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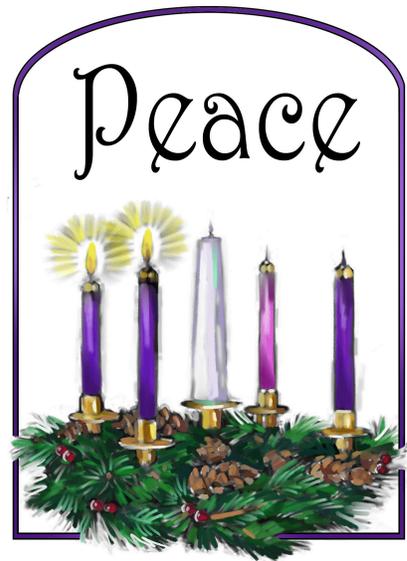
Worship for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

*Thank you for being the Body of Christ
gathered here this morning.*

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

During our Advent Season, we will be using Holden Evening Prayer as our liturgy. As the days get darker, we sing together in anticipation of the Light of Christ which no darkness can overcome.



Welcome

Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Light of Light

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Light of Peace

Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions.

Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings.

Prince of Peace, help us recognize all that is good in our lives.

Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Advent is a time to spread peace to the world around us.

Prince of Peace, open our eyes to the needs of others.

Candle Lighting

Today we light two candles - the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This second candle reminds us that in sending Christ, God sent us peace that passes all understanding. Peace of heart and mind, because through God's grace, we were given a Savior. Because of Christ we can live our lives with a sense of calm assurance, and we can be instruments that spread that peace out into the world.

Light of light reprise:

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The Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Choir

Service of Light (Holden Evening Prayer - blue pages)

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Romans 15: 4-13

Reader: Lee Shaver

Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures give us. And may God, the source of patience and encouragement, enable you to have the same point of view among yourselves by following the example of Christ Jesus, so that all of you together may praise with one voice the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you. 8For I tell you that Christ's life of service was on behalf of the Jews, to show that God is faithful, to make his promises to their ancestors come true, and to enable even the Gentiles to praise God for his mercy. As the scripture says, "And so I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing praises to you." Again it says, "Rejoice, Gentiles, with God's people!" And again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles; praise him, all peoples!" And again, Isaiah says, "A descendant of Jesse will appear; he will come to rule the Gentiles, and they will put their hope in him."

May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Luke 3: 1-6

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the Kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said, "Someone is shouting in the desert, 'Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair; he wore a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. People came to him from Jerusalem, from the whole province of Judea, and from all over the country near the Jordan River. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan.

When John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to him to be baptized, he said to them, "You snakes—who told you that you could escape from the punishment God is about to send? Do those things that will show that you have turned from your sins. And don't think you can escape punishment by saying that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can take these rocks and make descendants for Abraham! The ax is ready to cut down the trees at the roots; every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown in the fire. I baptize you with water to show that you have repented, but the one who will come after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He is much greater than I am; and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. He has his winnowing shovel with him to thresh out all the grain. He will gather his wheat into his barn, but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

The Annunciation & Magnificat

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Sermon

- 1) Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2) He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.
- 3) He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.
- 4) Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

Confession of Faith

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.

Litany & Prayers

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Offering

You may put your offerings in the basket on the table at the back of the church - or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website - americanlutheranchurch.net - or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156

Meal**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

May the Lord of Advent be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your waiting hearts.

We lift them to the One whose heart longs for us.

People of God, give thanks to the One who draws near to us.

As we gather at God's Table, we offer our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

*Jesus welcomes ALL to his table to receive his love and forgiveness -- his life given for you.
Grape juice and gluten/soy/corn free wafers are available.*

Communion Hymns: 251, 254, 266

Closing Prayer**Final Blessing**

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!

This Week

Monday	10am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10am	Anna Circle
	7pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), Carlton Christy (at the request of the Graffs). Ellie, Bobbie Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson , Kapple family, Paul (Julie Brown's brother), Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Robin Smith (Graff's niece), Pamela Thompson's brother David, Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Wayland VanZant, Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece), Josh Zakar and family, Terry Zakar

Announcements:

Cooking Class: Stay after Coffee Hour for Nakia's cookie class.

Giving Update: October Actual Giving - \$12,506.68, October Budget - \$17,083.33, October Variance - (\$4,576.65)
YTD Variance to General Fund giving budget as of October 31, 2025 is (\$12,275.48)

The church is selling the organ. It is an Allen organ model no. MDS16. We are asking \$300.

Second Harvest Mobile Market: Dates for 2026

Thurs. March 19
Thurs May 7
Thurs June 11
Thurs September 10
Thurs November 12