

**10am, December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion**



**NEW BEGINNINGS:
THE ANNUNCIATIONS**

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PRELUDE
WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Phil Zinken)

L: Dare we praise?

C: Might we worship?

L: Can we show adoration?

C: Let us worship with our whole beings.

L: Let our arms move,

C: and our soul's soar.

L: Our feet shift

C: and our hearts beat.

L: Let the words come as they are needed.

C: Let us worship with all that we are.

OPENING HYMN: ELW 265 – The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

CHOIR: Advent's Holy Light

SECOND SUNDAY - PEACE

(The first and second candles are lit.)

P: We continue our Advent journey today with the lighting of the Hope candle and the second candle, the candle of Peace. Let the gentle glow of these candles symbolize the tranquility we seek in our hearts and homes, fostering a sense of peace that transcends the chaos of this world.

P: In a world filled with conflict and confrontations

C: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

P: For the storms that sometimes rage within us

C: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

P: As we rush and hurry our way through busy lives

C: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

P: And for those around us we know are carrying heavy burdens

C: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

P: Gracious Creator, in the quiet moments may we find solace in your presence, and in the noisy chaos of life may your peace prevail. Calm the storms that rage within and around us. May we be instruments of your peace, fostering understanding, compassion, and harmony in our hearts.

C: Amen.

ADVENT'S HOLY LIGHT



Lord, we are wait - ing for peace to reign.



Lord, we are lis - tening for love's re - frain.



For hope, peace, and joy and love to u -



nite in the beau - ty and won - der of



Ad - vent's ho - ly light.

WORD

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2-7 (Lizaan Fourie)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ACS 905 – We Are Waiting For Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

The Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter: Luke 1:5-38

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Lizaan Fourie)

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to

their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, “This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 249 – On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God,
creator and lover of the earth,
origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ—
God coming to us
in the fragile promise
of a baby yet unborn—
who emerges as the herald of hope,
God's laughter in the face of despair.
Plunged into death and hell,
he broke free the captives,
and is leading the way
to the land of promise
where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who implants the seed of truth,
brings us to birth
as the body of Christ,
and empowers us
to confront and transform
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God.
Announced by the Baptist,
it has drawn near to us in Jesus,
and will be consummated
in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven,
when all who have passed through
the world's deep sorrow
will be raised from the waters,
robed in righteousness,
and gathered into the joyous fulfilment
of God's desire.**

**For the coming of that day on this day,
we work and pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Phil Zinken)

In this season of waiting we pray for your peace for your church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Wonderful counsellor, we thank you for our time together in worship, time to hear the familiar passages of scripture and to recall the wonders of miraculous births. We thank you for the knowledge that you hear our prayers and that prayer is one aspect of the miraculous. Today we bring our prayers for ourselves and others, seeking your counsel that we might ever live in your peace that passes all understanding. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, we look for justice and righteousness in our world, and so often come up empty. Instead, we witness human greed and ignorance rules the day. We see adverts convincing us our wants are greater than our needs, and we turn our attention to self and to fulfilment. In this season of advent, open our hearts to others' needs. Help us to speak up for the poor and the refugee. Remind us that you are the light that shines in the darkness. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, we love this creation of yours, even in the increased darkness of the winter season. We ask that you give us the collective passion to communicate the awesome wonder of all that you have made. We pray that young children and their families are captivated by the story of creation and your birth and life within it, and that all would care for and love what you have made. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

Prince of Peace, there is so much hurt, grief and illness in this world. Inspire us with creative ways to communicate needs, to work out compromise, and to serve and love one another. We come with prayers for those we know are in any kind of need including **Kristin Jakobson, Shantelle Ford, Brian Shaw, the Hendricksen, Holben/Kruger, Holben families**, for the people listed in the bulletin, and for those we now name silently or aloud. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

HOSANNA ONGOING PRAYERS: Dale Grinde, Gladys Hansen, Susan Leeson, Terry Daubert, Graeme Peppink, Terry Suvanto, Harold Benn, Raymond, Fiona, Mike Wende Aldon, Pamela Beuerlein, Pat and Morley Becker, Gail Hadfield, Tom Hampton, Linda Serink, Gordon and Marlene Chapman, Dana Lesmeister, Archie Martin, Kay, Sheila Wood, Dianne and Tom Kieren, Shawn Marino, Ariella S., Chantel, Nathaniel Rietveld, Emily Stebner, Beth Olsen, Jacquie Gross, Ken Hansen, Erwin Marquardt, Deliah Johannas, Al Wende, Liz Wise, Holly Armstrong, Darlene Brown, Marilyn Beebe, Dianne Begert, Dale Grinde, Elaine McKinlay, George Kubinski, Chelsea Sloan, Don Vinge, Millie Dofka, Hilda Lindae

