

Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Reflection Questions

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)

Prayer of Confession

Passing the Peace

Kids Time

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail, Realm, and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/>. Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates in the Narthex.)

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 & Ephesians 2:13-22**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Prince of Peace

Fourth in the Series "He Shall Be Called"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song **Emmanuel God With Us**

Invitation to Prayer

Blessing

He Shall Be Called

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Ephesians 2:13-22

1. When people pray for peace in the world, what do you think they mean? In addition to warring nations, who else needs peace in our world?
2. In Isaiah 9:6, what do you think it means to call the Messiah the Prince of Peace? What were the Israelites in Isaiah's day hoping for?
3. Read Ephesians 2:13-22. Who were the two groups in hostility toward one another? How did Jesus bring peace between them? (See verses 13-16)
4. In addition to reconciling Jews with Gentiles, who else have they been reconciled to? (See verses 17-18)
5. What are the results of having peace with God and being reconciled to him? (See verses 19-22)
6. As God's temples wherein the Holy Spirit resides, how might this aid us in bringing peace to the world?
7. Identify 3-5 people or groups of people who are in need of peace and commit to pray for them daily. Where do you need peace in your own life?



Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor
Greg Buell, Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Caring Ministries
Ed Burton, Minister of Family Ministries
Luke Stoner, Minister of Contemporary Worship/Sr. High Youth
Jesse Borower, Director of Music (Traditional)



December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **Gloria Patri (Magnificat)**
(Composer: J.S. Bach)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Opening Hymn **Angels, from the Realms of Glory** **#81**
(Verses 1-4)

Responsive Reading **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

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.

**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.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess, O Lord, that we are easily distracted by people and pursue creature comforts rather than the comfort offered in Jesus Christ. We say we seek the Prince of Peace but settle for anxiety and short tempers. Help us see the world differently because of your Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Forgive us for not recognizing the peace you offer and the assurance it provides. Enable us to pause and live life from the peace we have received through your reconciling love on the cross. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Response **Glory Be to the Father** **#961**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism **Paige Kolb**
Daughter of Claire & Ricky Kolb

Passing the Peace

Anthem **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**
(arr. Jay Rouse)

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 2:13-22**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon **Prince of Peace**
Fourth in the Series "He Shall Be Called"

Musical Reflection **Amid the Calm of Winter's Rest**
(Composer: Raymond Weidner)

Doxology **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn **The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns** **#476**
(Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Benediction

Postlude **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**
(Composer: Max Drischner)

Worship Participants

Sermon
Liturgist
Worship Leader
Lighting the Candle of Peace
Scripture Readers

Director of Music (Traditional)
Organist
Anthem

Spencer Lundgaard
Greg Buell
Luke Stoner (9:30)
Matthein Family (9:30 & 11:00)
Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
Ed Burton (11:00)
Jesse Borower (11:00)
Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Village Church Choir

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