



The 1st Gospel

Advent Through Isaiah's Eyes

December 7, 2016

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory” [*LW 50, v. 1, 2, 4*]

INVOCATION

P: We begin in the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: God of hope, who brought love into this world,

C: Be the love that dwells between us.

P: God of hope, who brought peace into this world,

C: Be the peace that dwells between us.

P: God of hope, who brought joy into this world,

C: Be the joy that dwells between us.

P: God of hope, the rock we stand upon,

C: Be the center, the focus of our lives in this season of Advent. Amen.

SCRIPTURE RADING **Isaiah 9:1-7** [*NIV*]

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SERMON HYMN “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” [LW 33, v. 1, 3, 5]

SERMON “A GREAT LIGHT HAS DAWNED”

OFFERING

“Once He Came in Blessing”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

CLOSING HYMN “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” [LW 62, v. 1, 2, 4]

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

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