

# ***Abiding Peace Lutheran Church***

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## **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

## Welcome to Abiding Peace Lutheran Church!



Abiding Peace Lutheran Church makes Christ known by welcoming all people to a supportive and accepting place to grow in faith and community and to serve the Lord as people created by God, saved by Christ and nurtured by the Holy Spirit. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, committed to the full inclusion and celebration of people of all sexualities, genders, and gender expressions, and to the work of racial equity.

In-person visitors are invited to share your contact information with the greeter, if you would like a follow up with the pastor. Thank you for blessing us with your presence. We welcome children to worship and we encourage their participation, including their wiggles and child voices. There is a seating area at the back of the sanctuary with room for little ones to crawl around. If desired, there is also a nursery room available, accompanied by parents or guardians.

**Offering:** The ministry of Abiding Peace is supported by the generous donations of our community. Please consider supporting our work through a variety of giving options, including donations through Venmo (search for @Abiding-Peace-BuddLake), through on-line bill pay with your bank, mailing your offering envelope to the church, or plate giving.

**Holy Communion:** We commune at the altar rail. Please collect an individual cup from the usher when you come forward, or come forward at the end for the common cup. We offer either wine or juice and gluten-free bread. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the usher can bring communion to you. You are also welcome to come forward with arms crossed for a blessing.

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## **Second Sunday of Advent**

### **WORDS FOR REFLECTION**

*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the night lengthens we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

### **PRELUDE**

Prelude on VENI, EMMANUEL

French processional, 15th cent.  
arr. Anna Laura Page

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **GREETING**

### **ADVENT HYMN**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 3, 4) **ELW 257**

*All stand, as able, and sing verse 3. After the Advent wreath lighting is completed, please sing verse 4.*



3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

*Refrain*  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite; Music: French processional, 15th cent. (Public Domain)

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*R1* Because of war, because of violence in our world and our words, fear has a hold on our hearts...

*R2* Because hatred is still so strong, because so many swords have not yet been remade into ploughshares, our lives are bound by anxiety and unrest...

*R1* In the face of conflict, we light a candle of peace.

*R2* In the face of division, in the face of fractured communities, we light a candle of peace.

*The second candle on the Advent wreath is lit.*

*R1* May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

*R2* May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

*R1* Friends, be not afraid, God's peace is at hand!

*All sing verse 4 of the Advent Hymn.*

## DANCE MEDITATION

Four Variations on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (var. 2)

arr. Curt Oliver

*with The Messengers Sacred Dancers*

## CONFESSION

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

*C* **Amen.**

*P* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Pause for reflection*

*P* Long-expected God,

*C* **We confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the power promised by violence. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in your holy timing, and awaken us to expect your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

*P* God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God’s own righteousness. Hear the good news: ☩ you are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and called to welcome the Savior.

*C* **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Come Now, O Prince of Peace **ELW 247**



1	Come now, O	Prince of peace,	make us one	bod - y.
2	Come now, O	God of love,	make us one	bod - y.
3	Come now and	set us free,	O God, our	Sav - ior.
4	Come, Hope of	u - ni - ty,	make us one	bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope

Music: OSOSO, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947


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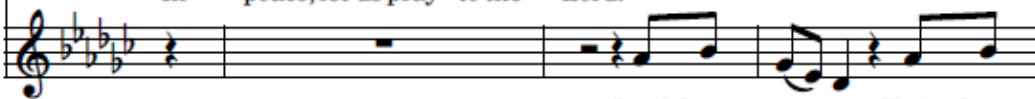
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE


*All sing, as able.*

Leader 

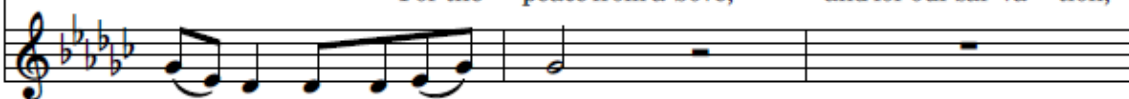
Cong. 

