



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Peace Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 2:00 & 3:30 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20 & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 601-1039

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DECEMBER 13, 2020

SATURDAY DRIVE-IN SERVICE WORSHIPERS Tune your radio to FM 90.1. Please be sure to record your attendance online.

SUNDAY WORSHIPERS look to the designated ushers and elders to guide you through seating and exit procedures.

ATTENDANCE – Advent Dec. 2: 122 (106); Dec. 5/6: 2:00 - 79 in 50 vehicles; 3:30 - 108 in 76 vehicles; 8:00 - 88 (77); 9:20 - 110 (109); 10:30 - 150 (112). Grand total: 535 (298) in attendance. Brackets indicate Holy Communion.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE this Wednesday, December 16, 6:15pm.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE will take place next Sunday, December 20. If you were lucky enough to get a ticket to our 3:00 or 6:30 pm performances, we look forward to seeing you at the concert. If you were not able to secure a ticket you can still view the concert with us live at 3:00 pm over our YouTube Channel Peace Lutheran Church STL.

THE GIVING TREE is near the entrances of Peace. If you would like to participate, please take a tag from one of the trees, purchase the gift, and return it, unwrapped, to the Christmas tree outside of the church office by **today**, Sunday, December 13. The gifts will be distributed by Feed My People to families in need during the Christmas season. - Joyce Birk, 487-4998, and Vicki McConnell.

CORRECTION: The service on Christmas Day will be held at **9:30am**, not 9:20am as listed on the front page of the newsletter.

LADIES GUILD MEETING CANCELLED The December 17 Ladies Guild meeting has been cancelled. Please watch the bulletin for future meeting dates.

GERMAN SERVICE today, 2:30p.m. with the Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

Confession and Absolution

*Hymn of Invocation

LSB 349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C A _____ men

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

*Introit

Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
C and grant us your salvation.

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
C for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
C that glory may dwell in our land.

P Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
C and our land will yield its increase.

P Righteousness will go before him
C and make his footsteps a way.

*Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

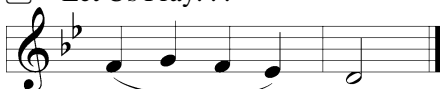
*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let Us Pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil. ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

*Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

John 1:6–8, 19–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need

to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

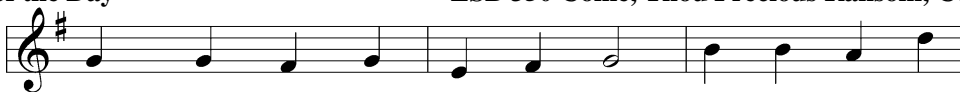
Children's Message

Sem. James Burke



Hymn of the Day

LSB 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Sermon

“The Reality of Joy”

(I Thessalonians 5:16-24)

Anthem

“An Advent Alleluia”

Arr: Douglas E. Wagner

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free:
From our fears and sins release us: let us find our rest in Thee.
Alleluia*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
Alleluia*

***Offertory**

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

***Prayer of the Church**

***The 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

***Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 352 Let the Earth Now Praise The Lord



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of
6 Then when You will come a - gain As the glo - rious



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me
king to reign, I with joy will see Your face,



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.
Free - ly ran - somed by Your grace.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert M. Brown

Choir: Chancel Singers

Organist: 2:00, 3:30, & 9:20: Burnell Hackman, DMM; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Sat. Cantor: Alex Arensmeier

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Rick Goodman

Elders: 3:30: Stephen Kienstra; 8:00: Kyle Hopfer, Erik Lunsford; 9:20: Aaron Baese, Steve Shawcross; 10:30: Greg Wirtel, Dan Saufnauer.

Ushers: 3:30: Dean Seyfert, Tony Cabanellas, Rick Cusumano, Craig Owen, Mike Patrick, Bryan Reisel; 8:00: Joe Sneed, Jon Caron, David Dippold, Joe Doskal, Tyler Rainey, Tyler Sneed, Brian Stumpf; 9:20: John Roesch, Charles Rolf, Joe Roesch, Gerry Schramm, Ed Stackle; 10:30: Mike Murphy, Caleb Mirly, Andrew Oster, Lynn Oster, Roger Rakers, Matt Thiel, Bob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

<u>Sunday, December 13:</u>	2:30 – German Service
<u>Monday, December 14:</u>	3:30 – GP Practice 7:00 – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
<u>Tuesday, December 15:</u>	9:00 – Quilters 3:30 – GP Practice 6:00 – Property Management
<u>Wednesday, December 16:</u>	9:00 – TPL Assembly 4:00 – 5 th /6 th /7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation 5:45 – Chancel Schola Rehearsal 6:15 – Advent Worship Service 7:00 – Chancel Voices Rehearsal
<u>Thursday, December 17:</u>	3:30 – GP Practice 7:00 – Chancel Singers Rehearsal
<u>Saturday, December 19:</u>	3:30 – Drive-in Worship Service
<u>Sunday, December 20:</u>	8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services 3:00/6:30 – Christmas At Peace

2:00 DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICE will no longer be held after this weekend since the tree lot has come down. The 3:30pm drive-in worship service will continue until further notice.

