

Worship Leader Edition
Second Sunday of Advent
Peace

December 7, 2025

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME {*Front Center*} (Rob)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {*Front Center*} (Rob)

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L: Let us make our confession, trusting in God's mercy and love. I invite you to take a moment of silence.

L: Gracious God, we confess...

C: Sometimes our fear is a shadow we cannot escape, and it can cast a shadow on others. Help us be not afraid but to follow your Light into every darkness to seek those who most need your hope. Settle our hearts and shape us to be peacemakers. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! Jesus was born to release us from our fears and our sins, to deliver us and set us free, and to embody God's perfect forgiveness.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

OPENING HYMN

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

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Verse 1

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Verse 4

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

Verse 2

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

Verse 5

All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Verse 3

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;

GREETING {*Front Center*} (Britt Halaas)

L: 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.

ASSISTANT SAY: "PLEASE BE SEATED"

KYRIE (*cantor and congregation*)

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (*cantor and congregation*) "This Is the Feast"

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C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH {*Lectern*} (*Craig Brandt and Kim Gaslin*)

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L: **Reading from John 14:27**

Jesus promised his disciples and us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER (second candle is lit) {*Lectern*} (*Craig Brandt and Kim Gaslin*)

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L: **Let us pray**, Lord thank you for the gift of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Make us witnesses of truth, justice, and love. Cleanse our hearts so that in all we say and do we may be people of your peace.

C: Amen

SONG:

"Christ, Be Our Light"

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Verse 2

Verse 2

Longing for peace,
our world is troubled.
Longing for hope,
many despair.
Your word alone
has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (*Andrea*)

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Joy Enger Lindgren*)

Isaiah 11:1-10

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 the poor, and decide with equity for the meek 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 and the fatling 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*STAND*)

"Alleluia"

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C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Please stand as you are able.

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 the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 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; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; 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.’”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

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Verse 1

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!

Like flow'rs of the field we perish,
like grass our works decay;
the pow'r and the pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

Verse 3

But the word of our Savior is faithful,
the arm of our God is strong,
who stands in the midst of the nations
and soon will right the wrong.
Lord, feed your flock like a shepherd,
the lambs so gently hold;
in pastures of peace now lead them,
and bring them to your fold.

Verse 2

O Jerusalem, herald good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their king.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

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C: 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS”

THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

After each petition:

L: God of love,

C: **We wait in hope.**

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *(Rob)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE *(Rob)*

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Rob)*

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C: 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *(On Screen)*

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L: During this time of reflection and response, please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered, collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically, a QR code is in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website **stlukesbloomington.org**. A link is at the bottom of every page. Email prayers to **office@stlukesbloomington.org**. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“A Shoot Shall Come Forth”

R. Horn

St. Luke's Choir

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Rob)* **(REMAIN SEATED)**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *{Front Center}* *(Rob)*

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES *(Rob)*

PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

BENEDICTION *{Front Center}* (Rob) **(STAND)**

L: May we walk as children of peace and sing your praise throughout the world. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Hark! The Glad Sound”

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Verses 1 & 4

Verse 1

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.

Verse 4

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

DISMISSAL *{Back}* (Choir)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

*Altar Flowers Given Today
Adam and Michelle Roberts
In honor of Leni's birthday*