

**Second Sunday of Advent
Praise + Team
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
December 10, 2023 – 10:45 a.m.**

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Evidence

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Lookin' For You

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING AND PRAYER

Second Sunday of Advent

Use this blessing when lighting two candles.

L: Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.
You fasten righteousness around your waist
and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.

A: We light a candle in the darkness, O Lord, but our hearts long for You.

L: Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames,
and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.

We ask that peace abound,
until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

Amen.

CENTERING SONG

Waiting Here For You

WORD

READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Longing for the Light: Preparing

Adam Berndt

SONG OF THE DAY

How Many Kings

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Merciful God ... **receive our prayer.***)

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
 And also with you.

MINISTRY MOMENT

MEAL

OFFERING

Keep Making Me

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting: God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.
Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION

Go, Light Your World

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting: Let us pray... Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ☩ remain upon you now and forever **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace...O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great Love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows and give peace to your church, Peace among nations ... Peace in our homes, and Peace in our hearts, through your son Jesus, Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(ELW Pg. 76)

SENDING SONG

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

DISMISSAL

Assisting: Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister

Assisting Minister

Director of Music Ministry

Accompanist

Music Leaders

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Chris Morgan

Thomas Ropp

Amy Ellis

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