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va - tion,



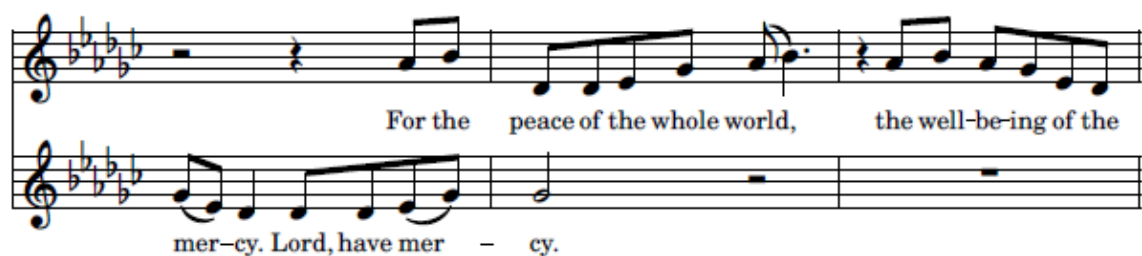
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



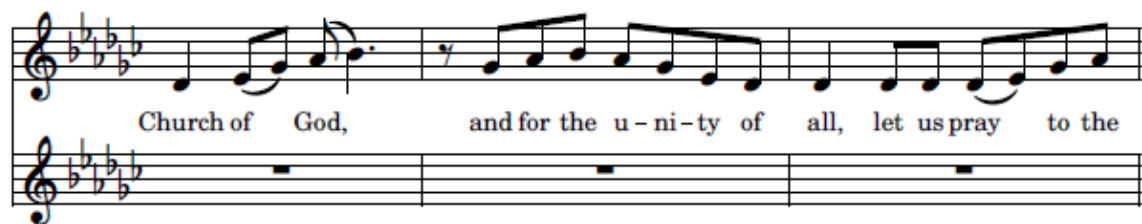
let us pray to the Lord.



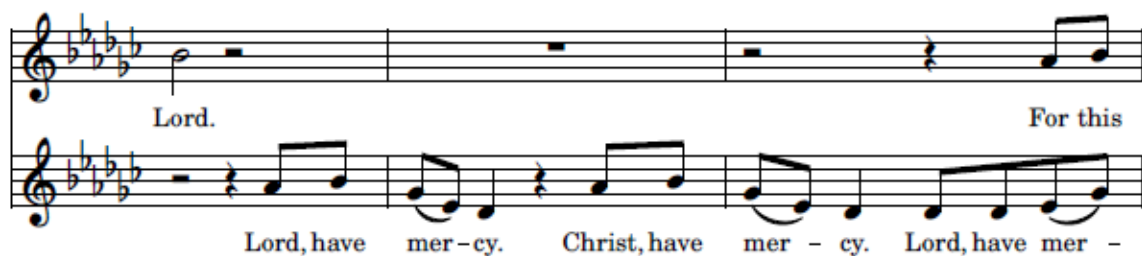
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the  
mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



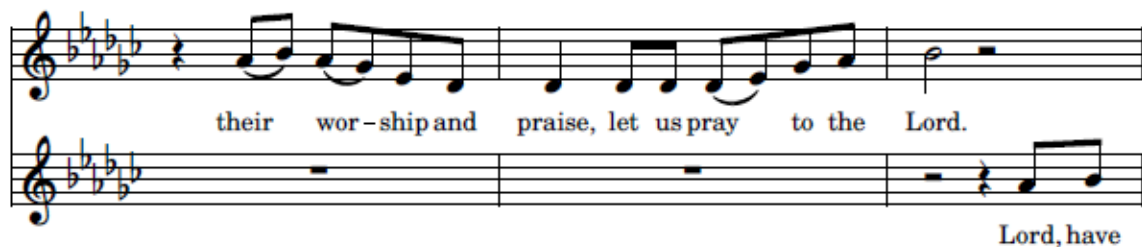
Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



