

# The Promise of PEACE

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025 – 11:00 AM

## AS WE GATHER

God promised in Isaiah that a day was coming when the Messiah would arrive and usher in a government of peace. The angels bring good news to the lowly shepherds and confirm that a new and unexpected way to govern is coming to pass that will indeed bring peace on earth.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE SING

**“Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”  
“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”**

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### EPISTLE LESSON

**Romans 8:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.

### GOSPEL LESSON

**Luke 2: 8-14**

<sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

P: Our Lord invites us to come before Him honestly and acknowledge our sinfulness to Him.

**C: Forgive us, Lord God, for we have sinned against You by the wrong we have done and by leaving undone the good You would have us do. Because our words, thoughts, and actions have been filled with sin, we have put up barriers in the way of living at peace with You and with our neighbors.**

**Heal us, Lord. Bring to us Your tender forgiveness and Your gracious gift of peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*(a time of quiet before the Lord)*

**GOD ANNOUNCES FORGIVENESS AND PEACE!**

**WE CONFESS OUR FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED** (words on screen)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER**

**JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF PEACE**

P: Come now and receive Christ's body and blood together with His blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**WE SING** "Even So Come"  
"Advent Hymn"

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BLESSING**

P: Let us bless 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.**

**WE SING**

**"It's About The Cross"**

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## **OUR OFFERINGS**

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good! We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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