



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

### - Our Hearts Prepare -

#### 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 and make us Yours forever. Through His death and resurrection You have opened up the way for us to come into your presence and receive Your Grace and Mercy. We rejoice that You chose to come and dwell with us and fill our hearts with your love and grace, that we may have the sure Hope of your return and our resurrection to eternal life. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

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



#### Call to Worship:

P: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!

**C: Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**

P: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

**C: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

P: For the Lord is the great God,

**C: And the great King above all gods.**

### Pacific Coast High School

There will be a planning meeting for the Pacific Coast High School this afternoon at 3:00. The committee needs more input and ideas from the congregations to decide how best to proceed. Please consider joining us on Zoom at: Meeting ID: 891 2981 0012

Passcode: 148536

#### CLC Call News

Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel in Winter Haven, Florida, has received the call to Faith in Manchester, MO. • Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Living Savior in Eden Prairie, MN. • After 24 years of teaching at Berea Lutheran School in Inver Grove Heights, MN, Susan Rehm has asked for a peaceful release from her call effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year, to devote more time to caring for her parents and in-laws.

#### Mission News in Bangladesh

In spite of recent attacks by Moslems, the Lord continues to cause His word to spread and grow. Pastor Monotosh has been able to begin a new evangelical field of the BLCM in the very northern district of Dinajpur, Bangladesh. He is working with a new nationality of people near the border of India of Malda district. This tribe's people called themselves Santal. The contact person name is Joel Murmu. Pastor Monotosh has been in contact with him for almost eight months and now he was able to meet him in person. Joel Murmu is eager to form a new congregation within this tribe. These tribal people have their own language and culture and traditions but they also know the Bengali language making communication possible. Pastor Monotosh is teaching Joel about Lutheranism and the true teaching of Scripture. Joel is serving without any financial support. Please pray for him and his family. Another BLCM Deacon, Anath Roy is conducting a theology study class with the lay leader and youth of the church in the Dinajpur district that they may be grounded in good theology and practice. Monotosh writes: "Though we are going through a difficult situation to continue the ministry, the Lord is granting tremendous success in the BLCM. Please pray for BLCM." Bangladesh is a fertile land for the Gospel. The devil is trying to stop the gospel through persecution, but he cannot prevent Christ from building His Church in that land. Praise the Lord!

### *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** - Sunday School and Bible Class after the service.

**Christmas Eve Rehearsal** after Sunday School.

**Monday** - Board of Doctrine Meeting 11:30 - 3:00

**Tuesday** - Instruction Class with Raena and Ralph at 10:00.  
Catechism with Justine and Mattea at 4:00.

**Wednesday** - Skype Bible Study at 9:30  
Bible Study with Karrie at 3:00

**Thursday** - Visit with George at 1:30

**Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00  
Congregation Christmas Party  
Christmas Eve Rehearsal.

## **Changing Covid Restrictions**

With the new variant, omicron reaching BC, Bonnie Henry has reinstated the mask mandate for Churches. Therefore we ask you to wear your mask whenever you are moving about and visiting. You may take them off while seated spaced out during the service.

## **Congregation Christmas Party**

We need to finalize our plans for the Christmas party next Sunday.

## **Christmas Cards**

There are a few Christmas Cards to sign for our members who are unable to attend worship and for Alice Naumann. Please sign them today so we can send them this week.

## **Children's Christmas Baskets**

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

P: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**C: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

P: For He is our God,

**C: And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

**Opening Hymn: 58 st.1 & 3-7** (1st tune) O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

## **Confession of Sins:**

P: Dearly beloved, God has said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." (Jer. 31:3) In His Love, God came to rescue us from our sins and make us His own. Therefore let us come before our God in all humbleness and sincerity to confess our sins, confident that He forgives us for Christ's sake.

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I am a poor, miserable sinner. I have sinned against You with my thoughts, my words and my actions. I truly deserve Your eternal punishment. But I confess them to You because You have promised to forgive me for the sake of Your own dear Son who suffered and died for my sins. Lord, I desperately need Your Grace and Forgiveness. Be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this confession, I assure you that God is full of grace and mercy and for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, He has forgiven all your sins. May God keep you in His grace, trusting and serving Him until Christ comes again to take us to be with Him forever.

**C: Amen**

## **Advent Candle Lighting**

The first Sunday of Advent we were reminded that **Christ came to Bethlehem to grant us HOPE**—the true Hope that does not disappoint. We light the first candle in remembrance of that Hope.

*Light the First Candle*

We can live in that Hope when we see and enjoy Christ's amazing Love. So the second Sunday of Advent often focuses on that great **LOVE**. The angels announced God's gift of love. For those who believe it, God's love shines in their hearts. For "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:5 "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an

atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:9-11. We light the second candle and receive the warm glow of His Love.

*Light the Second Candle*

### Response in Hope:

P: The steadfast love of God endures all the day.

**C: I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.** (Ps. 52:1&8)

P: When the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done,

**C: but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,** (Titus 3:4-5)

P: In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world,

**C: that we might live through Him.**

P: In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**C: If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** (1Jn. 4:9-11)

P: Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God

**C: and into the patience of Christ.** (2 Thessalonians 3:5)

### SING TO THE LORD

*Antiphon*



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

### Select verses from Psalm 96

P: “Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

**C: And His praise in the assembly of saints.**

P: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

**C: Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

P: Let them praise His name with the dance;

**C: Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.**

*Antiphon*



### 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: 65 st.1-2, 6** When Sinners See their Lost Condition

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."

P: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;

**C: He will beautify the humble with salvation.**

P: Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds.

**C: Let the high praises of God be in their mouth."**

### *Antiphon*

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

### **Response of Praise:**

P: I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing,

**C: shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 8:38-39)

P: keep yourselves in the love of God,

**C: looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.** (Jude 1:21)

### **Sing:**

(Worship Supplement 709)

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation;

God loves me dearly, loves even me.

*Refrain:* Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,

God loves me dearly, loves even me.

P: When Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father,

**C: having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.** (John 13:1)

P: Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace;

**C: and the God of love and peace will be with you.** (2 Cor. 13:11)

**Sing:** I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness;

God's love was working to make me free.

*Refrain:*

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;

He sent forth Jesus and set me free.

*Refrain:*

P: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;

**C: and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 14:23)**

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

**Sing:** Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.

*Refrain:*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12**

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: 55** Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

**SermonText:** Luke 2:7

*"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."*

Theme for the Advent and Christmas Season:

**He Came to Bethlehem -**

**TO GRANT HOPE,  
- TO GIVE LOVE -  
TO BESTOW JOY,  
TO INSTILL PEACE,**

P: The Peace of God which surpasses all human understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

**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: 85 st. 1-5 & 13** From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

**Offering of Thankful hearts:**

Sing while bringing up the offering: Hymn 69:6

Oh, rich the gifts You bring us, Yourself made poor and weak!  
O Love beyond expression, That here can sinners seek!  
For this, O Lord, will we Our joyous tribute bring You  
And glad hosannas sing to You And ever grateful be.

**Prayers:**

**Communion Liturgy:**

**The Preface:**

**Sung to hymn 102**

P: The Good Lord be with you.

**C: And with you, His servant.**