitten tree has been set up again in our Place of Welcome. Please help us decorate it with mittens, socks, and toques to be donated to Streets Alive

Lunch & Christmas Carols – Wednesday, December 10th at 12:30 pm

Christmas Movie Night – Dec 12th at 6:30 pm

Painting with “Bob” – Dec 17th at 1 pm

(No thematic introduction during Advent)

While everything around us and in our lives seems to speak hurry up, we are invited to take a moment, to enter the wide-open space, to wait in stillness and the presence of God.

"SERVICE OF LIGHT OPENING" Holden Evening Prayer

Leader:



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



be with us in the light of this morning

All:



and chase away the shadows of our fear.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

2 *poco rit.*



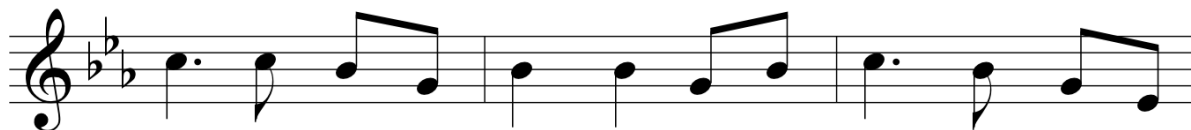
1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



mor - ning dawns a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

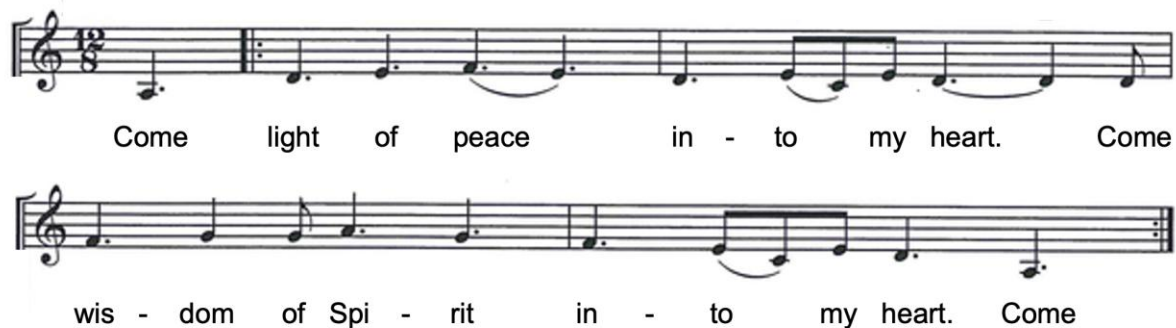
And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. 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. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

"Come, Light of Peace"



Candlelighters (two voices)

- A The season of Advent reminds us of the hope we have in the humanity of Jesus. God came to us, leaving behind the glory of heaven to be a person feeling pain, joy, loss, and love.
- B Today, again, we light the candle of hope, because in Jesus, heaven came to earth.

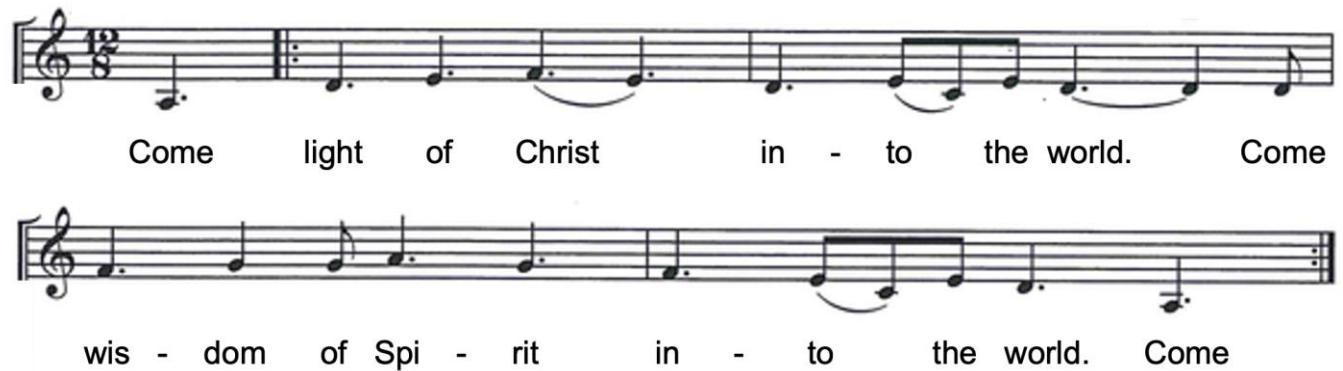
Light the first candle.

