

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 4, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT carries two simultaneous visions of our expectations: we await yet again the birth of the babe in the manger, and we also await Christ's coming again to fulfill all things. We often prepare for Advent by "getting ready"—planning, organizing, and ordering the things we'll need for holiday celebrations.

Yet preparing for the coming of Christ is not a matter of having everything under control. Christ's arrival disrupts—disrupts injustice, sin, and brokenness in a society in which we are deeply embedded. A prayer for Christ to come to us is a prayer for a holy disruption of our lives that we cannot control and that we might struggle to accept. During Advent this year we'll lean into that "holy disruption."

A fourfold rhythm will mark both our Sunday liturgy and our midweek gatherings:

BREATHING...RELEASING...RECEIVING...REJOICING



We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Jon Lackey

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*

P In the beginning, God's Holy Breath, disrupting chaos, seeded life in the womb of the world.

C Disrupt us again, O Breath!

P Freeing what once was bound, God birthed new alliances, charting new paths for community.

C Free us again, O Spirit!

P But discontent with the limits our creatureliness imposed, distracted by an expanding desire for more, we forsook this freedom and bound ourselves to new appetites.

C Release us once more, O Spirit!

P Turn us around, O God. Align us, heart, soul, and mind, with your dream for this world.

C Come among us bringing hope and peace.

ADVENT SONG

Come Now, O God

ACS #902 verse 2

2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.

Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.

Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.

Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff has a '2' above the first note, indicating a second ending. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

ADVENT DIALOG

L "Squander" – that's the operative word alright! I can't afford to squander anything – no time to even catch a breath. Only 20 days left! Lists! Plans! People to please! We want to create memories...GOT to create memories!

L Whoa! Hold on a moment. God wants to create more than memories. In our first reading, God promises a whole, new life from an old, dead stump. New life to dead, tired bodies.

C Spirit—Holy Breath of God—disrupt us!

L Release us from our distorted images of Christmas...and of ourselves.

ADVENT PRAYER

L O God of freedom, there are so many other things that we cling to and that demand our focus. We fear the disruption of change and hold fast to the very things that cause us grief. Yet your promise assures us that we find all we need in you. Be with us and all your people in this season. Guide our minds, guide our feet, so that we set aside all that distracts us from you. In the name of the Holy One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen.

The Second Advent Candle is lit.

GATHERING HYMN *Please rise as able in body or spirit.*

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW #249

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.

GREETING

P The steadfast love of God, the disrupting presence of Jesus Christ, and the lifegiving breath 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.



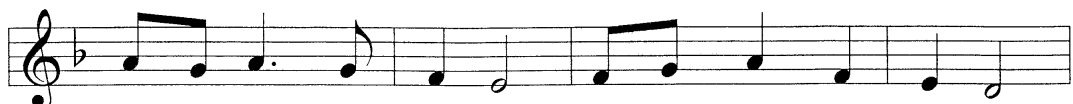
give us peace, make us one, sal - va - tion come.



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. _____

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 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, on God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Mary Jacob

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The 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.

³His 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;

⁴but 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.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The 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.

⁷The 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.

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, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Cantor: O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
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*

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 Matthew, the 3rd Chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus began his public ministry, John the Baptist appeared, calling people to live in accordance with their words and speaking of the powerful one who was to come.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This 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.' "

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But 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? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹"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. ¹²His 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.**

SERMON

Pastor Paul Winterstein

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Day of Peace

ELW #711



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
 as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,
 Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
 the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

A As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence,
 let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and
 join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY HYMN

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
3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow, our
emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring
give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching,
C you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers
of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: May God be with you.
C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to God.

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

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

P 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with Earth and all her creatures, with the church on Earth and all the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

God of po - wer and might.

Hea - ven 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, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C We praise you, O God.

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C We bless you, O God.

P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C We thank you, O God.

P On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for forgiveness and healing.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P We pray for the gift of your Holy Breath:
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C Amen.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

C Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION

Today we commune at the rail. Choose a small cup as you come forward and find a place, kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the pouring chalices. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Taste and See Congregation joins on refrain

ELW #493

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received NOVEMBER 2022

Our mission goal for 2022 anticipates receiving offering income of \$23,678 each month

11/06/22	\$ 2,880.00
11/13/22	\$ 3,890.00
11/20/22	\$ 2,164.00
11/20/22	\$ 910.00
electronic	<u>\$13,371.02</u>
Total	\$23,215.02

Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Clothes are among the most common Christmas gifts. If they're on your list, please avoid cheaply made, trendy "fast fashion," much of which ends up thrown out in just a few years. The U.S. discards 14 million tons of clothes annually. Globally, less than 1% of used clothing gets remade into new garments. Clothes sent for recycling instead pile 6-foot deep on Ghana's beaches and clog its landfills. This Christmas, please give sustainably!

Pray for Creation: We pray that our Christmas preparations focus on Jesus rather than on pursuits that bring harm to creation.

Dec. 6, 13, 20 – Wednesday Advent Services at Winterstein Home @ 7pm

Boots and Paul Winterstein are hosts for this year's Midweek Advent Services @ 7:00pm. These services of Evening Prayer will build on the theme for this Advent: **BREATHING...RELEASING...RECEIVING...REJOICING**. Because of the rising counts of COVID and other viruses, Paul and Boots request that attendees are vaccinated and masked. For more information call: 206/762-1362

DECEMBER 4: A FIRST LOOK AT FUNDING OUR MISSION

Early in December each year the council provides an opportunity to preview and comment on the coming year's draft budget, which is now under development now for 2023. This year, that opportunity is scheduled for today following Worship. This meeting will be in-person only.

PLU Christmas Concert December 5!

Monday, December 5, 7:30pm – Benaroya Concert Hall, Seattle. Join PLU for their popular, beloved holiday tradition, as the Choir of the West, University Chorale, and University Symphony Orchestra present the annual PLU Christmas Concert. Works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Dan Forrest, Jocelyn Hagen, and Cecilia McDowall mix with traditional carols and other seasonal favorites as we seek peace, renewal, and joy in this Christmas season.

Learn more and get tickets here: <https://www.plu.edu/christmas/>

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS!!

Please bring new athletic socks to our sock bin in the narthex! We will deliver the socks to Operation Nightwatch on **Sunday, December 11**. Thank you!

PASS THE HAT 12/11 IS WHITE CENTER FOOD BANK

Each year December's PASS THE HAT recipient is kept open for designation so that we can respond to particular needs that arise within the local or larger community. This year the Council has designated December's PASS THE HAT for longtime Peace partner – the White Center Food Bank. Margarita and Jefferson will be here on December 11 to tell us more about the services the Food Bank provides.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS FOR WELCOME TABLE!

As in past few years, Peace members are invited to fill a big bag with essentials and some fun things, too. Find 15 large plastic bags in the Narthex; list of needed items included. Please consider signing up for one (or more!) bags. Then return them to church; they will be delivered to the Welcome Table for distribution on Saturday, December 17. This is a great family project! Questions: Marcia Olson

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, Chris Kindem, or Kathleen Keyes. Nominees must have been a member of Peace for 1 year. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on January 29th.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering**: Ferol Allison; Amelia Bliss; Senea Corpuz; Peggy Craigen; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Zach Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Roni Edwards; Mark Engelman; David Escame-Hedger; Patrick Fenton; Jack Garrison; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Vickie Jarvimaki; Ken Keyes; Kennedy Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Jeanne Martinez; Lynn McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Jim Meyer; Alan Mills; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Wade & Karin VanSant; Louisa Wagner; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Paulette Zimmerman. **Homebound**: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

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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