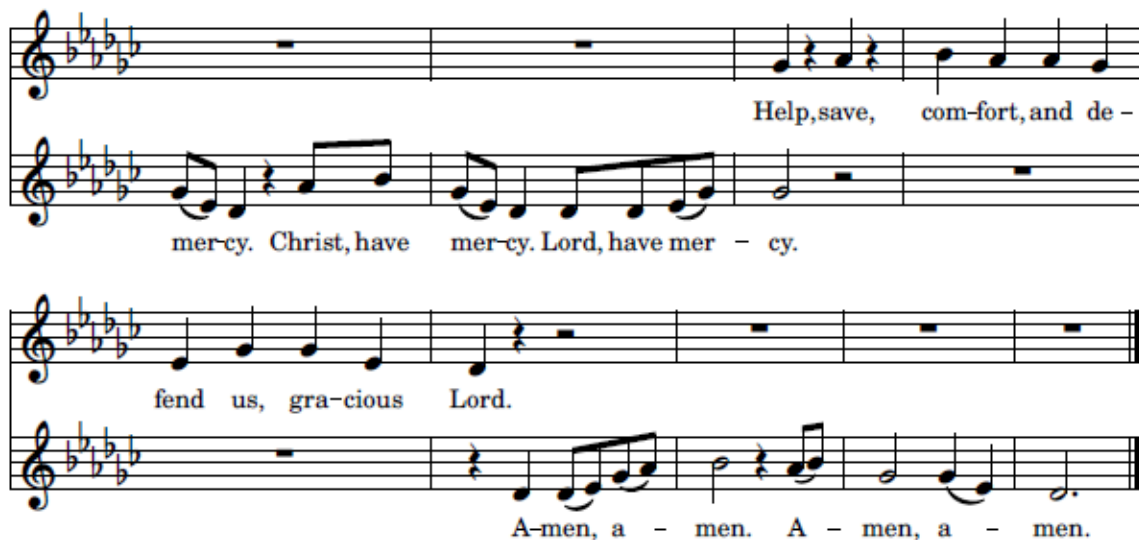
Lord. For this  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -



ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here  
cy.



their wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have



*P* The Lord be with you.

*C* **And also with you.**

*P* Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God,

*C* **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.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

*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 replaced with harmony and peaceful coexistence.*

*L* A reading from Isaiah.

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
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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 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. 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 will feed 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.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19

*The Psalm will be chanted in unison, by verse.*



- 1 Give the king your jus- | tice, 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 a- | mong 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 wa- | ter 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. A- | men. Amen.**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 15:4–13

*God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.*

*L*     A reading from Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your

name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.”

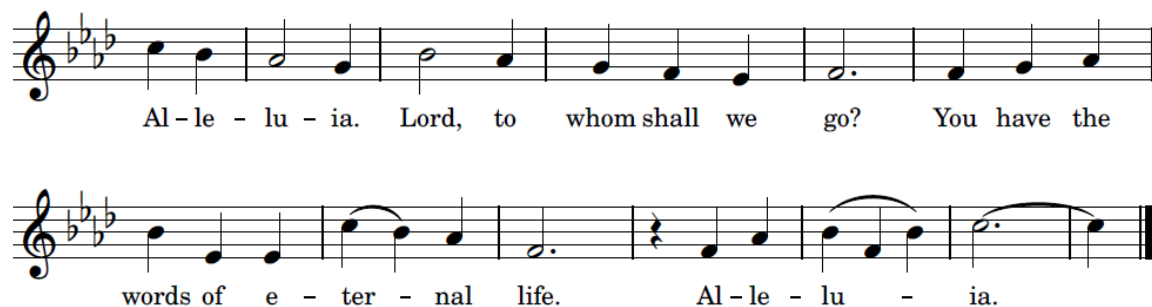
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*L* The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, if you are able.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12

*Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist draws the attention of the crowds and the religious leaders, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.*

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter:

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

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 Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and 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; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and 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.”

*P* The Gospel of the Lord.

*C* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN’S TIME

### THE SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment **LBW 556**

*All stand and sing*



1	Her - ald,	sound	the	note	of	judg - ment,	warn - ing
2	Her - ald,	sound	the	note	of	glad - ness;	tell the
3	Her - ald,	sound	the	note	of	par - don—	those re -
4	Her - ald,	sound	the	note	of	tri - umph;	Christ has



us of right and wrong, turn - ing us from sin and  
news that Christ is here; make a path - way through the  
pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives his way - ward  
come to share our life, bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness till once more we sing the song.  
des - ert for the one who brings God near.  
chil - dren, and to them new life is giv'n.  
pow - er, grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav - ior king, is come!

Text: Moir A. J. Waters, alt.