LAKELAND ONGOING PRAYERS: Jan (Yawn), John, Helen, Nathan, Veronica, Avery, Mel, Joe, Eric, Phyllis, Kari, Barb

You are the great light and we invite the light of your love into our daily interactions. May the body that is your church be an example of the miracle of birth, showing others that your church is always being renewed. We come with prayers today for our siblings in the faith including for Bishop Kathy and the people of the BC Synod. For all ABT Synod Campus Ministries. For the pastors of Hosanna and Lakeland Lutheran Churches. Amisk Park Lutheran, Amisk, and Scandia Lutheran, Armena. Divine Redeemer, San Miguel. The Good Shepherd Community Facility and Programs, Bogota, Colombia. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. The Anglican Diocese of the Yukon. The Reformed Church of Canada. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

The zeal of the Lord of Hosts joins us as we await the birth of Jesus, and we give thanks for all birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations. We celebrate with **Colleen Jahns, Zoe Zinken, Wally Tiemstra, Kenneth Rasko, Marg Daly, Dan Fessenden, Trinity S.R., and Clayton S.R.,** and ask your blessing on them on their special day and in the year to come. God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, hear the prayers of our deepest longings, your will be done.
C: Amen.

THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC: Chime Lullaby (Hosanna Bells/Spiritoso!)

OFFERING HYMN: ACS 989 – Let Your Peace Rain Upon Us
“Yarabba Ssalami”

Yarabba Ssalami is sung each Sunday throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) after the peace is shared and while the table is set. A translation of this song is:

***God of peace, give to us your peace;
God of peace, give to our land your peace.***



Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam,
Let your peace rain up - on us, O liv - ing God of . . . peace.



ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam.
Let your peace rain up - on us, Lord, fill our hearts . . with your peace.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Phil Zinken)

L: Let us pray. O God, you multiply exultation; you increase joy; and we all rejoice before you.

C: We bring these tokens of our recognition for your abundant gifts. We bring these gifts that others may experience joy. We bring ourselves that we may share our deep joy and experience of you with others. Gracious God, bless these gifts of time, talent, and finances, and multiply them; bringing deep joy to your people. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.



DISTRIBUTION: All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Communion is celebrated in a continuous fashion around the altar. Please come forward to receive a wafer/gluten free option and pick up a cup for the wine/grape juice. Please put your used small cup in the container provided. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please tell an usher. If you have questions about what to do, please ask.

The Body of Christ given for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

LAMB OF GOD: ACS 902 – Come Now, O God



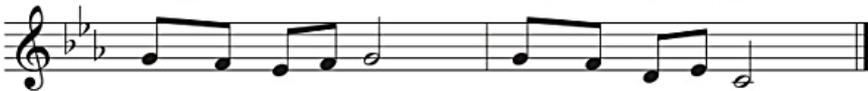
1. Come, now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2. Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
3. Come, lead us out of our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

ELW 262 – Wait For The Lord

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

SENDING: ACS 901 - Now The Heavens Start To Whisper (**verse 2**)



- 1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
- 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
- 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

BLESSING

P: Go, seekers of truth, read God's Word, study God's truth, experience God's wisdom. Make a start to growing in faith, enjoy understanding the Bible's wisdom, use it to experience the power of God, and live out the teachings of Jesus. May the Word bless you and keep you, the Lord's light shine upon you, give you hope, and bring you peace today and every day. **C: Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN: ELW 252 – Each Winter As The Year Grows Older

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Permission to livestream the music in this service obtained from OneLicense with license "A-733297".

Affirmation of Faith — written by Nathan Nettleton, and posted on his [Laughingbird](#) website. For more worship resources for the season of Advent, see this index of [Advent Worship Resources](#), or click on Advent 1, 2, 3, or 4 in the list of "Labels" at the lower right side of the page.

