



A Deeper Peace

PEACE is necessary.
When John the Baptist was born Zechariah sang, as new fathers sometimes do. His song blessed John as a preparer of peace. Peace-preparing is never easy but is so, so necessary.

Today's Cantor:
Duane Horn

As Jesus did,
we welcome children
of all ages as integral members
of the body of Christ, and
we welcome the sounds and activity
that accompany them!

Thank you
Parents/Grandparents
for bringing your children
to worship!

Welcome!

Welcome to the season of Advent at Easter Lutheran Church. This is a season of holy waiting: we wait for the birth of Jesus with hope, peace, joy, and love. This is a season of deep anticipation, when the prophecies of old begin to breathe new life. This is the season when we wait for the world to be created again before our very eyes. This Advent you are invited to tend to your roots of faith, to understand the holiness of Christmas more deeply.

For families of children 5 and under, you are invited to find a Spark Box outside the worship space for your child to play. More wiggles? The nursery is available for 3 and under.

Thank you for joining us today. We welcome you! You are also invited to take an Announcements sheet here at Easter, or visit easter.org for events & activities (Announcement sheets are posted weekly under Events & News).



A Deeper Peace Advent 2

December 9, 2018
8:30 & 10 a.m.

Easter Lutheran Church

"to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ"

Prelude: "Christmas Bell Fanfare" - Wagner

Exultate Ringers

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: During the season of Advent, even the small amount of daylight we have disappears little by little every day. It is the season of dark mornings, dark evenings, and long nights. As we search this darkness for God's light, let us prepare our hearts by admitting that we are broken and in need of God's bright forgiveness.

Let us pray: Into our selfishness and forgetfulness,

Congregation: Come, o come Emmanuel.

L: Into the messes we've made and the lies we've told,

C: Come, o come Emmanuel.

L: Into our silence and indifference, our greed and our discriminations,

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C: Come, o come Emmanuel.

L: God of wonders, for the sake of living deeply, be with us. We wait in the dark searching for a star and your bright birth. As we wait for that holy night, we will rejoice in your forgiveness. You are all we need.

C: Come, o come Emmanuel. Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace is a way of demonstrating hospitality and grace with others. Please understand if some people choose not to shake hands while sharing the Peace for health reasons, but simply greet you with a smile.

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Advent Antiphon: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
verses 1, 7

Hymnal #257

All hymns can be found in the red book under the chairs

Greeting:

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

S 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

Advent Antiphon:

O come, O Day-spring. come _____ and cheer;
O sun of jus - tice, now _____ draw near.
Dis - perse the gloo - my clouds _____ of night,
and death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.
Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el _____ shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

The musical score consists of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 7/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is 'O come, O Day-spring. come _____ and cheer;'. The second line is 'O sun of jus - tice, now _____ draw near.'. The third line is 'Dis - perse the gloo - my clouds _____ of night,'. The fourth line is 'and death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.'. The fifth line is 'Re - joice! Re - joice!'. The sixth line is 'Em - man - u - el _____ shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are several rests indicated by a vertical slash with a flag.

Prayer of the Day

Prince of Peace, we wait for you again in a world of winter. With the troubles of the world looming, we long for peace. Show us again how to raise valleys and lower mountains. We wish to prepare a way of peace for you. Amen.

Anthem: "Prepare the Way" - arr. Jalkeus

Easter Choir

Children's Message

Advent Litany:

- Voice 1: In the name of Emmanuel, we light two candles today.
- Voice 2: Today we celebrate peace.
- Voice 1: We can imagine that holy night when the infant Jesus slept in deep, heavenly peace
- Voice 2: It was a peace that passes all understanding; that he could wear like a warm blanket, bringing calm to his fussing.
- Voice 1: And that peace spread from Jesus' manger to his mother and out into the fields and valleys.
- Voice 2: The peace of Christ still spreads today; filling every corner of every room and all the spaces of our every breath.
- Voice 1: There is deep peace in our hearts since God has chosen to be with us.
- Voice 2: Today we celebrate peace.
- Voice 1: In the name of Emmanuel, we light two candles today.

JAM Kids! You can go to the Fellowship Hall now to join your Small Group. Have fun learning about Jesus!

