

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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## DECEMBER 5, 2021

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*Welcome to Peace – We're glad you found us!  
Your presence here enriches our community.*



*Throughout Advent we are exploring in particular the gifts that night and darkness bring.  
Our first reading, from Exodus, tells of how God chose thick, dark clouds  
to both reveal and conceal his presence.*

# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE**

*Humbly Let Us Voice Our Homage*

Jon Lackey

**WELCOME**

**LITANY FOR ADVENT**

*Today's Captivities*

Brian Wren

**P** Christ our Savior, save us from today's captivities.  
From the need to have more; and from having our identity  
and self-worth defined by what we possess.

**C** **Savior Christ, set us free.**

**A** From the need to be satisfied without waiting;  
and from anxiety when material longings are deferred.

**C** **Savior Christ, set us free.**

**P** From paralysis and confusion, in the face of so many needs, so much information.

**C** **Savior Christ, set us free.**

**A** From hyperactivism that denies our limitations,  
and from apathy that denies our God-given powers.

**C** **Savior Christ, set us free.**

**P** From trying to replace you as Savior, by taking the world on our shoulders.

**C** **Savior Christ, set us free.**

**A** From ignorance or denial of what drives us;  
and from captivity to personal drives and needs.

**C** **Savior Christ, set us free.**

**P** From embarrassment in speaking about your love; from not knowing what to say;  
And from the shame of being misunderstood, scorned, or ignored.

**C** **Savior Christ, set us free.**

**A** From captivity to anger, bitterness, and disappointment;  
and from captivities we cannot speak about, or name.

**C** **Savior Christ, set us free. Amen.**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.

**GREETING**

**P** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation 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.



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**ADVENT SONG**            *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verses 3 & 4*

O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

Streit Family

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

**L** The Gospel of Luke speaks about God's messenger:

*In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, . . .  
the word of God came to John son of Zechariah. . . .*

*He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins.*

God comes to us through particular people,  
in particular places and times in the past, and here and now.

Our second candle reminds us to look for the face of God in God's messengers today.

*The second candle is lit.*

**L** Living Christ, give us faith to trust you and hope to follow you.

**C** **We trust you, we love you, we praise you. Amen.**

**READING: Exodus 19:1, 3-14, 16-19**

Helen Hundley

*As the people of Israel enter the wilderness, God tells Moses he will speak to them from Mount Sinai in the form of a thick, dark cloud. The people are warned not to get too close, lest their lives be forfeit.*

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.” <sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after.” When Moses had told the words of the people to the LORD, <sup>10</sup>the LORD said to Moses: “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes <sup>11</sup>and prepare for the third day, because on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. <sup>12</sup>You shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Be careful not to go up the mountain or to touch the edge of it. Any who touch the mountain shall be put to death. <sup>13</sup>No hand shall touch them, but they shall be stoned or shot with arrows; whether animal or human being, they shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they may go up on the mountain.” <sup>14</sup>So Moses went down from the mountain to the people. He consecrated the people, and they washed their clothes.

<sup>16</sup>On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. <sup>17</sup>Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. <sup>19</sup>As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak and God would answer him in thunder.

L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 95**

*The assembly joins the cantor on each refrain:*

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

*Cantor:* O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, Heidi Eilers  
 And in your advent, draw us all to you,  
 Our hope reborn in dying and in rising. *Refrain*  
 O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,  
 We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,  
 Open to us the pathway of your peace. *Refrain*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Pastor Erik

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

*John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of humans leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

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

<sup>5</sup>'Every valley shall be filled,  
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
 and the crooked shall be made straight,  
 and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Joyful is the Dark*

ACS #1096



1 Joy - ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,  
 2 Joy - ful is the dark, Spir - it of the deep,  
 3 Joy - ful is the dark, shad - owed sta - ble floor;  
 4 Joy - ful is the dark, cool - ness of the tomb,  
 5 Joy - ful is the dark, depth of love di - vine,



roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing:  
 wing - ing wild - ly o'er the world's cre - a - tion,  
 an - gels flick - er, God on earth con - fess - ing,  
 wait - ing for the won - der of the morn - ing;  
 roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry,



maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of love,  
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum - age black and bright,  
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing birth,  
 nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and gloom:  
 ho - ly, haunt - ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.