<i>With thanks to those serving today:</i>	
Lay Leader	Phil Zinken
Reader	Lizaan Fourie
Altar Guild	Rodina Couling
Special Music	Hosanna Bells & Spiritoso!
Greeters	Norm & Joanne Waltho
A/V Technology	Clayton S.R., George Carmichael
Hospitality	Sherry Suvanto, Chris Terry
Offering Counters (December)	Johanna Borle, Rodina Couling, Carl & Doreen Betke

TODAY

10am Holy Communion
11am Sunday School



You are invited to join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning at 10am. Please prepare in advance by having bread or a gluten-free option, and wine or grape juice available to be shared. You are also invited to make your worship space special as you join us in worship. **Communion supplies are available at the church.**

THIS WEEK: December 8th – December 14th

MONDAY 10am Gentlemen's Coffee/ 8pm AlAnon

TUESDAY 7pm 12-Step/ 7pm Tai Chi/ 7:15pm Confirmation

WEDNESDAY 10:30am Staff/ 1:30pm Finance

THURSDAY 10am Bible Study/ 2pm Food Bank/ 5:15pm Handbells/
6pm Scouts/ 7pm Choir

FRIDAY 8am HTH Group/ 7pm Friday Night Flicks/
7:30pm Women's Bible Study

SATURDAY 8am 12 Step Group

SUNDAY 10am Holy Communion/ 11am Sunday School/

11am Family Christmas!

STAFF AWAY DATES:

Pr. James @ LLC Dec.12th – 14th

Pr. Anna @ LLC Dec.23rd – 24th

- ❖ **Friday Night Flicks** returns on **December 12th** with a showing of *The Holdovers*, a 2023 comedy/drama starring Paul Giamatti. The movie is set in 1970 at Christmas at a New England boarding school. One of the teachers is given the annual task of staying at the school over the Christmas break to supervise whatever students are not able to go home. The "holdovers" in this case end up being a stern classics teacher, the kindly cafeteria manager and an edgy and lonely student whose parents didn't want him along on their own Christmas trip. Each of the characters is struggling with their own private sadness, but they come together to support and love each other. The movie was nominated for the Oscar for Best Picture in 2023, and Da'Vine Randolp, the cafeteria manager, won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress. Hailed as an "instant Christmas classic" you will both laugh out loud and shed a few tears as you watch this movie. Join us on December 12th for pop and popcorn and some time together with your friends from Hosanna!

Hosted by John Campbell

- ❖ **The Hosanna Quilters** are now on a much deserved break. They will return on January 7th.
- ❖ **Family Christmas Potluck Lunch: December 14th**, after worship. Bring your favorite dish to share. Signup sheets for food/ helpers are on the Black Counter. Fellowship will supply the ham. See you there!
Sherry Suvanto and John Campbell
- ❖ **The Refugee Support Group** hopes many of you had a chance to meet members of the Salloum-Alsass family last week (*and* enjoy the Syrian pastries they brought for us). Another guest, Rosanne Thede, reported on how members of this family came to Edmonton and how hard they are working to bring three sisters — Katia, Reem, and Hala— to safety here as well. The Edmonton inter-church committee reports that they are about \$8,000 short of their target of \$45,000. Anything we can do to help is much appreciated. Donate as you regularly do to Hosanna, clearly marking your donation as **Trinity Refugee Fund**. Thank you!



*Hosanna Lutheran Church would like to personally invite
you and your family to attend our
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on December 24th.*

SERVICE TIMES ARE:

4:30pm and 7pm

In-Person & Online

(bit.ly/HosannaEdmonton)

We want you to know how you can make donations to Hosanna.

Our operations and expenses continue even though we are meeting in a variety of ways.

WAYS TO GIVE



**SEND BY
MAIL**

*You can mail or
drop off your
donations*



If you are on PAR,
everything will
proceed as
normal—
thank you.



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online bank account.

Recipient:

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CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE
2025/2026

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4:30pm & 7pm in-person and online

Thursday, Dec.25th

Christmas Day - Church Office Closed

Friday, Dec.26th

Boxing Day - Church Office Closed

Sunday, Dec.28th

Lessons & Carols

10am in-person & online

Thursday, Jan.1st

New Year's Day - Church Office Closed

Sunday, Jan.4th

10am Worship

in-person & online



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OUR VISION *Empowered by dynamic and creative liturgical Lutheran worship, Hosanna Lutheran Church will lead Edmonton in equipping Christians for spiritual growth and service.*

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