- A Advent reminds us the Prince of Peace came and lived among us. He felt the stress within and conflict with other people, yet he chose his path of peace – peace with himself, and peace with humankind.
- B: Today, we light the candle of peace because Jesus shows us how to live in peace.

Light the second candle.

- A: Jesus Christ you are the light of the world. May we have eyes to see you and ears to hear you.
- B: Come into our world today. Amen.

Sing twice



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
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.
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,
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.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

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.

The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

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.

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.

This is what God is saying to us today

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Leader:



Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

All:



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Leader:



Speak to us now that we might hear you

All:



and fill us with your truth and grace.

Leader:



Holy Spirit, come now a - mong us

All:



Alleluia, Je - sus come.

The gospel and sermon for today have been prepared and shared Pastor Tim Wray who serves Lutheran Church of the Master in Airdrie, AB.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 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.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

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? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 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. 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.

"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. 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.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" ELW 247



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS – Holden

A *Repeat continuously*



(Hmmm)

B



God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: [A] [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: [A] [B]

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

Leader: [A] [B]

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:

4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
 5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
 6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
 7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
 8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish-es all of cre-a-tion:
 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
 10. For all the be-lov-ed who rest in your mer-cy:

Spoken Petitions (after Petition 9):

We pray for especially for Alice, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet C, Victor and Judy, Janet D, Dave, Tiffany, Lori, Corrie, Alice, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda H, Murray, Shirley, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim N., Donna, Helga, Margaret and Clayton, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Ray, Alan T and those we name silently now.

Sing: God of mercy, hold us in love.

Bless the work of our Sunday School Teachers and Students and keep close Brian & Rose Gyorffy and Alice Haraga.

Sing: God of mercy, hold us in love.

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING Holden Evening Prayer, p. 22-23

Leader: *All:*



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider:



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



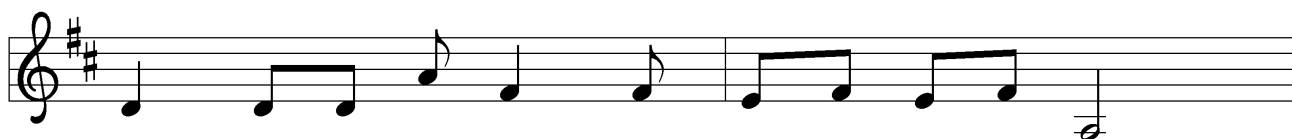
all of our days. _____

All:



A - men.

SENDING SONG "All Earth is Hopeful" ELW 266



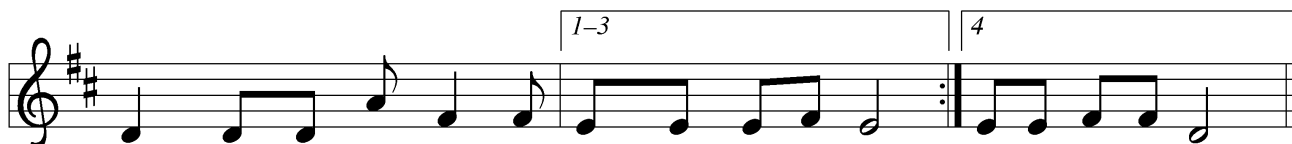
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is coming soon!

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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