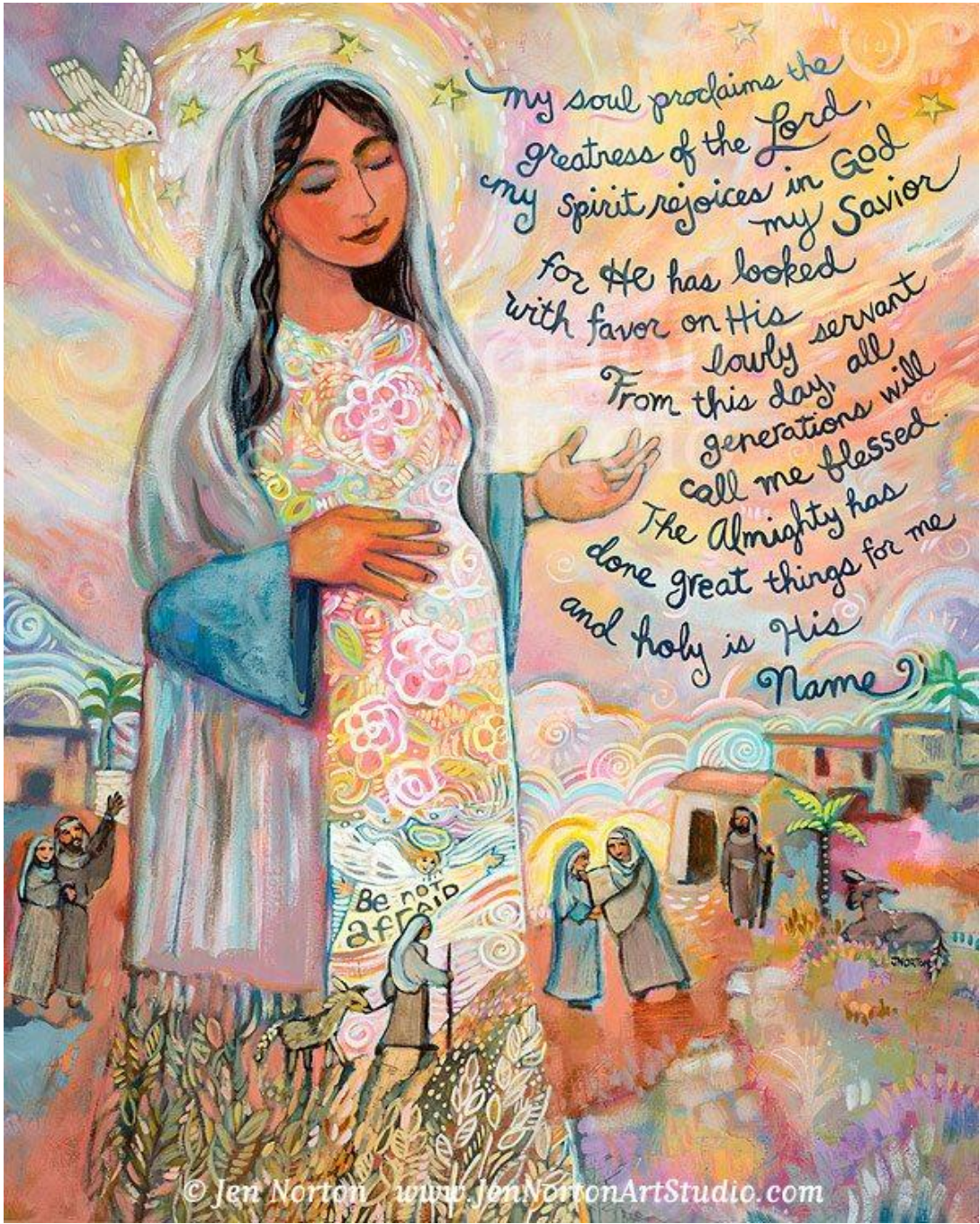


# Live Stream Worship



# ADVENT 4 ~ December 20, 2020

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*Welcome to Live Stream worship. We're glad you've found your way to Peace!*

# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE**

*Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming*

15<sup>th</sup> Century Carol

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming*

**ELW #272**

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

## 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

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,  
Ky-ri - e e - le - e - le - i - son.  
Ga - thered by your love, we pray for hea - ling and hope. Lord,  
give us peace, make us one, sal - va - tion come.  
From your per - fect love, bring your per - fect reign to  
ev' - ry heart, ev' - ry home; let love be known.  
Lord our God have mer - cy, Je - sus Christ have mer - cy,  
Save us by your mer - cy Lord.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With our abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ADVENT SONG