Music: NEW MALDEN, David McCarthy, b. 1931

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## APOSTLE'S CREED

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A God of joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith, especially Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, whom the church commemorates today. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the age to come. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing and health care, and equity among peoples. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of 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 can mutually thrive. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of 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,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures and those awaiting treatment. We pray for all who are mourning and for all on our prayer list, including Otto, Don, Joseph, Ryan, Grace, Jackson, Donna, Jeanne, Valeriy, Jennifer, Mark, John, Karen, Ken and family, and David. (Pause to allow additional prayers to be offered.) We pray for all in harm's way, including essential workers, our armed forces, and all serving overseas. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

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

**C receive our prayer.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People stand and share the sign of peace. Afterward, please be seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## THE OFFERING

*Now we join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources, in recognition and thanksgiving that all we have comes from God.*

**P** Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

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## CHOIR ANTHEM

Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr

Make Straight in the Desert a Highway Music by Judy Hunnicutt

## OFFERTORY CANTICLE

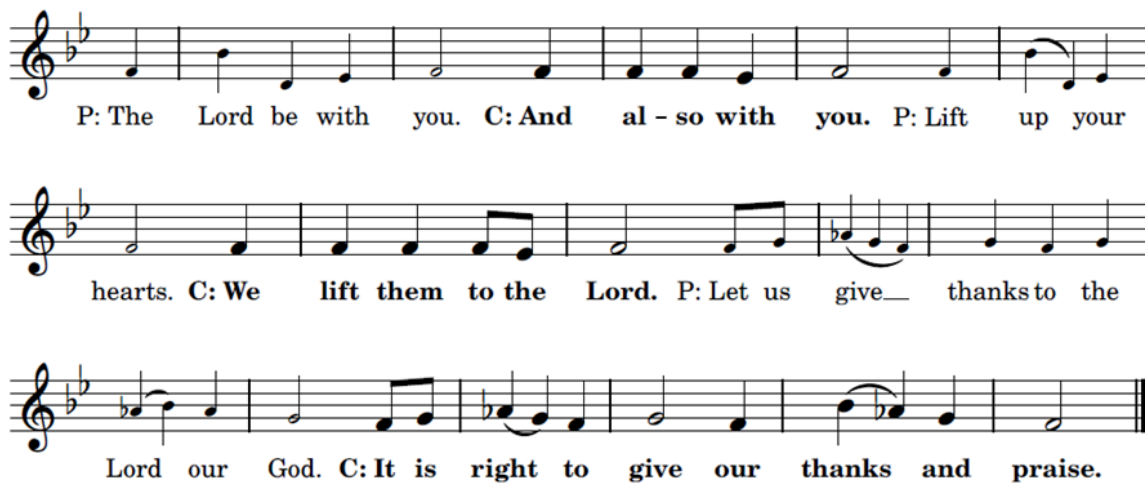
*All stand, as able, and sing.*



I will of-fer the sac - ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call  
on the name, the name of the Lord. I will  
take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will  
pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all God's peo-  
- ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the courts of the Lord's  
house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem, Je-ru-sa - lem.

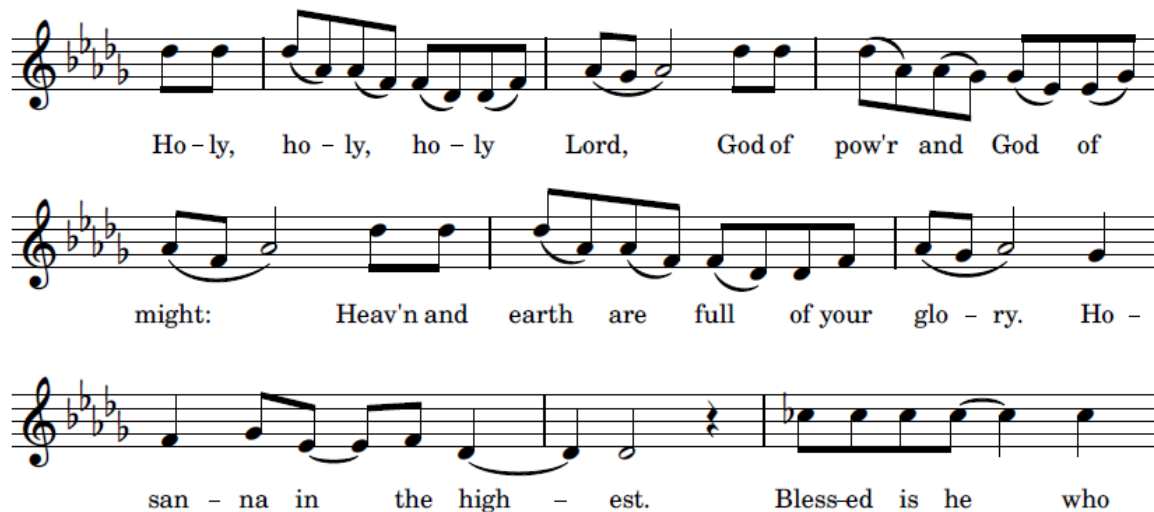
A Nourishing God,  
C you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.  
Through this meal, satisfy our thirst in parched places and our  
hunger for justice, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of  
your kingdom come. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you. P: Lift up your  
 hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord. P: Let us give— thanks to the  
 Lord our God. C: It is right to give our 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 in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of  
 might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



