



Peace

December 7th, 2014

2nd Sunday of Advent

Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 9:00 A.M. Viroqua UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

**Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE **“COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS”** ARR. BY: WILBUR HELD (V)
(A time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.)

WELCOMING WORDS

(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE** **“LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES”** UMH No. 213

LIGHTING OF SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

READER ONE: Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ. More and more candles, more and more light, as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

ALL: God of Promise, come into our darkness. Renew your hope and peace in us, for you alone bring life out of death.

READER TWO: Receive God’s promise of peace from Psalm 4: Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when we call to him.

ALL: Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD. We will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make us dwell in safety.

LIGHT THE CANDLE OF PEACE
(JEFF & STACY MATSON @ LP)

TODAY WE ARE PLACING THE SHEPHERDS AS A SIGN OF PEACE
(DAN & BARB CASPER @ V)

****OPENING PRAYER** (PRAY IN UNISON)

We know, O God, we need to come to you. We invite you to come to us. You created us for your glory and service. And we confess that we have sinned, in thought, word, and deed. Teach us true repentance. In the multitude of your mercies and the largeness of your steadfast love forgive our sins. Mold our hearts and wills to love and serve you more perfectly. *Amen*

****Call To Worship** Psalm 85: 1-13 UMH 806

CHILDREN’S TIME

(CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL)

CHOIR SINGS **“A LITTLE CHILD WILL COME TO LEAD US”** BY: N. PRICE & D. BESIG (V)

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER UMH No. 895

L: Lord, in your mercy P: Hear our prayer

OLD TESTAMENT READING **ISAIAH 40: 1-11** **PEW BIBLE NO. 851**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **2 PETER 3: 8-15 A** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1492**

****HYMN** **“LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE”** UMH No. 626

****GOSPEL** **MARK 1:1-8** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1191**

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

P: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON **“GOD’S GIFT OF COMFORT AND REPENTANCE”**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH No. 12

OFFERING **“CHANT DU BERGER” (SHEPHERD’S SONG)** BY: GUSTAVE MERKL (V)

****DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** **“HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANOINTED”** UMH No. 203

***BENEDICTION**

May the god of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and will do this” *Amen*

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **“EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL”** UMH No. 204

****POSTLUDE** **“THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME”** BY: WILBUR HELD (V)

Viroqua & Liberty Pole UMC Bulletins and Radio Broadcast

The Liberty Pole & Viroqua Bulletins are given in honor of Joanne Hornby’s 80th birthday by her sister.

The Radio Broadcast is given by Robert & Janet Starr with thanks to God for Jesus Christ.

The Story of the Candy Cane

Of all the beautiful traditions of Christmas, few are so ancient in meaning and so rich in symbolism as the Candy Cane.

From the beginning of the tradition of the Christmas Tree, it was customary to decorate the tree with symbols of the newborn Christ. Candles represented the Light of the World, the star recalled that first Christmas night, and the shepherd's crook symbolized the humble shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem who were first to receive the news, "Unto you is born a Savior."

Christmas tree decorations in Europe, from which our tradition comes, were customarily made of food, principally cookies and candy. This symbolically expresses thanks for "our daily bread" as well as providing a Christmas treat for the children. Thus, the shepherd's crook became the candy cane.

As time went on, many ornaments took on a more permanent nature but the Candy Cane retains the original use and meaning of Christmas Tree ornaments.

Candy Canes on the Christmas Tree symbolize the Shepherds in the fields on that first Christmas night, — shepherds who heard the angel chorus and came to worship at the crib of the newborn King. They are also a sign of our thanks to God for the food he has given us all during the year, and not least of all, they are an inexpensive and delightful Christmas treat for the family.

If you would like more information on the symbolism of the Candy Cane and how you can use this for a program at your church, club, or Sunday School, send \$1 for postage and handling to:



Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH	Second Sunday of Advent 7:00 PM Caroling of the Choirs at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH	4:30 PM - Drum Practice
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH	6:30 PM - Trustees Meeting (V)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH	10:00 AM - Lucky at Fairhaven 5:30 PM - LP UMW Christmas Party
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH	1:00 PM - Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal @ V
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH	Third Sunday of Advent Sunday School Christmas Program @ LP & V
Monday, December 15th	4:30 PM - Drum Practice
Tuesday, December 16th	6:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting @ V 7:00 PM - Council Meeting @ V
Wednesday, December 17th	4-5:30 PM - Confirmation Christmas Party @ V

Sunday, December 7th 1-5 PM Candy Cane Christmas Tour Of Homes, begin at the Vernon County Museum. Tickets \$8.00 with proceeds benefiting the museum. Refreshments will be served.
Saturday, December 13th 9:00 AM (until sold out) Cookie Walk at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. All profits benefit local and global missions.

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

USHERS	Arden & Lynn Zitzner	Orvis & Janice Primmer
GREETERS	Arden & Lynn Zitzner	Annabel McGarry
LITURGIST	Cyndy Hubbard	Cavan Fang
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	45	76
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$694.51	\$1894.75

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