Word - in - flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.  
 swoop - ing with the beau - ty of a ra - ven.  
 hails the in - fant cry of need and bless - ing.  
 dark - ness was the cra - dle of the dawn - ing.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!

**+ PRAYERS +**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sarah Bliss

A In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

A God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

*Your monetary gifts support our mission and ELCA ministries around the region and 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 to You*

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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,

**C** we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people.

**Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**C** Amen.



# + SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

ELW #249 vs 3-5

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

*Largo in C Major*

Henry Heron



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Liturgical Assistant	Sarah Bliss
Lector	Helen Hundley
Children's Sermon	Pastor Erik
Cantor	Heidi Eilers
Greeters	Helen Hundley (host), Marcia Olson, Shannon Williams
Ushers	Alan Jarvimaki
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy
Production Techs	Alex Wren, Joey DiJulio

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 12/5/21

### DECEMBER 5: A FIRST LOOK AT FUNDING OUR MISSION IN 2022

Following worship today will be an opportunity to preview and comment on the church council's draft budget for our ministries in 2022. We will be utilizing ZOOM and YouTube to enable remote participation.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SET FOR 5:00pm

We will celebrate Christmas Eve with **ONE SERVICE AT 5pm** on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Harpist Leslie McMichael will join us for this service of lessons and carols. While we cannot host the children's Christmas pageant during COVID times, this service will appeal to all ages and will be less than an hour in length. It will end with the candle-lit singing of Silent Night. Look for the luminaries to guide you as you make your way to Peace on this holy night! You can make a reservation for the Christmas Eve service on EventBrite by following this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/169391016089>

### PRE-RECORDED SERVICE ONLY FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

There will be **NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, December 26. Instead, the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod will offer a special pre-recorded service which we will broadcast on our YouTube channel beginning at 10:30am that Sunday. A link for the service will be sent out later this month.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 30, 2022

**Sunday, January 30, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar!** We will have options for people to join the meeting in person and through two online platforms. Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **DECEMBER 5** – 1<sup>st</sup> congregational conversation on the proposed 2022 budget.
- **JANUARY 4** – All annual reports from Peace ministries, committees, and task forces are due in the church office (electronic form, please!)
- **JANUARY 18** – Church Council meeting to finalize Annual Meeting agenda and budget.

- **JANUARY 23** – Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available.
- **JANUARY 30** – Annual Meeting following worship.

## ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL COMING UP

Would you like to serve as a member of our congregation's Church Council? There are leadership positions on the Council opening up in January. The council meets once a month to support our ongoing mission, including the discussion of budgets, policies, and the operations of the church. Church council members are the governing body of the church in between congregational meetings. They work as liaisons between the council and all the church committees and ministry teams. The council is comprised of a group of individuals who work hard to maintain a positive, Christian experience for everyone who attends Peace Lutheran Church. **We need you!** If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a church council member please contact Marcia Olson, Heidi Eilers, or Kathleen Keyes. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAYER LIST

**Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers:** **Sick/Recovering:** Jim Baker; Catherine Bell; Connie Benjamin; John Berrell; Joyce Berrell; Cindy Collie; Gavriella DeBoer; Deyhdra Dennis-Weiss; Keili Geller; Nathaniel Gibson; Doug Hauger; Jerry Heiland; Tim Herriford; Mackenzie Hull; Vickie Jarvimaki; Jeffry; Ken Keyes; Ann Kimmel; Kristofer Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Maya Marshall; Bill Marts; Lynn McCracken; Kris McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; John & Renee Parker; Mitch Shepard; Bob & Rosemary Smalding; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Sean Stephens; Kim Sundbloom; Sarah Taylor; Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Nanette Wichman

**Homebound:** Al Bartol; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell; Joyce Wolff

## RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

*Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.*

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If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas Season, please complete the information below.  
Cost is \$16.50 per plant.

You can complete the form and drop it along with your check in the offering plate, mail it in, or drop it by the church office **no later than Sunday, December 19, 2021.**

Given            in memory of                            **OR**            in honor of            **(circle one)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**            “Given to the glory of God”            **(circle if desired)**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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