

“But now in Christ Jesus, You who were once far away  
Have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
For he himself is our peace,”  
Ephesians 2:13-14

December 7, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
PEACE

## **Order of Worship**

Welcome and Announcements

### **We Come to Worship**

Opening Prayer

*Reader: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host  
appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,  
"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth  
PEACE to those on whom his favor rests!" Luke 2:13-14*

\*Opening Song ~ CH 278 Angels We Have Heard on High

\*Call to Worship ~ Waiting in Peace

Leader: What are you waiting for?

**People: LORD, you establish PEACE for us; all that  
we have accomplished you have done for us.**

*Reader: Therefore, since we have been justified through  
faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Let the PEACE of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body, you were called to  
PEACE. And be thankful.*

Leader: Where is your PEACE?

**People: PEACE comes with Christ, Emmanuel-God  
with us!**

—Adapted from Isaiah 26:12; Romans 5:1; Colossians 3:15;

\*Song of Praise ~ CH 277 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

Special Music

Advent Reading

Reader 1: Advent is a time of waiting.

We wait in hope. (Light first candle)

**People: As we wait, we join the Spirit's work in  
spreading peace wherever our lives take us.**

Reader 2: And as peace spreads, so does Christ's light.

Today, we light the candle of peace.

**People: As we wait, let us be people of peace.**

Song ~ Song ~ CH 251 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Message for the Children

### **We Are Renewed in God's Grace**

Call to Confession ~

Leader: O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we  
pray. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us  
today.

Prayer of Confession ~

Leader: O promised Christ: We are a world at war.

**People: Our peace depends on your coming.**

Leader: We are a sinful people.

**People: Our pardon depends on your coming.**

Leader: We are full of good intentions but weak at  
keeping promises.

**People: Our only hope of doing God's will is that  
you come and help us do it.**

Leader: Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits  
for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace.

**People: Even so- come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon ~ Psalm 85:9-13

Leader: In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and  
righteousness has come.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Our Response ~ The Ten Commandments

Song of Response ~ Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

**Congregational Prayer**

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**God's Word for Us**

\*Song ~ Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Scripture Reading ~

Old Testament ~ Micah 4:1-5

New Testament ~ Colossians 3:12-17

Message ~ The One of Peace

Prayer

\*Song ~ CH 267 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

**We Depart to Serve**

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Closing Song ~ CH 270 v 1 Joy to the World!

**RUDYARD CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
**THE SUNDAY BULLETIN – December 7, 2025**

**Nursery** is provided in the Educational Building for children up to age three.

**Attendants today:** Amber Tuzinowski, Wanda Mitchell, Colleen Rice, and Lincoln Hoolsema

**Next week:** Krystal English, Katie Rice, Ashlyn Mitchell, and Noah Rice

**Junior Worship** is provided in the Educational Building for 3, 4, and 5 year olds not yet in school. They will be dismissed before the morning sermon.

**Helpers today:** Natalie Hoolsema, Becky Borowski, and Jessie English

**Next week:** Kathy Borowski, Jenelle Hoolsema, and Nevaeh Beelen

**Sunday School and Catechism** will meet today at 10:45 am.

**Offerings today:**      **A.M. – General Fund**                      **A.M. – Building Fund**

**Next week:**              **A.M. – General Fund**

**2025 Amount Budgeted Weekly for General Fund: \$4338; Building Fund: \$1154.**

**November 30 Offerings:**

**General Fund: \$3854; Building Fund: \$210.**

**THIS WEEK – December 7 - 13**

**TODAY:**

- We welcome Matt Stith as he delivers the message this morning.
- The Rudyard Christian School invites you to stay after Sunday School for a Potluck lunch at noon followed by the kids Christmas Program at 1 pm. We hope to see you there!
- The Annual Community Christmas Sing-a-long will be held at 6 pm at the Rudyard Bible Church. If you have an instrumental or vocal piece to share, please be there at 5:30.

**MONDAY:**

- Hiawathaland Community Chorus will practice at 6:30 pm.
- Happy Birthday to Ken English!

**TUESDAY:**

- **Youth Group** will meet at 7:00 pm.

**WEDNESDAY:**

- **Women's Prayer Group** will meet in the Council Room at 10:00 am.
- **Women's Bible Study** will meet at 11:00 in the fellowship room. We are on Lesson 12.
- **GEMS** (Grades 1-8) will meet at the church from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- **Cadets** (Grades 1-8) will meet at the church from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

**FRIDAY:**

- Painting with Bonnie fundraiser for the Christian School at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Beth English to reserve your spot.

**SATURDAY:**

- EUP Men's breakfast, Saturday, December 13 at Sault E-Free Church.

**FAMILY NEWS**

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the morning service on Sunday, December 28, where election of Elders and Deacon will take place. The yearly budget will be presented for approval. The nominations for Elder are Bruce Berkompas, Bob Miller, Mike Hoolsema, Nate Beelen, and Ray VanSloten. The nominations for Deacon are Glenn Cheney, John Rogers, Tim Hoolsema, Billy Mitchell, Loren Hoolsema, and Darrel Hoolsema.

Christmas Trees are available at Tim and Marilyn Hoolsema's and at Rudyard Auto. The cost is \$40 and proceeds go to the Christian School.

**Advance News:**

~ Hiawathaland Community Chorus Christmas Concert will be held here on Sunday, December 14, at 7 pm. An additional concert will be held on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church in Sault Ste Marie.

~ The Cadet Wild Game Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:30 pm. Bring a hot and cold dish to pass and your own table settings and beverage. Each Cadet can invite 2 people (Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, etc.). If you have any questions, please contact Bob Folkersma.

~ We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, December 21.

Please join our prayer team in the prayer room at the front of church every Sunday from 9:00 – 9:20 am as we pray for our church, our Council, and our church family.