

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

December 4, 2022

Worship 11:00 AM

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Reader: Carol Hadland

Worship is live streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/princerupertlutheran/>. You do not need a Facebook account to worship.

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran. At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local Parishes:** First United Church

**Synod Parishes:** Grace Lutheran in Burnaby – Rev. Nathan Fong, Mount Zion Lutheran in Smithers

**ACC:** The Primate: Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the staff of the Anglican Church of Canada

**ELCIC:** National Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

### Discipleship Opportunities

1. The Pastor will be public this coming Wednesday at Javadotcup from 9:30-11:30
2. Movies that Matter is a gathering, hosting community youth (grades 8-12) to eat pizza and popcorn, watch a movie, and discuss the related moral issues. We gather the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from 6:30-9:00. December 9<sup>th</sup> we will watch the movie *Pride*. The current series focuses on issues of discrimination.
3. St. Paul's will host a children's movie and craft event for the community on Saturday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> featuring the original Grinch TV show, which will be rerun throughout the time. This is a drop-in event, running from 1-5 PM. Hotdogs and popcorn will be available. Entry for the event is by donation.
4. December 11 we will have our official Dedication Sunday to bless our sanctuary renovation and new altar painting to the glory of God. We will invite the artists who completed the work as well as old and new members. A potluck will be held afterward for food and fellowship!
5. Our congregation has adopted two families for Christmas. If you have chosen to fulfill one of these Xmas wishes please bring the items to the church or call for a pick-up by December 13<sup>th</sup> for distribution.

6. Our Winter Bake Sale happens December 17 from 1-4:00 PM. If you are able to bake for the sale and/or work the day of the sale please contact Larissa Goruk or Lori Wilson. Free cookie tins available for packing goodies.

7. Our Christmas worship schedule is: Christmas Eve 7:00 PM

Christmas Day 11:00 AM, a low-key, come-as-you-are gathering

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### Announcements

#### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy, O God,

**against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**Blessed be God forever.**

### Gathering Hymn

#### Hark the Glad Sound!

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1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

### Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

### Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Song of Praise*

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*Prayer of the Day*

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Lighting of the Advent wreath*

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

**Amen.**

We sing verses one and two of Light One Candle following the lighting of the Advent Candle



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
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Our first reading is from Isaiah, beginning at the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter

11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 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 kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

We read Psalm 72 responsively: (*leader reads the light print, congregation reads the bold*)

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Our second reading is from Romans beginning at the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter

15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant

you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation*

*worship folder*

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter

3:1-12

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

Rev. Diana Edis

*Hymn of the Day*

*There's A Voice in the Wilderness*

*ELW. 255*

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -  
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the

high - way, a high - way for our God!  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.  
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.

The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like  
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the

loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of  
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now

plac - es where God, our God, may go!  
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.  
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

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Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed found in your worship folder. We confess:  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,**  
**Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;**  
**through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was**  
**incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was**  
**crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in**  
**accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**  
**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of**  
**sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**  
**Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession:* (petition response: L: God, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Offering*

*Offerings may be mailed to the church, placed in our mailbox or sent by e-transfer to [offering2stpauls@citywest.ca](mailto:offering2stpauls@citywest.ca). You may also give through CanadaHelps to St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*

*Offering Prayer*

Let us pray, God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

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:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our

home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen.

**Amen, and amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)*

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared, each in our own places, but gathered together around the table of God. Although we may be

separated by physical distance, we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

*Communion Song*



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, grant us peace.

*Hymns during Communion*

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
*Prepare the Royal Highway*

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*Communion*

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen**

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you to everlasting life.

**C: Amen**

*Prayer After Communion*

Let us pray, Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*Blessing*

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

*Sending Song*

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

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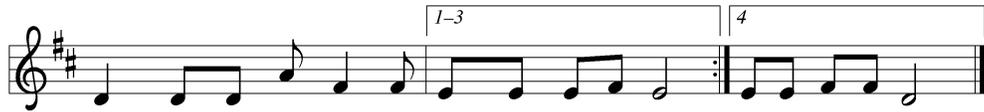
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra\_al Sal - va - dor  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y\_el sur - co\_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Christ is near.  
**Thanks be to God.**