

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Mid-Week Advent Service One December 6, 2023**  
**Peace by pointing us to His Promise -- Micah 5: 2**

*(The Peace of God in our lives is not the absence of conflict, but is the unity between God and man by Christ removing the barrier of sin and granting to us His righteousness. We have peace with God, because He does not see us covered in sin, but sees us covered in the blood of His Son; therefore viewing us in His Son's holiness. Heaven has been opened to us and He has built us our place in eternity. We live in the comfort of His peace forever!)*

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn:** "Come, You Long - Expected Jesus" 338

Come You long - expected Jesus Born to set Your people free  
From the fears and sins release me Let us find our peace in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth You art.  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation Peace that touches ev'ry heart

Born Your people to deliver; Born a child and yet a King!  
Born to reign in us forever Now Your gracious kingdom bring.  
By Your own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Your all sufficient merit In peace stand before Your throne.

From His Word He was long promised One who would bring peace to all.  
Son of God and Son of David He res-cues all from the fall!  
He is Lord the Hope of nations He is God whose peace will reign  
In our hearts and lives forever We will always have His name!

**Invocation:** *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

**Advent Litany:**

P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth

C: *Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.*

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: *Make His paths straight.*

P: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C: *Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth, and bring us peace!*

**Psalmody:** *Psalm 122 "Let us Go to the House of the Lord"*

P: I was glad when they said to me C: *"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*

P: Our feet have been standing C: *Within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

P: Jerusalem -- built as a city C: *Which is bound firmly together*

P: To which the tribes go up C: *The tribes of the Lord,*

P: As was decreed for Israel, C: *To give thanks to the name of the Lord.*

P: There thrones of judgment were set, C: *The thrones of the house of David.*

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem C: *"May they be secure who love You!"*

P: Peace be within your walls C: *And security within your towers!"*

P: For my brothers and companions' sake C: *I will say, "Peace be within you!"*

P: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, C: *I will seek your good.*

**ALL:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen!*

P: The Lord be with you! C: *And also with you!*

**Collect:** *O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Choir:** *"A Celtic Noel"*

**O. T. Lesson:** *Micah 5: 2 – 5 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."*

*Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of His brothers return to join the Israelites.*

*He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And He will be our peace.*

**Epistle Lesson:** *Romans 5: 1-5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.*

**Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 2: 29-32 (Please Rise) “Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You may now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”*

**Hymn:** *“Jesus came from Heav’ns Adoring” (tune 353)*

Jesus came the heav’ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came to win redemption, Lowly came on earth to die  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Lowly came on earth to die.

Jesus came to bring His blessings Bring His blessings to us all  
Jesus came to unify us With a peace that cannot fall  
Alleluia! Alleluia! With a peace that cannot fall!

In the promise of a Savior Man would be given His peace  
Through the promise grace was given God’s own peace would never cease  
Alleluia! Alleluia! God’s own peace would never cease!

Savior of the nations bless us Bless us with Your peace and love  
Keep us Yours in grace and favor With Your mercy from above.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! With Your mercy from above.

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

### **Offerings brought to the Altar**

### **Prayers**

**The Lord’s Prayer:** *Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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 u not into temptation, But deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Hymn:** *“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied” 342 vs. 1, 2*

**Closing Collect:** *Gracious Father, bring to us the wonder of Your presence and remain near us in all we do; keeping us free from evil and cleansing us of our daily sin. Restore daily Your peace upon us and hold us in Your loving arms, keeping us bound to You and protected from the power of sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen!*

**Choir Benediction:** *“Benediction of Peace”*

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