



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

Gathering, Growing and Giving, we encourage faith and proclaiming God's love."

2nd Sunday of Advent

Service of the Word

Dec. 6th, 2020

If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. If you are comfortable doing so, please share your name in our Facebook post and/or send a message to us in our FB Inbox.

NOTE: Bold text indicates worshippers' response, and *' means please stand as able

PRELUDE

Jennifer Kinblom

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by 2 Peter 3*)

ONE: Loving Savior, Prince of Peace, in this season of Advent we celebrate your coming to living among us, first as an infant child.

ALL: We rejoice in knowing that you loved us enough to live like us, and loved us enough to die for us.

ONE: We live now in anticipation of your return, knowing the promises of an eternal life free of sorrow, pain and death.

ALL: But Jesus, we are weary of the suffering of the time we live in and we wonder aloud, "How much longer? When will you return?"

ONE: Please give us patience and understanding in the waiting time. Help us remember that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

ALL: Help us to remember the Lord is not slow about his promise, but is patient with us, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

ONE: Keep us alert and awake for the day, knowing the day of the Lord can come at any time.

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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Stir up our hearts, **Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING **PEACE** Light 2 candles as we sing verse 2 of "One Candle Is Lit," sung to tune of "Away in the Manger"

Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare for a gift that compels us with justice to care.

Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.

One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

Mary Anne Parrott, 1988, © 1995 Chalice Press (from *Chalice Hymnal*, # 128)

READER/CONGREGATION

Prepare the way! The promise is come! **The lion shall dwell with the lamb.**
Prepare the way! The old with the young! **A child shall teach us to stand.**
Prepare the way! Make the paths straight! **Earth shall fill her deep valleys!**
Prepare the way! Break down walls of hate! **The Way is approaching! Servants keep watch.**
Soon we shall see the salvation of our God!

GROWING

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

*The Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.*

Pastor Mary Eide

Jennifer Kinblom

GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

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*** OFFERING PRAYER** Generous God, **you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.**

*** PRAYERS** (*Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*)

*** LORD'S PRAYERS** **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*** BLESSING** The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, **✝** now and forever. **Amen.**

***LBW #29/ELW #256 SENDING HYMN** *“Comfort, Comfort Now My People* verses 1 & 2 next page

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	10:00am	- Worship
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
Wednesday	2pm	- LIVE with God on Facebook
	6pm	- Confirmation Zoom class
Thursday	6pm	- Finance Meeting
Friday:	10 am-12pm	- Food Pantry
Saturday	6:45am	- Ruby's Pantry prepare shares for guests
	8:30-10am	- Ruby's Pantry Distribution

Please keep Pastor Mary Eide informed of any family illnesses, struggles, and prayer requests. You can reach her at home 715-309-4065 or email meide@luthersem.edu

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Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
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