

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025



PEACE

10 a.m. Worship
Augustana Lutheran Church
Pastor *Amy Kelly*
Accompanist *Anne Hintz*

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. (*stand if able)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

"Light One Candle"

vs. 1 & 2



Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: Yiddish folk tune

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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful and selfish systems and do not embrace your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.



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.

- 2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
 "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
 será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
 con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
- 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
 nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
 Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
 y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

- 4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
 pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
 Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
 y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

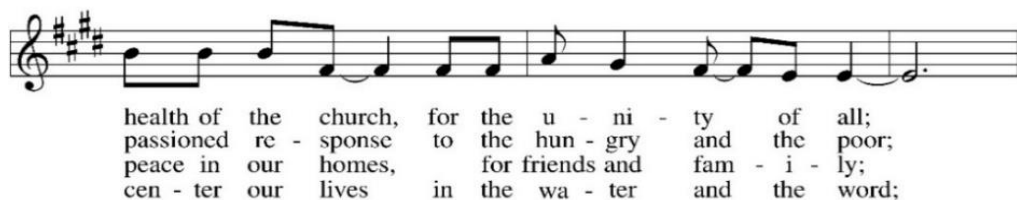
*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE ELEISON

Leader sings verses; All Refrain



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

CHILDREN'S WORD

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

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.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰On 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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "*Emmanuel*"

W&P #36

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has six measures with lyrics 'Em - man - u - el,'. The second line has six measures with lyrics 'his name is called Em - man - u - el;'. The third line has six measures with lyrics 'God with us, re - vealed in us;'. The fourth line has six measures with lyrics 'his name is called Em - man - u - el.' and ends with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above each measure: C, C/E, F, G, G⁷, C, C/B \flat in the first line; A, A/C \sharp , Dm, G⁷, G/B, C in the second line; C/E, F, G, G⁷, C, C/B \flat in the third line; A, A/C \sharp , Dm, G⁷, F/C, C in the fourth line. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 3:1-12

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.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Amy Kelly

HYMN OF THE DAY "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

1. Let there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Fa - ther,

broth - ers all are we. Let me

walk with my broth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

2. Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now.

With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: To take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly. Let

there be peace on earth and let it be - gin with me.

let it be - gin with me.

***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**

Each petition will end with the words, "Hear us O God"
The congregation responds, **"Your mercy is great"**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** *"Give Thanks"*

W&P #41

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should in all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Musics: *How Our Faith and Celebration*, Mary Hamers, B. 1950
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P: You are indeed Holy, Almighty and Merciful God. You are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved that world that you gave your only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome at Christ's table, you will be ushered forward.
Grape juice is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers, please request.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear
good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

ELW #697

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, Christ is with us.

C: Thanks be to God.

AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

Sun	12/7	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Advent Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship
Tue	12/9	9:30 a.m. 12 p.m.	Ruth Circle Deborah Circle
Wed	12/10	10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Office Open	
Thu	12/11	9 a.m. 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Office Open	Piecemakers Quilting
Sun	12/14	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Pop-up Christmas Worship St. Lucia Event

Please see the Kiosk for details on other happenings this week.

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*YOU'RE INVITED TO
ST. LUCIA and POP-UP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Sunday, December 14
Pop-Up Christmas Celebration Worship 10 a.m.
St. Lucia lunch starting @ 11:00 am
Bring a dish to share, does not have to be Swedish*

Augustana Lutheran Church's Welcome Statement

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-off or down on your luck. We especially welcome crying babies and excited toddlers. We welcome single parent families and those with no family at all, individuals with special needs and individuals in need of Christ's love. We welcome you whether you can sing like Michael Buble' or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up or just got out of prison. It makes no difference to us if you were awarded a Sunday School Perfect Attendance Pin or you haven't been to church since Christmas Eve Service when you were five. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome those with an 11:30 tee-time, and those with nowhere to be, active duty military members, veterans, keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters, teetotalers and homebrewers. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because you're visiting Grandma and she insisted on coming. We welcome those who are tattooed, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or took a wrong turn on Cascade Avenue and ended up here by mistake. We don't believe it was by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, vacationers, seekers, skeptics, believers in God, people in need of a God who believes in them, and, of course, you.

** The origin of Augustana's Welcome Statement is a bit mysterious. It was adopted at Coventry Cathedral in England but shared with their minister by a friend from the US. Later, the minister of Coventry Cathedral was contacted and told that it came originally from a small church in Wales who simply asked that whenever it was used people would thank God for its writer. We thank God for the writer and for those who contributed to its present adaptation and, especially, for those who strive to live out Jesus' wide welcome day after day.*