MEN’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY is held every other Thursday morning (except for adjustments around the holidays) in the Sanctuary Hall from 6:00-7:00a.m. The group is open to all interested in attending, including non-members and visitors. A prepared text is studied; however, other topics also will be presented. The upcoming dates for the sessions are: January 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 8, and April 22.

THANK YOU EASTER 2020 CONTRIBUTORS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:

Steve and Lisa Andrews, in memory of their parents; Anonymous, in memory of Jean Himmelmann, Lois Isenberg and Frieda Schaub; Aaron and Linda Baese, in memory of Anabel Baese; Roy Baese, in memory of Ginnie Baese; Mary Bentrup, in memory of husband Bob; Gretchen, Kreighton, Keegan, Karson, and Kameran Bluette, in memory of Chester Bluette; Vernon Bollman, in memory of Grace Bollman; Helen Breitenfeld and family, in memory of Marvin Breitenfeld; Dawn Brinkmann, in memory of Delbert Miles Brinkmann; Donna Brinkmann, in memory of Delbert Miles Brinkmann; Lorin and Carol Dressel, to the glory of God; Inga Duke, in memory of Rev. John Duke; Eaton family, in memory of Eldor & Vernell Bock and Donnie & Frieda Eaton; Terry L. Eckert and family, in memory of Joseph J. & Margaret Schmitt, Tracy L. Dorman, and Clifford & Georgiann Schmitt; George and Deborah Genovese, in memory of Henry & Franca Genovese and Earl C. W. Roettger, and in honor of Arleen Roettger; Carol Gibbons, in memory of her grandmother Eva Elliott; Eric and Anne Glessner, in memory of Marsha Ernst; Merrily Goldsmith, in memory of Bruce; Jerry and Denise Grant, to the glory of God; Pat and Don Guehring, in honor of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; Helen Hellwege, in memory of husband Wil Hellwege; Bruce and Jane Herzog, in memory of Erwin & Marie Weigel and Doris Herzog; John Hooss family, to the glory of God; Pat and Ray Kergo, in memory of their parents; Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild, in memory of their parents; Linda Kohm, in memory of Rich Kohm; Marlene Kruse, in memory of Arthur Kruse; Lunsford family, to the glory of God; Sharon and Arlene Marshall, in memory of Albert Marshall and Roy Evers; Vicki McConnell, in memory of Jim McConnell; Her children, in honor of Dorothy Meyer; His children, in memory of Karl F. Meyer; Mueller, Noser, and Truemper families, in memory of Ed Mueller, parents, and grandparents; Louise and Mark Mullen, in memory of Dale and Stacy Mullen and Louise & Claude Lamprecht; Dean Rahn, in memory of Moon Rahn; Vernon and Juvy Reisenbichler, in memory of Federito & Crisanta Veliganilao, Wilbert & Margie Reisenbichler, and Maryln Rastl; Grace Roenfeldt, in memory of Harold; John and Tracey Roesch, in memory of loved ones; Saberton family, in memory of Leola & Ron Saberton; Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler, in memory of Paul Bachmann; Sheets and Velten families, in memory of their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents William & Lavinia Lauman; Dick Smith, in memory of Marilyn Smith; Jim and Donna Stabile, in honor of their grandchildren Brayden, Madelyn, Ethan, and Alex Stabile; Jason and Rebecca Stevens, in memory of Jacob Wade Stevens; Valerie Teague, in memory of her father Norman Dale Hooks; Anita Thomas, in memory of Don Thomas; Arlene Thorburg, in memory of Jim Thorburg; Ralph and Grace Truemper, in honor of their children and grandchildren; Bob and Mary Ann Tyra, in memory of their daughter Krista Watkins; Fran Weiss and family, in memory of Karl Weiss; Mary Widitz, in memory of Helen Muhlenbruch; Mike and Tracy Wilke, in memory of Mike & Arline Wilke, Jim & Karen Long, and Ally Kaestner; Mary B. Williams, in memory of Steven K. Williams; Rich and Lynn Wirtel and family, in memory of Lily Johnson; Ron and Verlene Wohlschlaeger, in memory of Randy Wohlschlaeger; Tom and Leigh Ann Zaretsky, in honor of Rose Zaretsky and Rich & Barbara Eichhorst.

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