



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Vernon, British Columbia
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Second Sunday of Advent

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Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 85 Hymnal page 140

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we come before You with joy and rejoicing that You sent your only Son, Jesus to save us from our sins bring peace between You and us. Through His death and resurrection You have opened up the way for us to come into your presence and receive Your Grace and Mercy. Come to us, we pray, and fill our hearts with the light of your grace, that we may share the joy and peace in believing. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

Invocation: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Opening Hymn: 58 st. 1-5 O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

1. O Lord, how shall I meet Thee, How welcome Thee aright?
Thy people long to greet Thee, My Hope, my heart's Delight!
O kindle, Lord, most holy, Thy lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly All that may please Thee best.

2. Thy Zion strews before Thee Green boughs and fairest palms,
And I, too, will adore Thee With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever For Thee with praises new
And from Thy name shall never Withhold the honor due.

3. I lay in fetters, groaning, Thou com'st to set me free;
I stood, my shame bemoaning, Thou com'st to honor me;
A glory Thou dost give me, A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail or leave me As earthly riches fly.
4. Love caused Thy incarnation, Love brought Thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, That led Thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race!
5. Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted, Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed And tremble at your doom.
Despair not, He is near you, Yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you And bids you weep no more.

Confession of Sins:

P: God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires that sinners repent, turn from their wicked ways and live. (*Ezek. 18:32*)

C: I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against You, O LORD, You only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight. (*Psalms 51:3-4*)

P: Jesus declared: "I am the resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." (*John 11:25*)

C: We believe: He who has the Son has life; He who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (*1 John 5:12*)

P: Jesus declared: "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

C: We believe: We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own special people, that we may proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. (*1 Peter 2:9*)

P: In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (*Ephesians 1:7*)

C: Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ! (*2 Cor. 2:14*)

Advent Waiting

The first Sunday of Advent has been called the Sunday of **HOPE**. Our hope in Christ's second coming to receive us to our eternal home is made sure by His first coming to take our place under the law to redeem us who are under



the law.

Today is referred to as the Sunday of **PEACE**. Our Prince of Peace was born in the peaceful town of Bethlehem to bring “Peace on earth, good will toward men.” It is the peace we have in knowing that through Jesus we receive God’s “good will” not His wrath and punishment.

That peace comes to us because, “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them.” 2 Cor. 5:19 May our faith and hope burn bright and fill us with this wonderful peace with God.

C: “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” (Micah 5:2)

Sing:

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.**

Responsive Reading: select verses from Jeremiah 31

P: The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;

C: Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.”

P: For thus says the Lord: “Sing with gladness for Jacob,

C: and shout among the chief of the nations;

P: Proclaim, give praise, and say,

C: “O Lord, save Your people, the remnant of Israel!”

P: They shall come with weeping,

C: and with supplications I will lead them.

P: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters,

C: In a straight way in which they shall not stumble.

P: For I am a Father to Israel,

C: And Ephraim is My firstborn.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

6 “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.”

Response of Praise:

P: Daughter of Zion:

C: Behold, your Salvation comes.

P: The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard:

C: And you shall have gladness of heart.

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel:

C: You who lead Joseph like a flock.

P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined:

C: Our God shall come.

Sing: Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing
And to Thee we come confessing
That our freedom Thou hast wrought! (L.H.90 st.7)