### *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near:  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

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## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*The candles on the Advent wreath are lit progressively as we prepare to welcome Christ.*

- L God does not come from nowhere but through a people named Israel, a prophet named Nathan, a king named David, and a descendant of David named Jesus.
- L When King David had defeated his enemies he wanted to build a temple, as a house for God's presence, and consulted Nathan, who said,  
*"Do whatever you have in mind." But God gave Nathan a different message about a different kind of house: Down to this day I have never dwelt in a house since I brought Israel up out of Egypt. I lived in a tent and a tabernacle. . . Your family and your kingdom will be established for ever in my sight.*
- L Through an angel God speaks to Mary: *You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; his reign shall never end.*
- L Through Mary, God speaks to us:  
*My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, whose name is holy,  
who has routed the proud and all their schemes,  
brought down monarchs from their thrones, . . .  
raised on high the lowly, filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.*
- L We light our fourth candle, as a sign of God's love,  
shining in the world through people past and present.

*The fourth candle is lit.*

- L Let us pray. Living God, thank you for coming to our world.
- C Thank you for meeting us in real people,  
whose stories we can tell, and above all in Jesus.**

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**PSALM: *My Soul in Stillness Waits***

Marty Haugen

*The assembly joins the cantor on each refrain:*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness  
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

*Cantor:* Come, let us bow before the God who made us,  
Let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,  
For we are all the people of his hand. *Refrain*

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,  
Creator of the mountains and the seas,  
Lord of the stars, and present to us now. *Refrain*

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**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL PART ONE: Luke 1:26-38**

Liz Hernandez

*In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people (Mary) from little-known places (Nazareth). This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God."

<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

# INTERLUDE

## *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

ELW #265, verses 1-3

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!



## **GOSPEL PART TWO: Luke 1:39-56**

Liz Hernandez

*After the annunciation by Gabriel, Mary goes quickly to see Elizabeth.*

*Their encounter confirms what Gabriel said, inspiring Mary to raise her voice in a song of praise and thanksgiving.*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Nicole Klinemeier