*P* Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

On the night when he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*P* With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

*P* Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

*P* All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of all creation, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Jesus, teach us to pray:

**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.

*Please be seated*

**P** Here is life. God is with us.

**C** We come to receive what God has promised.

*You will be invited to come forward to the altar rail, collecting a cup from the usher. Please observe distancing at the rail, hold your hand flat for the bread and raise your cup for the chalice bearer to pour. You may leave your cup in the basket in the front row when you return to your seat.*

Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have

*add optional harmony*

mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

*add optional descant*

sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## We Are Waiting for Jesus ACS 905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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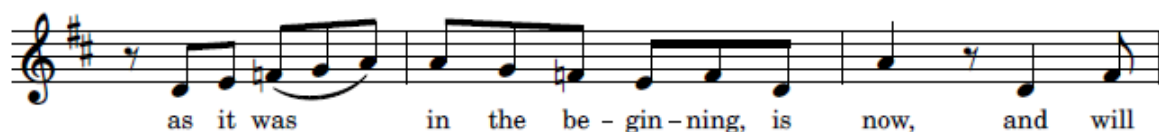
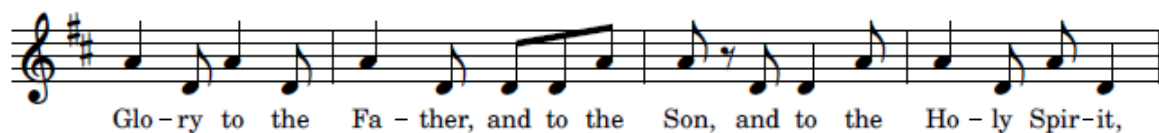
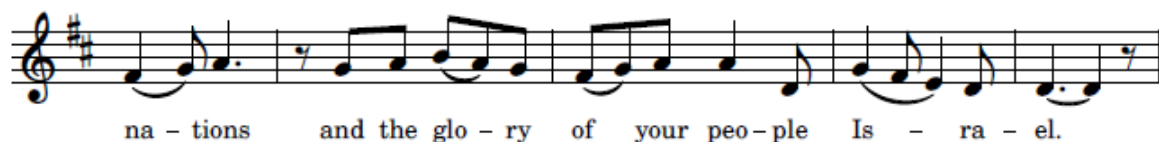
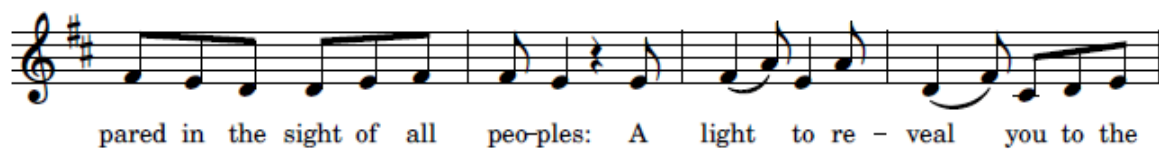
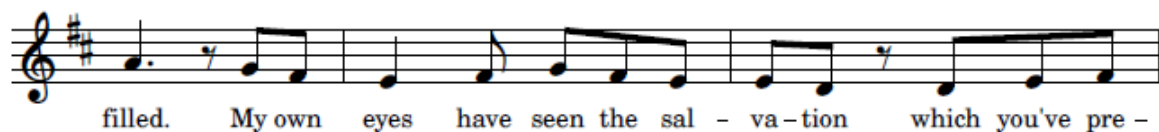
*Stand, if you are able.*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**A** God our host,

**C** at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.



## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BENEDICTION

*P* May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.