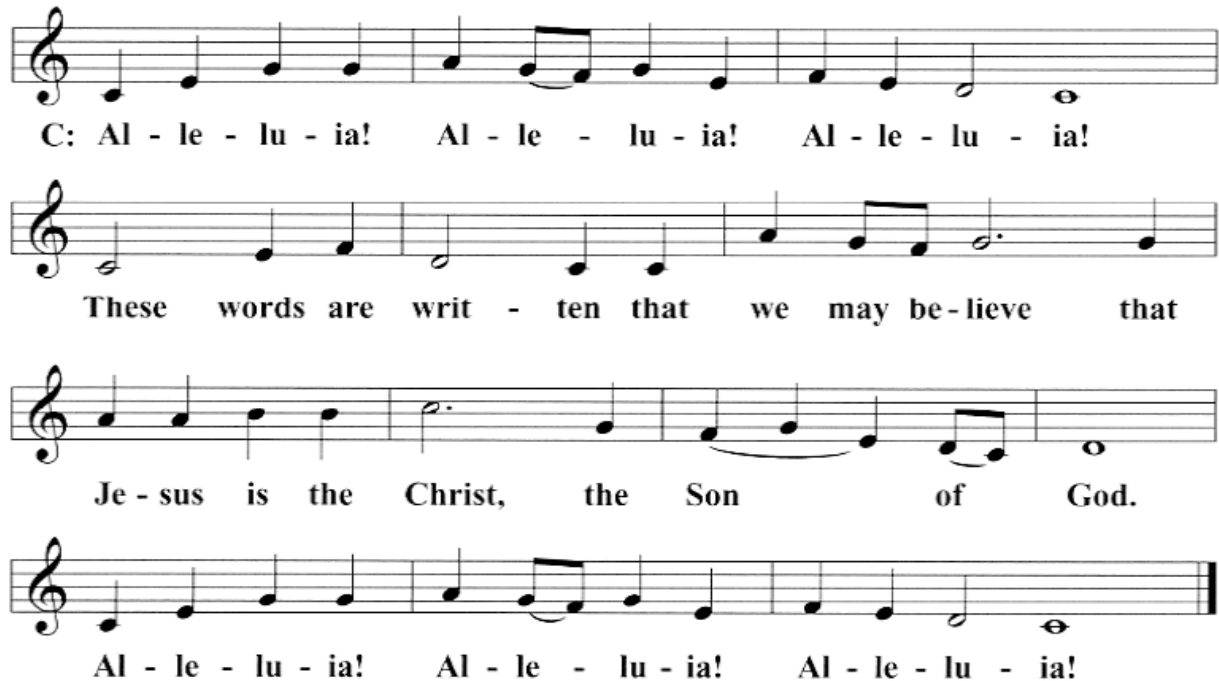
Gospel Reading: John 14:25-29

25 “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you.’ If you loved

Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. 29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: 645 Behold, A Branch is Growing

1. Behold a branch is growing As of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sung, foreknowing; It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little Flower In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

2. Isaiah hath foretold It In words of promise sure,
And Mary' s arms enfold It, A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will This Child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.
3. The shepherds heard the story, Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of Glory, Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped And in the manger found him,
As angel heralds said.
4. This Flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere.
True Man, yet very God; From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.
5. O Savior, Child of Mary, Who felt our human woe;
Savior, King of Glory. Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray. To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.

Sermon: Romans 15:4-13

“4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, 9 and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name.” 10 And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” 11 And again: “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles!

Laud Him, all you peoples!” 12 And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope.” 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Response: (Hymn 401:1)

Praise to You and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, Did partake of flesh and blood.
Teach me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.

Hymn: 62 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.
2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.
3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.
4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home:
Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayers:

Communion Liturgy:

The Preface:

Sung to hymn 102

P: The Good Lord be with you.

C: And with you, His servant.

P: Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

C: With hearts uplifted Thanks to Him we render:

With joy we come before Him, In gratefulness Implore Him,

With thankful hearts adore Him Evermore!

Thanksgiving Prayer:

Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of Your great love, You have given us Your Son, Jesus Christ. We have seen His glory, and received His peace. Now we wait for the day of consummation, when He will come again as Judge and King. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus:

Sung to hymn 94

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!

Heav'n and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord, to You!

The 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.

The Consecration:

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take eat, this is My body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup, after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you; this up is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

The Distribution:

Take eat, this is the body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for the remission of your sins.

Take and drink, this is the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which was shed for you for the remission of all your sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

The Thanksgiving:

Sung to hymn 85

Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, And we have tasted of His word.

As His own servants we depart With His salvation in our heart.
His saving power He has made known; His love through all the earth is shown.

Glory to God, the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure And steadfast love fore'er endure!

