



ISAIAH 11:1-10

THE BRANCH
OF PEACE

Sunday ~ December 7th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

Opening Song “The First Noel”

Responsive Reading from Psalm 72

Song “Goodness of God”

Prayer of the Day

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Advent Reading 2 - Peace Candle

Children’s Moment

Song “Light of the World”

Sermon Text Isaiah 11:1-10

Message

Prayer of God’s People

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Confession & Forgiveness

Distribution Song “Lean Back”

Prayer of Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song “Gratitude”

Postlude

This Week at Christ Lutheran:

Sunday	9am - Worship Service 10am - Coffee Fellowship 10:15am - Sunday School 4:15pm - Kids Caroling at Haven Homes
Monday	9am - Quilting 10am - Coffee Fellowship
Wednesday	6:15pm - Men’s & Women’s Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir Practice
Thursday	9am - Charis Women’s Bible Study
Friday	Office Closed 6:30am - Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Saturday	5pm - 150 th Anniversary Dinner
Sunday	9am - 150 th Celebration Worship! 10am - Coffee Fellowship 10:15am - Sunday School

Sunday Servants:

Greeter: Derek & Heather Nieuwsma Family
Reader: Renee Burrows
Coffee: Rich & Linda Mickschl
Communion Prep: Paula Weis
Sound Board: Gene Snyder
Video: Brian Warzetha

Please pray for the following people:

Healing: Dolores Peterson, Millie Snyder, Mary Betterman, Ron Wipf, JoEllen Horazuk, Sue Pedersen

Matthew 3:1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Advent Candle Lighting Reading: Peace Candle

Today we light the second candle—the candle of *Peace*. Isaiah foretold a shoot from the stump of Jesse—a King who would bring justice and righteousness, and under whose reign even the wolf and lamb would dwell together. In Isaiah 11:6 he says:

“The wolf shall live with the lamb... and a little child shall lead them.”

True peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of Christ, who

makes all things new and reconciles the world to God.

A tender shoot, a holy child,
In humble strength, the storm is stilled.
From broken ground new life shall grow—
God’s peace descends, and mercy flows.

Pray:

Come, Lord Jesus, our Prince of Peace. As we light this second candle, quiet our hearts with the promise of Your coming kingdom, where justice flows, creation rests, and all things are made whole. Let Your peace take root in us—calming our worries, healing our divisions, and guiding us to walk gently with one another. Draw us ever closer to You, the Holy Child who leads us. Amen.



Acts 1:8 Mission Partner Spotlight: Feed My Starving Children

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150 Years of Memories



Where are they now? Pastor Dave Garwick served Christ Lutheran Church from 1991-2015. He and Ann were active in ministry and church activities throughout their time here. Their girls have grown and have families of their own. Today, Dave & Ann spend each day together in Edina. They have three grandsons: two teenagers and one toddler.

Weekly Bible Reading Guide (NT in 1 Year)

Week 49 (Dec 8 – Dec 12): Revelation 4 – Revelation 8

Monday – Revelation 4

- What might the number 24 tell us about the identity of the elders? (v. 5)
- What are the similarities and differences between the living creatures in this chapter and those in Ezekiel 1? (vv. 6–8)
- What attribute of God is emphasized in this chapter? (vv. 8–10)

Tuesday – Revelation 5

- Why does John weep over no one being able to open the scroll? (vv. 1–4)
- Why is Jesus referred to as a Lion? A Lamb? (vv. 5–6)
- Why is Jesus worthy to open the scroll? (vv. 9–10)

Wednesday – Revelation 6

- What is the significance of the riders' respective colors? (vv. 1–8)
- Why were the martyrs given white robes? (v. 11)
- Where else in the Bible do sinners try to hide from God? (vv. 15–16)

Thursday – Revelation 7

- Why were 12,000 sealed from each tribe? (vv. 4–8)
- What is the great tribulation of which the angel speaks? (vv. 13–14)
- What are the benefits of being washed by the blood of the Lamb? (vv. 15–17)

Friday – Revelation 8

- What does the seventh seal contain? (vv. 1–2)
- Why is the censer thrown onto the earth? (vv. 1–5)
- Why is the star named Wormwood? (v. 11)