

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Grospel

Advent Through Isaiah's Eyes

Pecember 21, 2016

## WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

**OPENING HYMN** "Hark the Glad Sound" [LW 29, v. 1, 3, 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 52:7-15 [NIV]

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. <sup>9</sup>Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. <sup>11</sup>Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the articles of the LORD's house.

<sup>12</sup>But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard. <sup>13</sup>See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness— <sup>15</sup>so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON HYMN** "The Little Drummer Boy"

SERMON "ROCK CLIMBING SHOES"

**OFFERING** 

"An English Carol"

arr. Charles Callahan

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THE LORD'S PRAYER The Family Prayer of the People of God

**CLOSING HYMN** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" [LW 504]

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER** 

**POSTLUDE** "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men"

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