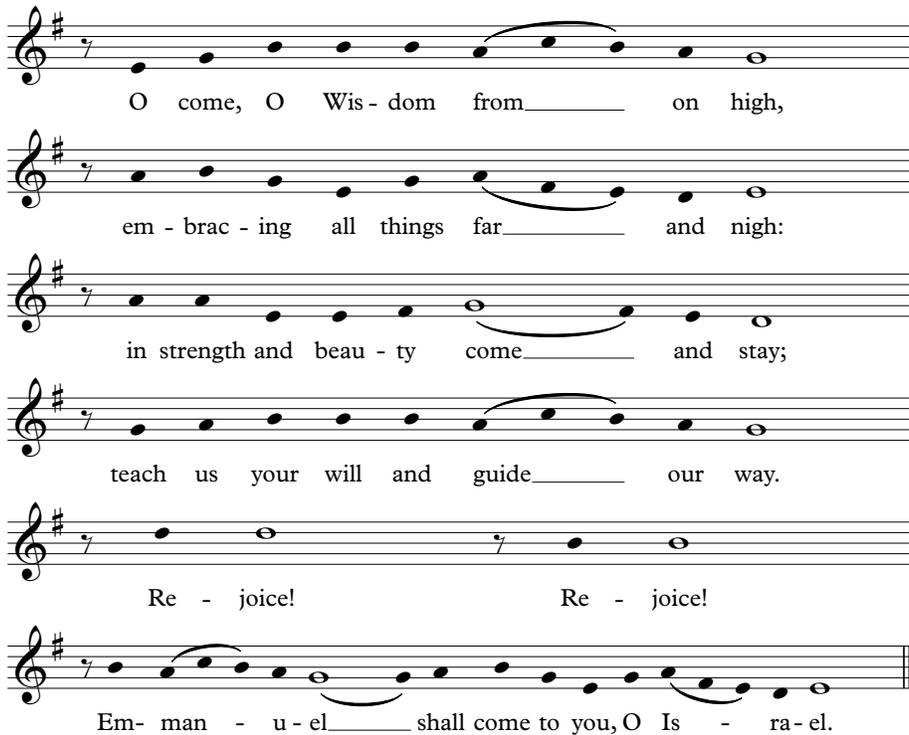
Lesson: Luke 1: 68-79 (NRSV)

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:



O come, O Wis - dom from _____ on high,
em - brac - ing all things far _____ and nigh:
in strength and beau - ty come _____ and stay;
teach us your will and guide _____ our way.
Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el _____ shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6 (NRSV)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

L: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Angela Denker

Hymn of the Day: "On Jordan's Bank"

Hymnal #249

“Father” is a specific and accessible image of God that Jesus gave us. Jesus did not limit God to this image. References to God as Creator, Parent, Mother, Counselor can be equally as helpful and valid.

Another translation of ‘catholic church’ is ‘church universal’

The offering is an act of worship. We give ourselves, our time and resources as a symbol of our love and appreciation for God’s grace, and our investment in God’s work through this church.

Text-to-Give

Simply send a text message to **651-419-3775** with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you’ll be sent a text with a link to register. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and thank you for supporting the ministries of Easter Lutheran Church.

Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

Baptism (8:30)

Louisa RaeLee Wood, daughter of Brian & Kimberly Wood.
Her sponsors are Ronald & Rhonda Guck and Richard & Barbara Kuzma.

Baptism (10:00)

Lydia Leana Anderson, daughter of Brian & Rachel Anderson.
Her sponsors are Elizabeth Navar and Mark Anderson.

P: Let us speak together words of welcome to our new sisters in Christ.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ!**

Prayers of Intercession

Each prayer petition will conclude:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

Offering of Gifts

Offering: *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* - arr. Geschke

Exultate Ringers

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

Hymnal #885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Offering Prayer

**God of peace, in this full and festive season we give to you our time,
our songs, and our hearts. Help us to see your presence in our holiday
gatherings, meals, purchases, and travels. Use us to encourage lives of deep
faith in all who we meet, through the love of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has lyrics: '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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Children who have received instruction are welcome to commune.

Communion today is by intinction - the dipping of the wafer in the wine. Please come to one of the stations, as directed.

Gluten-free wafers are at the back of the sanctuary near the sound booth.

Did you pick up your Announcements?

The Announcements tell you what's going on at Easter in the coming weeks. They can be found at the doors to the sanctuary. Check it out!

Visit easter.org for details

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

S 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Hymnal #247

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Hymnal #241

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"
stanza 4

Hymnal #242

Dismissal

Postlude: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" - arr. Carter

Ben Kornelis, piano