

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" with "Joy Unspeakable" arr. Karen Ball

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Reader: A green shoot will sprout from Jesse's stump, from his roots a budding branch.

Reader: The life-giving Spirit of God will hover over him, the Spirit that brings wisdom and understanding, the Spirit that gives direction and builds strength, the Spirit that instills knowledge and Fear-of-God.

Reader: He won't judge by appearances or decide on the basis of hearsay. He'll judge the needy by what is right and render decisions on earth's poor with justice. His words will bring everyone to awed attention. A mere breath from his lips will topple the wicked.

Reader: Each morning he'll pull on sturdy work clothes and boots, and build righteousness and faithfulness in the land.
Isaiah 11:1-5, The Message

All Singing: 63 "My Soul in Stillness in Waits"
Choir singing verse 2, all singing refrain twice

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

All: Praise be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Psalm 72:18-19

* **All Singing: 56 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

- * GOD'S GREETING
- * GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER
- * **All Singing: 72 "Imagine"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

All: This is he who of was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

Liturgist: A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him."
Matthew 3:1-3

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: And John said, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one how is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.

All: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Liturgist: His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat in the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
Matthew 3:11-12

Choir: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Bunjes

Comfort, comfort ye My people,
 Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 Comfort those who sit in darkness,
 Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
 Speak ye to Jerusalem
 Of the peace that waits for them;
 Tell her that her sins I cover,
 And her warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is crying
 In the desert far and near,
 Bidding all to true repentance,
 Since the kingdom now is here.
 O that warning cry obey!
 Now prepare for God a way!
 Let the valleys rise to meet Him,
 And the hills bow down to greet Him.

— Johann Olearius, Tr. Catherine Winkworth

Liturgist: Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also member of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

All: In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

Liturgist: And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.
Ephesians 2:19-22

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* **All Singing:** **53** “**Song of the Prophets**”
Singing verses 1, 2, and 18

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: An Advent Geography: Sprout

* **All Singing:** **61** “**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**”
Singing verses 1 – 4

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Benevolence

OFFERTORY “Lo, How a Rose”
“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”

arr. John Carter
arr. Jeanine Yeager

* **All Singing:** **964** “**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** **482** “**Soon and Very Soon**”


Postlude: “This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Calvin Taylor

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Advent:	Bosscher Family
Pianist / Accompanist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	David VanderWeele
Choir Director:	David Baar	Prayer:	Liz Hulford
Guitar:	Jenson Varghese		
Percussion / Ukulele:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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