

## Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2020

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Ron Steinberg, Marcia Neelly, Kirk Aeilts, Kim Kimmel, Ray Delfs

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns 686 347 338

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

Dec. 6 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies  
Dec. 6 5:00 p.m. Secret Pal Christmas Party  
Dec. 8 **NO** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study/Circuit Pastor's Meeting  
Dec. 8 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English  
Dec. 9 12:00 p.m. Advent Service at English  
Dec. 9 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
Dec. 9 3:30 p.m. No Daughters of Peace  
Dec. 9 5:15-6:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice  
Dec. 9 7:00 p.m. Advent Service  
Dec. 10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
Dec. 13 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program  
Dec. 24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Peace with English  
Dec. 25 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Peace with English

**TODAY SECRET PAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The Secret Pal/Card Pal Christmas party will be December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the church. Anyone interested in joining Secret Pals for 2021, please contact Krista Kroon at 507-920-9314.

**UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:** December 9 and 16.  
Services at English at 12:00 noon and at Peace 7:00 p.m.

**A DAY IN WORSHIP:** Following the preface (the opening prayer of the communion service), the Sanctus is sung (sanctus is Latin for holy). In this hymn, we join with the angel chorus in heaven which constantly sings, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Sabaoth; the whole earth is full of his glory" (This is the song Isaiah hears in his vision of God's throne room in heaven. Isaiah 6:3). When we sing the Sanctus, we are participating in the worship of heaven. We join angelic voices and all the saints above to praise the God who is the Lord, whose glory fills the earth, who has chosen to dwell in his church to receive the praises of his people. So sing with energy this morning. Lift your voice with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, and sing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of thy glory."

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*, a hymn that is based on our Old Testament lesson. This hymn envisions God speaking to those who sit in darkness, "mourning 'neath their sorrows load." To these people, God speaks a word of peace, "Tell her that her sins I cover." Because God will no longer see his people's sin, their sadness will be turned to gladness. How should we respond to such good news? We should "prepare for God a way," to greet the Lord who comes to do us so much good. Rejoice, it's Advent; the king is on his way!

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** In the midst of so many retail stores preparing for a lucrative and domesticated Christmas, the Gospel for this Sunday might be a bit jarring. The Lord's prophet is the voice crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord". So today, the Lord's Word comes to us undomesticated, calling to repentance the wayward sinner and bringing forgiveness to the burdened. The Messiah is coming. He comes today bearing forgiveness and life.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24;  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

**WEBSITES:** Peace and English both have new websites. There you will find sermon recordings, manuscripts, bulletins, service times and events, as well as an option for online giving. Web addresses for both churches can be found at the top of the bulletin.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**PACK THE PASTOR'S CAR:** Service opportunity to bundle the children at Moulton Elementary school (Des Moines) in warmth and love. Many of these students are refugees and immigrants who do not have proper winter wear (see list on bulletin board by the office). And being in Northwest Iowa, we all know how cold winter can be! The school is looking for coats, snow boots, hats, mittens, scarfs, socks and underwear, kids' sizes 4-12. A table is set aside in the fellowship hall to collect our donations. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, we will pack Pastor's car with the items and Ashlie will deliver them on the 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Ashlie Slotter.

**FRONTIER BANK** During the month of December, Frontier Bank is offering a \$5.00 donation check to the charity of your choice. Anyone can stop in for a check; they do not need to be a customer. If you do not want to go into the bank, call ahead and they will bring the check to your car.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect drinks-fruit juice, vegetable juices, tea, ice water, Gatorade, tang, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**ACOLYTE TODAY is Alex Minor. Next Sunday will be Dani Folkens.**

**USHERING TODAY is Team 1; Next Sunday is Team 2:** Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**OPENING HYMN: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3*

Restore us, O God;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
**it took deep root and filled the land.**  
Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Restore us, O God;  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.  
**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**righteous and having salvation.**  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**EPISTLE**

*2 Peter 3:8–14*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

Luke 3:4b, 6

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN: COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

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### SERMON

### OFFERTORY

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**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and 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.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PAX DOMINI

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

#### AGNUS DEI

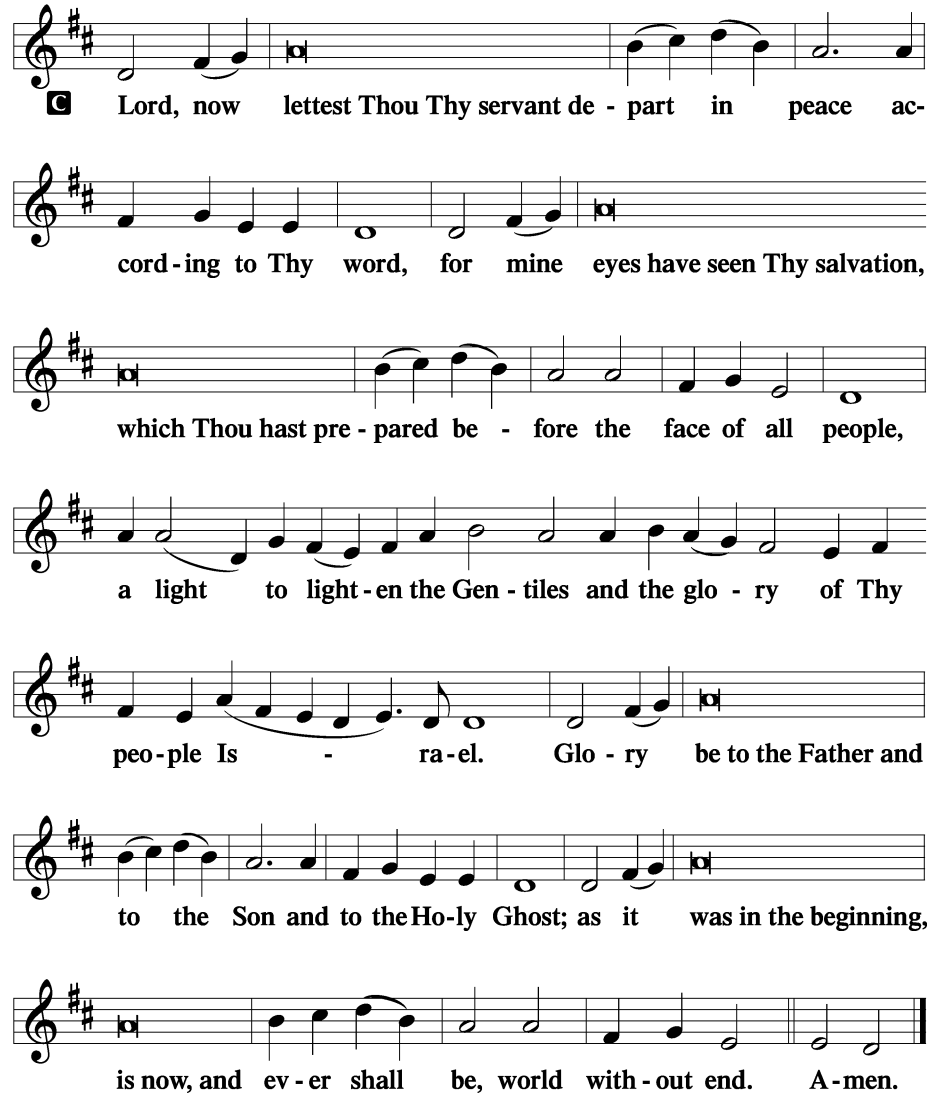
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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### DISTRIBUTION

## NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endures forever.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with your spirit.
- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
  
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

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