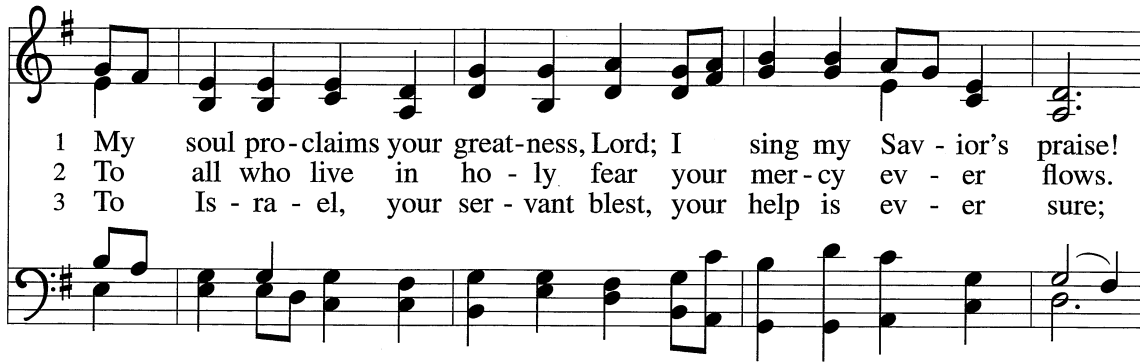
**SERMON**

Rev. Erik Kindem

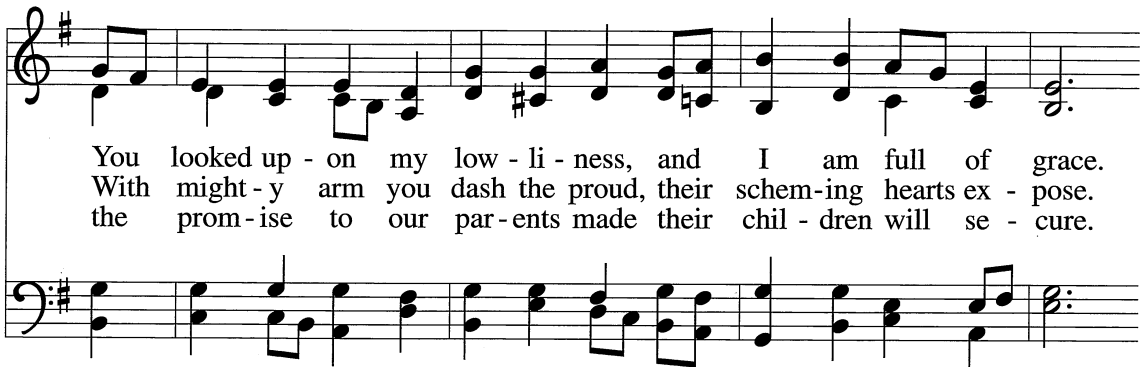
# HYMN OF THE DAY

## *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness Lord*

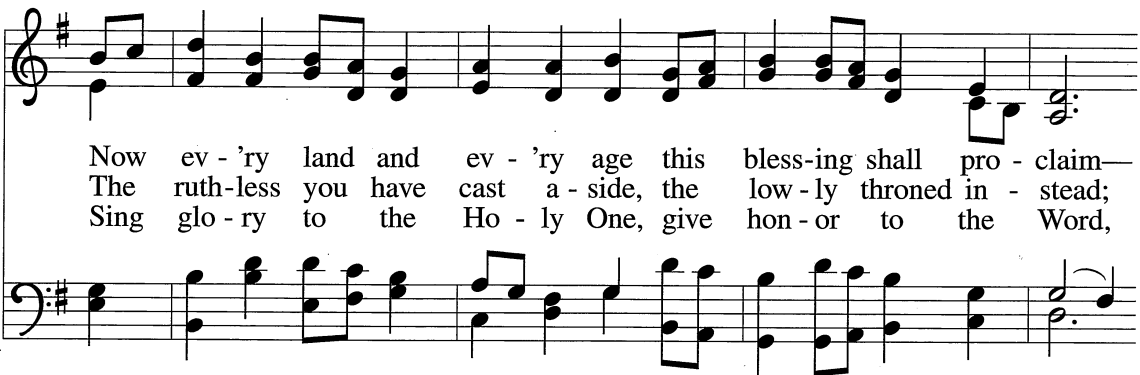
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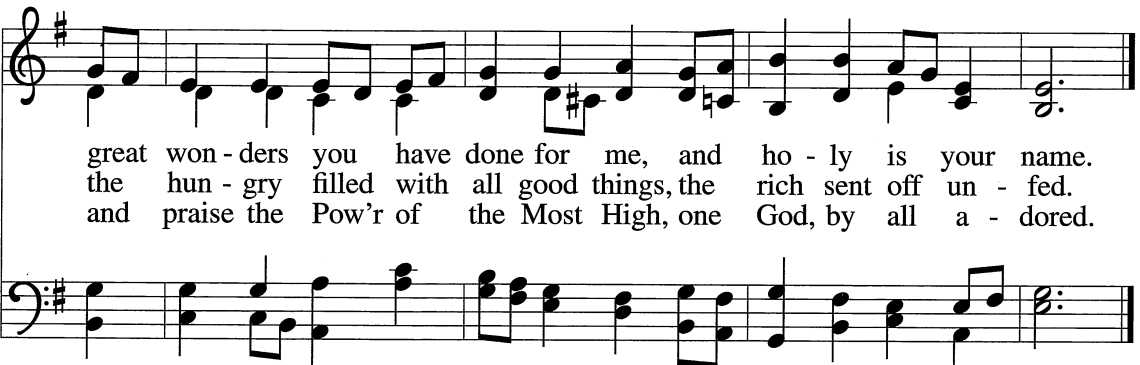
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.  
3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;



You looked up-on my low-li-ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might-y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex-pose.  
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil-dren will se-cure.



Now ev-'ry land and ev-'ry age this bless-ing shall pro-claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a-side, the low-ly throned in-stead;  
Sing glo-ry to the Ho-ly One, give hon-or to the Word,



great won-ders you have done for me, and ho-ly is your name.  
the hun-gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un-fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a-dored.



# + PRAYERS +

## PRAYERS

Boots Winterstein

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

**P** Come, Lord Jesus,

**C** and let your reign be among us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *Ecumenical*

**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.**

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## OFFERING

*Your monetary can help to support this ministry, as well as the ongoing ministry of our congregation and synod, and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give a regular or special offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#). Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!*

## OFFERTORY

*We Raise Our Hands*

ELW #690



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like  
2 What good and blessing you bestow are



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and  
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.  
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Generous God,

C you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season.

Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.

In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

P The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,

the long-expected Savior fill you with love,

the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, + now and forever.

