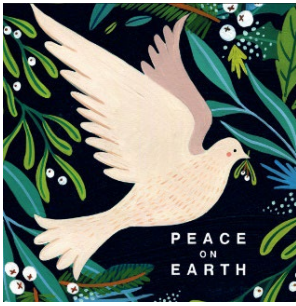


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 7th, 2025 – 8:30 AM

WELCOME

"Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace – in peace because they trust in you." Isaiah 26: 3

- ✝ The Reverend Diane Burkland
- ✝ Officiant – Pr. Brian Griswold
- ✝ Worship Leader – Earl Hem



CALL TO WORSHIP

CTW HYMN: Lord, I lift your Name

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift your name on high.

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WORSHIP

HYMN 1: Everything is in Your hands

CHORUS: Everything is in Your Hands!
Everything is in Your Hands!
Everything is in Your Hands! O God!

1. My Past and my present and things yet to come.
My days are in your hands, each and everyone.
I know You can handle any challenge that I face.
You promised you'd be there every step that I take. (**Chorus**)
2. There's nothing too big, that You aren't bigger.
Remind us again Lord, that You are in control.
We know You can handle any challenge that we face.
You promised You'd be there every step that we take. (**Chorus**)

HYMN 2: I Exalt Thee

For Thou Oh Lord, art high above all the earth, Thou art exalted far above all the gods.
For thou Oh Lord, art high above all the earth. Thou art exalted far above all gods.

I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee,
Oh Lord, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, Oh Lord

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Prayer of the Day - 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, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² 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. ³ 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, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed 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.

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

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Stan Haviland & Betty Lou Allen

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets call all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever. **Amen!**

ADVENT HYMN – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king our justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁸ **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**



¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever,

and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen.

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4: 4 – 9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^[c] these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John 14: 27; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

²⁷ 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.

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – Peace Like a Puddle

The Reverend Diane Burkland

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth and provides for all, signs of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Receive these offerings from your bounty and bless them to be used for your glory as we prepare for the birth of your son, Jesus. **Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN: I've got Peace Like a River

1

I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river in my soul

2

I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† We recognize those joining us via Facebook Live and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation. *A brief silence.*

With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease. Grace those from our families and community that we now name silently in our hearts, or out loud, with our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud).* Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessing: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Notes:
