

Advent Midweek Two

Peace: Have No Fear

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Whatever My Lot...



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Peace: Have No Fear — “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” (Luke 7:50)

Hymn: When Peace Like A River LSB 763

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Versicles (Advent)

P The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P All those who await His appearance pray:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P The whole creation pleads:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

Thanksgiving for Light

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 72—Read Responsively

P Give the king your justice, | O God,*

C and your righteousness to the | royal son!

P May he judge your people with | righteousness,*

C and your poor with | justice!

P Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*

C and the hills, in | righteousness!

P May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children
of the | needy,*

C and crush the op- | pressor!

P May they fear you while the | sun endures,*

C and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!

P May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,*

C like showers that wa- | ter the earth!

P In his days may the righteous | flourish,*

C and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!

Office Hymn: Have No Fear Little Flock LSB 735

The Gospel According to Luke the 1st Chapter:

Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² 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 father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Final Reading Response

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Sermon Hymn: The Advent of Our King LSB 331

Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Theme: Peace—Have No Fear

Offerings: We will receive the Offerings and Tithes of God's People For the Work of the Ministry.

Mt. Calvary Choir: '*Come, Emmanuel, Come*' —Schram

Litany

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For Matthew Harrison our *synodical President* and for Scott Sailer our *District President*, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For President Obama and for our new president elect Trump and for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened and that they uphold constitutional authority, let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Savior of the Nations Come LSB 332 vs 3-4

Next Week: Wednesday, December 14th—Join us at 6:45 pm for the hymn sing and 7:00 pm for worship. Sermon Theme-Joy: Finding God's Way

Horatio Spafford—A History of ‘*When Peace Like A River*’

Horatio Spafford, son of *Gazetteer* author Horatio Gates Spafford and Elizabeth Clark Hewitt Spafford, was married to Anna Larsen of Stavanger, Norway on September 5, 1861, in Chicago. The Spafford's were well known in 1860s Chicago. He was a prominent lawyer, a senior partner in a large and thriving law firm.

He and his wife were also prominent supporters and close friends of evangelist Dwight L. Moody.

Spafford invested in real estate north of an expanding Chicago in the spring of 1871. When the Great Fire of Chicago reduced the city to ashes in October of that same year, it also destroyed most of Spafford's sizable investment.

Scarlet fever took his young son of four from him. Two years later, in 1873, Spafford decided his family should take a holiday somewhere in Europe, and chose England knowing that his friend D. L. Moody would be preaching there in the fall. He was delayed because of business, so he sent his family ahead: his wife and their remaining four children, daughters eleven-year-old Anna "Annie", nine-year-old Margaret Lee "Maggie", five-year-old Elizabeth "Bessie", and two-year-old Tanetta. On November 22, 1873, while crossing the Atlantic on the steamship Ville du Havre, their ship was struck by an iron sailing vessel and 226 people lost their lives, including all four of Spafford's daughters. Anna Spafford survived the tragedy. Upon arriving in England, she sent a telegram to Spafford beginning, "Saved alone."

Spafford then sailed to England, going over the location of his daughters' deaths. According to Bertha Spafford Vester, a daughter born after the tragedy, Spafford wrote "*It Is Well with My Soul*" on this journey. The lyrics from the original manuscript had only four verses, but Spafford's daughter states how later another verse (the fourth in order below) was added and the last line of the original was slightly modified.

The music, written by Philip Bliss, was named after the ship on which Spafford's daughters died, Ville du Havre.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. (*Refrain*)

Refrain

It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (*Refrain*)

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*Refrain*)

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pain shall be mine, for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul. (*Refrain*)

And Lord haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. (*Refrain*)