

*“Thank the Lord”*  
Prayer after Communion

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\*The Blessing

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\*SENDING HYMN *“Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace”* **INSERT**

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**Leland, Iowa**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

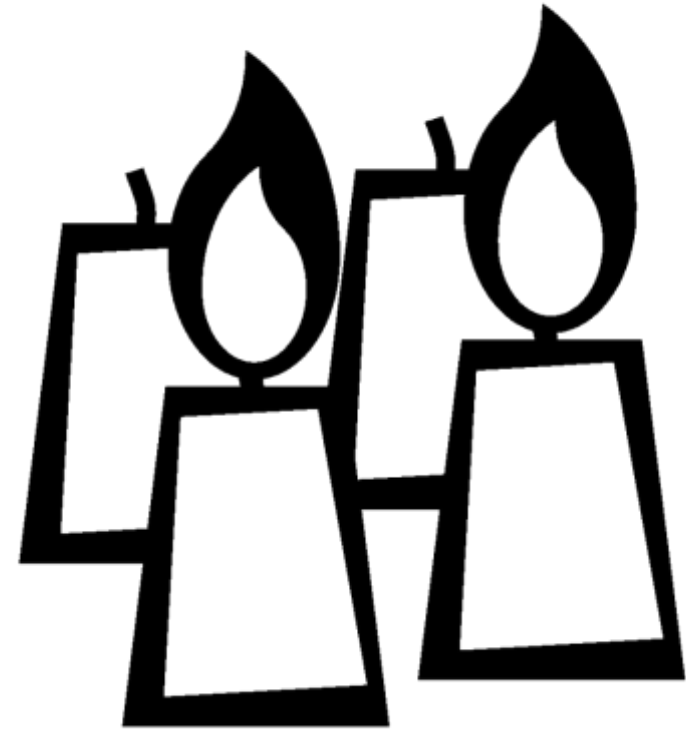
**Thanks be to God**

Postlude

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**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 10, 2023**

*Mission:* To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion offered every Sunday in Advent  
Healing Service December 31<sup>st</sup>

*Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.*

# West Prairie Lutheran Church

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

(\*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

The second candle is the Bethlehem Candle.

*The second blue Advent candle is lit.*

R: Let us pray.

**C: As we light the second candle of our Advent wreath, the Bethlehem Candle, we give thanks to you, O God, for the little town of Bethlehem. Though it was once too small to be counted amongst your people, yet from its members came our Good Shepherd and King, your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Verse 2*

\*Confession & Forgiveness p. 77

\*Opening Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" #29

\*Greeting p. 78

Pastor will sing "The Annunciation" Holden Evening Prayer p. 7

\*The Magnificat Holden Evening Prayer p. 7

P: Give glory to the coming King.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship Him.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, may your Spirit kindle in us a heart so willing to follow**

**your Son, that your reign of righteousness and peace is made visible through our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

PSALMS

Psalm 85

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:12-18

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

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**"Glory to you, O Lord"**

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\*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

**"Praise to you, O Christ"**

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Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony

HYMN OF THE DAY "When Peace Like a River" **Grey Hymnal #495**

\*Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed p. 84

\*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

\*P: Give glory to the coming King.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship Him.**

Sharing the Peace

The Offering

\*The Offertory "Let the vineyards be fruitful" p. 86

\*Offertory Prayer p. 87

\*Great Thanksgiving P: Give glory to the coming King.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship Him.** p. 88

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"* p. 89

\*The Lord's Prayer

**Grey Hymnal #440**

Communion

*"Lamb of God"*

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Distribution

**1** The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,<sup>1a</sup> the Son of God,<sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—<sup>3</sup>"a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" <sup>4</sup>And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with<sup>1a</sup> water, but he will baptize you with<sup>1a</sup> the Holy Spirit."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**The first lesson is from the 40<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Isaiah**

**40** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." <sup>9</sup>You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup>He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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## Let us pray Psalm 85 (responsively)

<sup>1</sup> You, LORD, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> **You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.**

<sup>3</sup> You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

<sup>4</sup> **Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.**

<sup>5</sup> Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

<sup>6</sup> **Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

<sup>7</sup> Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup> **I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.**

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> **Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> **The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.**

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps

**Amen**

## The second lesson is found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Ephesians

<sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

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