Benediction:

Sung to hymn 102

P: The Lord bless and keep you, Look with love upon you, Be gracious, and
cause His face to shine with peace

C: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us, The Spirit's
pow'r to guide us Evermore!**

Amen

Closing Hymn: 70 Hosanna to the Living Lord

1. Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, Let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing.
2. O Savior, with protecting care Abide in this Thy house of prayer,
Where we Thy parting promise claim, Assembled in Thy sacred name.
3. But, chiefest, in our cleansed breast, Eternal, bid Thy Spirit rest
And make our secret soul to be A temple pure and worthy Thee.
4. So in the last and dreadful Day, When earth and heaven shall melt away,
Thy flock, redeemed from sinful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise again.

Scripture Treasure to Remember:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 *"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our
God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and
good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word
and work."*

This Week

Today - Bible Class after the service. Today we will see how the scientific field of
Geology testifies to the truth of God's word.

Tuesday - PCPC Study Club at 2:00

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study in Sweden at 9:30

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:00

Thursday - Shut-in visit at 1:30

Friday - Shut-in visit at 1:00

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:15

Praying for our Family

We pray for pastor John Hein as he continues his chemo therapy. His daughter Christina writes: “Dad’s chemo infusion on Tuesday, November 29th, went smoothly! He did have an appointment with Dr. King beforehand; we were disappointed to learn the next gen sequencing on the primary tumor came back negative for any markers that are required to give immunotherapy a try. However, he’ll keep proceeding with the chemo treatments as planned and we will continue to pray for other doors to open in the future. Dad was extremely tired after his first treatment in October, so we expected much of the same this time around. He’s surprised us all by having more energy, even preaching the sermon at Wednesday’s Advent service! He’s still feeling weak and has a bit of an upset stomach, but is able to eat. He seems to be tolerating chemo very well so far, for which we’re all very thankful.

Children’s Christmas Bags and Baskets

The Red Pail on the table is for donations for the Children’s Christmas baskets this year.

Congregation Christmas Dinner

We are planning a Christmas dinner for Sunday, Dec. 18th. Time spent together in God’s Love is truly precious.

Christmas Celebration

Our **Christmas Eve Children’s** service Saturday the 24th at 6:30.
On **Christmas Day** 10:00 festival service with communion.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias always help make our altar look more festive for the Christmas season. These plants naturally bloom around Christmas time giving glory to our Savior. The red bracts remind us of the blood of our Savior and the white remind us of the holiness He purchased for us with His blood. If you would like to share your poinsettias to enjoy in church it would be greatly appreciated. Be sure to protect them from the cold when transporting.

Call News

Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary.

Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL.

December Birthdays and Baptisms

Anita Johnston		6th
Roman Frank	12th	27th
Britt Edblad	13th	
Malachi Luke		16th
Karlheinz Schwabe		23rd
Rosemarie Schwabe		26th
Ingrid Frank	27th	

Mission News / Prayer List

India – Leaders of the BELC and CLCI both continue to report many opportunities to proclaim the Gospel, even amid the ongoing threats and dangers of persecution in this Hindu-dominated nation. The Board of Missions continues to consider ways to schedule a visit. **Pray that the Lord will continue** to grant boldness, confidence, love, and wisdom to His faithful servants as they unashamedly preach Christ crucified in this predominantly Hindu nation. **Pray also for the teachers and students** of CLCI seminary and the BELC Bible Institute that many more men will be equipped to preach and teach God's saving word.

Pakistan – Pastor Tim Daub continues to teach online video Bible lessons to a group of Christians who are eager to start a Lutheran church in Pakistan. The Board of Missions has authorized Missionary Ohlmann to accompany Pastor Daub on a visit to Pakistan when the time comes. **Pray that the Lord will continue to bless** the teaching and learning of His word. **Thank our Savior** for this opportunity and the technology to proclaim the truth of His word in such a way.

Bangladesh – Pastor Monotosh continues to spread the Gospel in new areas of Bangladesh. He recently reported several adults, children, and infants were baptized and received into membership of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM). The Board of Missions recently approved a grant from the Mission Development Fund to assist the BLCM in purchasing a piece of land where they would eventually construct a building that would be used for a church headquarters, worship facility, and Bible School for training pastors and church leaders. They have had to move several times because of persecution. **Ask the Lord** to continue to bless both the preaching and hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the BLCM. **Pray for the Lord's wisdom and provision** in their search and plans for a permanent building to conduct the work He has given to the BLCM.