



**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP**

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12pm and 6:15pm



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**Peace Can't Wait**

# REPENTANCE CAN'T WAIT

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Sometimes,  
While the sky is still dark,  
I slip sock feet into tennis shoes and go for  
a walk.  
Step by step  
I ask my deepest questions,  
While the sky lets go of its deepest dark blue.  
Am I doing enough?  
Ink to indigo.  
Does my brother know how much I love him?  
Indigo to navy.  
Will my friends keep showing up?  
Navy to royal blue.  
Will we ever know peace?  
Royal blue to gold.  
And after a while, my pilgrimage must end,  
So I turn apologetic feet toward home  
And walk my repentance back toward the sun.  
And once again, while I stand in sock feet and  
tennis shoes,  
God takes my breath away.  
For once again,  
The sky's deepest void is now a watercolor  
of light.  
And I am reminded  
That like the sky,  
God touches everything.  
And I am reminded,  
That like the sky,  
Nothing is so broken that it can't be  
painted gold.  
In the morning light, there is peace.

# Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 2021

Advent is a season of waiting, but is idle waiting what God wants of us? In preparation for the coming Messiah, we wonder together: What things can't wait? What demands our immediate attention? What requires work and preparation? Our Wednesday Advent worship will be a time to imagine, prioritize, and prepare. As we wait, what can't? Peace Can't Wait.

The liturgy being sung throughout Advent was first introduced earlier this year during Lent of 2021, while we worshiped virtually. Behold Our Light, by Aaron David Miller, is a beautiful collection of songs that is ensemble led.

GATHERING MUSIC

ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

FILM

*WHAT CAN'T WAIT*

*please stand as you are able*

Songleader: The earth cries out, nothing feels right. The world cries out,  
no justice in sight. Fires burning everywhere, too many, too hot, too bright.

All:

We are wait - ing for \_\_\_ you. \_\_\_ We are wait -  
- ing for \_\_\_ you. \_\_\_ We are Wait - ing for that  
glor - i - a \_\_\_ in ex - cel - sis \_\_\_ De - o. \_\_\_

Songleader: The child cries out, don't turn out the light. Broken hearts cry out,  
no end of hurt in sight. Greed and guns rule everywhere, too many, too strong to fight.

All:

We are wait - ing for \_\_\_ you. \_\_\_ You are wait - ing for us  
\_\_\_ too. \_\_\_ We are Wait - ing for that glor - i - a \_\_\_ in ex - cel - sis  
\_\_\_ De - o. \_\_\_ Glor - i - a \_\_\_ in ex - cel - sis \_\_\_ De - o. \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ We are wait - ing for \_\_\_ you. \_\_\_  
You are wait - ing for us \_\_\_ too. \_\_\_

"Waiting for You."  
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, you paint a picture of a better world – a world of peace and joy, of equality and grace. But we turn our heads and close our eyes, afraid that you might want us to help.

**C: You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent. You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet.**

L: You ask us to listen, and we assume we are the experts. You lead with love, and we wait on the sidelines. Forgive us for always being ten steps behind you.

**C: Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress. Fill our hearts with a hope that won't let go. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

*you may be seated*

**2** Songleaders  
 Be-hold, our light has come, death is no more,

**2** All  
 Be-hold, our light has come, death is no

though the sun fades from our sight. God has sent sus - tain - ing light.

more,

**2**  
 Be-hold, our light has come, shine on us.

**2**  
 Be-hold, our light has come, shine on us.

Stanza 1: Songleaders  
 Stanza 2-3: All

**1** Trin - i - ty, O bless - ed light, O Un - i - ty of  
**2** you our morn - ing song of praise, to you our eve - ning

sov - 'reign might: as now the fi - 'ry sun de - parts, shed ho - ly light with -  
 prayer we raise; to you in awe we bend the knee from age to age, e -

in our hearts.  
 ter - nal - ly.

**2** To  
**3** All (to next line)

glo - ry be to God a - bove and to the Son, the prince of love, and to the Spir - it,

**3**  
 One in Three! We praise you, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

### BIBLE READING

ISAIAH 11:1-10 NRSV

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

PEACE CAN'T WAIT

JEN GRUENDLER

*please stand as you are able*

All

Lord, you have searched me and known me; you  
know when I sit, when I rise. You know my thoughts, you  
know my heart, you know the ways of my life. You  
know the sound of my voice, you know the words of my  
tongue; you hold me close, you guide my ways, you  
know the ways of my life.

Songleaders

Where can I go to leave your spir - it? Where can I fall that  
you aren't near? If I say, The dark - ness will  
hide me, your bright light sets me free.  
life. You know the ways of my life. You  
know the ways of my life.

*you may be seated*

## ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
Sun of justice, shine upon us;  
we are trusting in your promise.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;  
stir our hearts, and gently guide us.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.**

## COMMUNION AND CANDLE LIGHTING

All

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my  
spir-it sings for joy in God my Sav-ior. You look with fa-vor up - on your ser-vant,  
bless-ed is my name. You have done great things for me, ho - ly is your  
name. You send your mer-cy to those who fear you through ev-'ry age.  
You have shown the strength of your arm, you have scorned the thoughts of the proud,  
you cast down the might - y, you have lift-ed the low - ly, ho - ly is your  
name. You have filled the hun-gry with good things, you have left the rich with emp-ty  
hands, you have come to the help of your peo-ple, ho - ly is your name.  
You have kept your prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom-ise that you made to our  
fore - bears; to A - bra'm and Sar - ah and their chil - dren for - ev - er,  
ho - ly is your name. Ho - ly is your name. Ho - ly is your name.

# BEFORE YOU GO ANNOUNCEMENTS

*please stand as you are able*

## BLESSING

**L:** O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

AARON DAVID MILLER

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system is marked with a '2' above the first staff. The lyrics are: 'Now let us go in peace. God's word has been fulfilled. We have seen God's great salvation set in front of God's word has been fulfilled. A light that saves the world, behold, our light has come. A - men. A light that saves the world, behold, our light has come. A - men.' The score concludes with a double bar line.

**Songleaders** 2  
Now let us go in peace. God's word has been fulfilled.

**All**  
Now let us go in peace.

filled. We have seen God's great salvation set in front of  
God's word has been fulfilled.

all creation. A light that saves the world, behold, our light has  
A light that saves the world,  
come. A - men.

behold, our light has come. A - men.

**L:** Go in peace.

**C: Serve the Lord.**

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

**PREACHING**-Jen Gruendler; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **ADVENT ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS**-Bob Giere, Bob Hoel, Dennis Wilson, guitar; Todd Christensen, mandolin; Amy Adamson, cello; Tony Tschida, bass; Ruth Monson, Kristy Giere, flute; Ralph Schornack, Kristy Giere, piano; Janette Davis, Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner, Laney Limburg, Nicole Pittenger, songleaders

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Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus.



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