*C* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

People, Look East **ELW 248**

*Please stand, as you are able.*



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Expect our Savior's coming.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Noel

Jean-François Dandrieu



### Next Week's Lessons:

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

Serving in Worship		
	Today, Dec. 7	Next Week, Dec. 14
Altar Guild	Mary Kasakove	Mary Kasakove
Counter	Ursula Schroeder	Sandy Carlson
Assistant Minister	Sue Stirrat	Maria Jerez
Lector	Doug Laird	Demetria Laird
Communion Assist.	Maria Jerez	Sibylle Schroeder
Usher/Greeter	Mary Kasakove	Sandy Carlson
Acolyte	Sandy Carlson	Cindy Pawlo
Soloist	Aaron Hyndman	
Candle Lighting		The Schwiers
Livestream Assistant	Ray Mueller	Tyler Rice

## OFFICE HOURS

**Pastor Serena:** Wed. 12/10: 12:00pm-9:00pm, Thur. 12/11: 9:00am-1:00pm; Sun. 12/14: 9:00am-1:00pm

**Catherine:** Thur. 12/11: 9:00-12:00

**Keep These Friends in Your Prayers:** Those who are sick or in need: Bill Phinney, Joshua Olsen, Jon, Cheryl Inglin, Judy Consentino, Jon & Maria, Sandy Kahler, Karen Qualls, Jim Tangen, Otto Schroeder, Don Larsen, Joseph Horn, Ryan Manhardt, Grace Bessasparis, Jackson Cook, Donna Fahy, Jeanne Scalora, Valeriy Braginetz, Jennifer Kahler, Mark Dennis, John Corneilson, Karen & Ken Predmore and family, David Breault, Charles Wetzel, Patricia Coats, Alia Duffy, Aimee Nilsen, Lydia Millner, Dean Kowal, April Inglin, Bella Adams, Bodhi Maslow, Barbara P, Susan & William Swainy, Scott Schaefer, Audrey Moehringer, George Schroeder, Sibylle Scheiermann, Leslie Picinich, Hailey Ochs Plante, Kate Draven, Dawn Huber, Heinz and family, Ellen Parker, Vicki Gentler, Carol Baker, Darrell Senior, Shariff Stewart, Lisa Wolper, Maxine Wolper, Samy Dawood, David Laird, Peter Jensen, Joan Lewis, Jose, Linn Fisher, Brian Henkel, Judy Day and family, Dan Filin, Mary Beth Mueller, and Joseph DeSantis.

Those in mourning: The family of Dawn Parks; the loved ones of Carole Ernstrom; those mourning Maria's mother, Juanita; the friends and family of Kenneth Johanson; the friends and family of Harold Olsen; the Persson Family on the loss of Carrin (daughter of Jan, sister of Krista).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ **Church office hours:** During Advent, Pastor Serena will hold office hours on Wednesday afternoon/evenings, Thursday mornings, and Sundays. She is also available for pastoral care by phone, zoom or other means on other days (Saturday is her day off). Our office administrator, Catherine, is in the office on Thursday mornings, unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. If you have a need to access the church building, please contact Pastor Serena.

~ **Food Pantry Needs for December:** Peanut butter, Parmalat milk, fruit, juice, hot-dogs & buns, frozen meatballs, mashed potatoes, rice, crackers, cake mixes, gluten free pasta.

~ **Altar Flowers:** Please consider signing up for altar flower donations. Price: \$17.50. If interested send an email to Erin Porter with your dedication and date you want the flowers on the Altar and send your check to the church.

~ **Interested in hosting a coffee hour?** Not hard. Just bring some store bought baked goods. Coffee is already prepared ahead of time by the Altar Guild. Questions: Call Demetria Laird at 973-398-9614.

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## This week at Abiding Peace

### Sunday, December 7

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Advent Craft, 11:15 a.m.

### Monday, December 8

- Worship & Music, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

### Tuesday, December 9

- Tullo Ballroom: Rumba, 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 10

- Blood Drive, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Advent Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Advent midweek service, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 11

- Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

### Friday, December 12

### Saturday, December 13

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

## Next week at Abiding Peace

### Sunday, December 14

- Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. - In-person and Live-streamed
- Prayer Partners Gift Exchange, 11:00 a.m.

### Monday, December 15

### Tuesday, December 16

- Tullo Ballroom: Fox Trot, 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 17

- Mt. Olive Manor Service, 4:30 p.m.
- Advent Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m.
- AA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Advent midweek service, 7:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, December 18

### Friday, December 19

### Saturday, December 14

- Zumba, 9:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m. - **Longest Night Service**
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**
- Wednesday, Dec. 24, 10:15 p.m. - **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, with Choir**

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