

ADVENT  
Midweek Service  
December 15, 2021      6:30 p.m.  
Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
HOPE

WELCOME

HYMN OF HOPE: Light Dawns in a Weary World

*ELW Hymn 726*

- 1** Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.  
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

*REFRAIN:* The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

- 2** Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.  
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *REFRAIN*

- 3** Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *REFRAIN*

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SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:1-4a; 6-10

- L** A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>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;  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek  
of the earth; <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.  
<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat  
straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child  
shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>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.

HYMN: O Day of Peace

*ELW Hymn 711*

- 1** O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
- 2** Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:46b-55

**L** Since 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 forever."

REFLECTIONS

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HYMN OF HOPE: *Canticle of the Turning*

*ELW Hymn 723*

- 1** My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

*REFRAIN:* My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

- 2** Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *[OMIT REFRAIN]*
- 3** From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *REFRAIN*

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BLESSING

**L** Let us bless our God:

**G** Praise and thanks to you.

**L** May God, Creator, bless us and keep us; may Christ be ever light for our lives;  
May the Spirit of Love be our guide and path for all of our days.

**G** Amen.

Pastors Fritz Wiese and Miriam Beecher, Musicians David Beecher and Karl Dietmeyer