



# Peace Lutheran Church

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## DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20 & 10:30 a.m.

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# MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP III

## DECEMBER 16, 2020

### Service of Light

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

**C** = Congregation

#### Opening Voluntary

#### \*Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**C** the light no darkness can overcome.

**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C** and the day is almost over.

**L** Let Your light scatter the darkness

**C** and illumine Your Church.

#### \*Opening Hymn

#### LSB 891 O Light Whose Splendor

1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens  
2 As twilight hovers near at sunset,  
3 In all life's brilliant timeless moments,  
With radiance brighter than the sun,  
And lamps are lit, and children nod,  
Let faithful voices sing Your praise,  
Pure gleam of God's unending glory,  
In evening hymns we lift our voices  
O Son of God, our Lifebestower,  
O Jesus, blest Anointed One;  
To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.  
Whose glory lightens endless days.

**\*Psalm**

*Psalm 71:2–12*

**P** In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
**C** **incline Your ear to me, and save me!**

**P** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;  
**C** **You have given the command to save me,  
for You are my rock and my fortress.**

**P** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
**C** **from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.**

**P** For You, O LORD, are my hope,  
**C** **my trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

**P** Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;  
**C** **You are He who took me from my mother's womb.**

**P** My praise is continually of You.  
**C** **I have been as a portent to many,  
but You are my strong refuge.**

**P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,  
**C** **and with Your glory all the day.**

**P** Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
**C** **forsake me not when my strength is spent.**

**P** For my enemies speak concerning me;  
**C** **those who watch for my life consult together**

**P** and say, "God has forsaken him;  
**C** **pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him."**

**P** O God, be not far from me;  
**C** **O my God, make haste to help me!**

## Anthem

“Come, Thou Dear Redeemer”

César Franck

*Come Thou, come Thou, dear Redeemer. Come, Lord to set us free.  
From our tears and release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Hope of all the earth Thou art. Joy of every longing heart.*

*Come Thou, come Thou dear Redeemer. Born a Child yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever. Now Thy gracious Kingdome bring.  
Rule in all our hearts alone. Raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen*

## READINGS

### First Reading

*Isaiah 11:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” <sup>11</sup>And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Third Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Office Hymn

### LSB 344 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry



1 On Jor - dan’s bank the Bap - tist’s cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ’ry life from sin; Make straight the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Sermon

“Ready for Christmas?”

Matthew 3:1-3

# Canticle

\*Magnificat

LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

# Prayer

## \*Litany

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **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:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Synod President Matthew Harrison, for Missouri District President Lee Hagan, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **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** We especially pray this day for...

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Alleluia.**

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

**C** **To You, O Lord.**

### **\*Collect For Peace**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** **A - men.**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**L** 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** **A - men.**

## \*Hymn to Depart

## LSB 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

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A limited number of poinsettias will be available for pickup after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 3, 2021 or by Tuesday, January 5.



**Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion**

Thursday, December 24, 2020

12:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm

(The Prelude will begin 15 minutes before each service and 30 minutes at 10:00 pm)

**Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion**

Friday, December 25, 2020

9:30 am

**New Years Eve Worship with Holy Communion**

Thursday, December 31, 2020

6:00 pm

**Epiphany Worship**

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00 pm