

December 4, 2024

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

December 4th, 2024

Speaker: Pastor Mark Tiefel

Organist: Dan Barthels

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Read John 14:23-31

During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's Son, who was given the name Jesus—a Hebrew name that means "God saves." However, in addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles that describe something about His person or work. We will examine the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace—and will study how each of these titles describes something about who Jesus is and what He did for our salvation.

We long for peace in this world but fail to obtain it. Peace comes only through the gift of God in our Savior, Jesus Christ, come into the flesh for us at Christmas. He alone offers us true and lasting peace. Therefore, Jesus is given the title Prince of Peace. He rules over creation and gives us peace with God through His sacrifice for us, which also results in believers being at peace with one another.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

#66 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

- p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- c If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.
- p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- c If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- p Let us confess our sins.

- all Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen
- p Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- c Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen
- p Let us pray . . . Prince of Peace, you have granted us the gift of peace through Your life and death, grant that truly repenting of our sins we may find rest in Your promises, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever Amen

PSALM

Psalm 85:1-8

P	LORD, You have been favorable to Your land;
C	You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
P	You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;
C	You have covered all their sin. Selah
P	You have taken away all Your wrath;
C	You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger
P	Restore us, O God of our salvation,
C	And cause Your anger toward us to cease.
P	Will You be angry with us forever?
C	Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
P	Will You not revive us again,
C	That Your people may rejoice in You?
P	Show us Your mercy, LORD,
C	And grant us Your salvation.
P	I will hear what God the LORD will speak,
C	For He will speak peace To His people and to His
	saints; .

THE WORD

Romans 5:1-11 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God

through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

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- P Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
- P In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

#61 Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

SERMON

Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7 Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*, *By* the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. ² The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined . . . ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful. Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

PRINCE OF PEACE

#709 God Loves Me Dearly

OFFERING AND PRAYER

P Prince of Peace, we give thanks that You came to earth and paid for all that our sins deserved. Grant us steadfastness of faith to be at peace with one another, knowing that because of Your grace and love for us, we will be with You in eternity. Have mercy upon us and hear us as we join to pray:

Luther's Evening Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The
Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace. Amen

#796 The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended



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