C Amen.

## + SENDING +

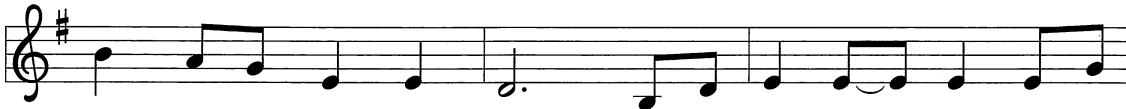
### SENDING HYMN

### *Canticle of the Turning*

ELW #723, verses 1 & 4



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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**P** Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Beethoven

*December 16, 2020, marked the 250 anniversary of Ludwig Van Beethoven's birth.*

*Happy Birthday, Herr Beethoven!*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2020 YEAR END GIFTS

If you are planning to make a year end gift but have not yet done so, please make certain your check is dated on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP

**CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30pm STORY ZOOM FOR CHILDREN** Gather your family for a very special ZOOM Christmas Eve storytime. Families will hear the story of Christmas through interactive storytelling and music. The zoom room will be open before and after so you can wish each other a Merry Christmas. Schedule for the evening: 4:15 pre-story chat, 4:30 to 5 storytime, 5-5:10 post story chat. Hosted by Nicole Klinemeier [plaidmnm@gmail.com](mailto:plaidmnm@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** Our Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols will be recorded music reflecting the Nativity text read by various members of our congregation. Beautiful recordings from PLU's Choir of the West, Jon Lackey singing Silent Night in Swedish with a 50-voice choir and organ at Saint Mark's Cathedral, and much more will accompany each portion of the scripture reading. Pastor Erik's sermon will be pre-recorded and will be a part of the service that will be available to view on our YouTube channel on Christmas Eve beginning at 6pm. Translations and other graphics will enhance the video. Stay tuned for more information to come.

### **1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 27**

The staff of our NW Washington Synod are compiling a full pre-recorded service of lessons and carols for December 27 with the help of some of our talented folks around the synod. Look for a link to this service on our Peace Website by December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **12 GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS FROM PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**

In this year of change, the annual Christmas celebration will become *PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas* and will feature short artistic vignettes distributed on consecutive days in December. These gifts will be shared [via email](#) and social media, and posted on the [PLU Christmas Concert website](#). These will include new musical works recorded this fall, performances from recent Christmas Concerts, and personal reflections from students and faculty. These are gifts to the PLU community—an opportunity to continue the PLU Christmas tradition within the constraints of a worldwide pandemic. To receive PLU's 12 Gifts of Christmas via email, please [sign up here](#).

## CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT SUNDAY CLASS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 10, 2021

Our series for December 6, 13, and 20, focused on the *Magnificat*, the song of Mary as recorded in Luke, Chapter 1, verses 47-55. If you'd like to participate, email Pastor Erik at [pastor@peacelutheranseattle.org](mailto:pastor@peacelutheranseattle.org) and you'll receive a ZOOM invite in your email inbox each Sunday morning. Adult class will take a break on Dec 27 and Jan 3.

### ABC'S, THE BIBLE, AND YOU—Hey, kids, are you age 3 through 2nd grade

and like stories? Join Julie and Melanie on Zoom for a Bible story each week. You'll also get to do crafts and sing fun, silly songs, and see you friends. Sounds like a blast! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:15 or so.

### WHIRL KIDS calling all 2nd to 5th graders will take a break on Dec 27 & Jan 3.

Chris will meet you on Zoom for Whirl videos, digging into the Bible, and talking about life together. Don't miss out! Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30. Resumes January 10.

### GET CONNECTED - Middle & H. S. youth will take a break on Dec 27 & Jan 3.

are invited to get connected to the Bible and each other. We will be walking through the Bible with the Connect curriculum videos and drawing connections between different stories. This class will be great for anyone who wants to know more about the Bible even if you know very little. That's the book with Jesus in it, right? Class will run from 9:45 to 10:30 or so. Class will resume January 10.

**FAITH LENS - High school youth and beyond** are invited to discuss the current news stories and the weekly Gospel reading. There is a lot happening right now. Let's come together and try to make sense of it asking: "where is God in this story"? This class will meet at 9-9:45am. Having your breakfast or morning beverage close by is encouraged.

## CONTRIBUTING TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Preacher and Presider: Pastor Erik P. Kindem

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Advent Lighting: The Smith Family

Lector: Liz Hernandez

Children's Message: Nicole Klinemeier

Prayers: Boots Winterstein

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