

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, and 10:30 a.m.

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

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 5, 2021

<u>CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD</u>, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service Setting One

Arranged: Cynthia Dobrinski

P = Pastor *= Stand C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel



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

*Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

*Opening Sentences

Malachi 3:1, 6; Luke 3:4; Philippians 1:6, adapt.

- **P** The LORD says, "Prepare the way of the Lord."
- **C** We thank You, O Lord!
- P The LORD says, "The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming."
- **C** We adore You, O Lord!
- **P** The LORD says, "I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed."
- **C** We praise You, O Lord!
- P The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- **C** We worship You, O Lord!

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Two Advent candles are lit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

*Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Morning, noon, and night we have done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your faithful servants. We have neglected the salvation You so graciously have provided for us. Indeed, we deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness, mercy, and love.

*Absolution

C Amen.

*Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



 1"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

5"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

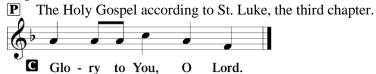
³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia and Verse



*Holy Gospel Luke 3:1–20



¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

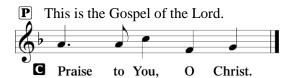
"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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. ⁹Even 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."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

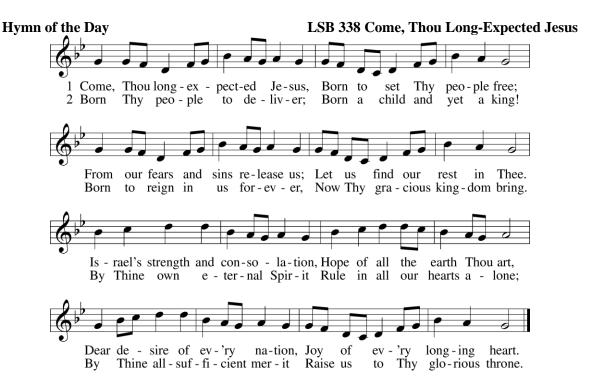


*Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



Sermon "What Shall We Do?" (Luke 3:1-20)

Sermon Notes:

Anthem

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arranged: Carol Lynn Mizell



*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

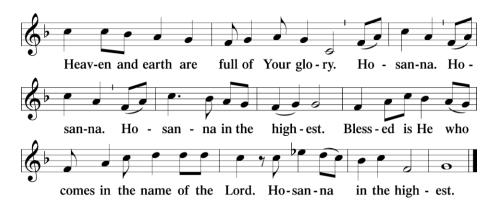


*Proper Preface

P We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:







*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

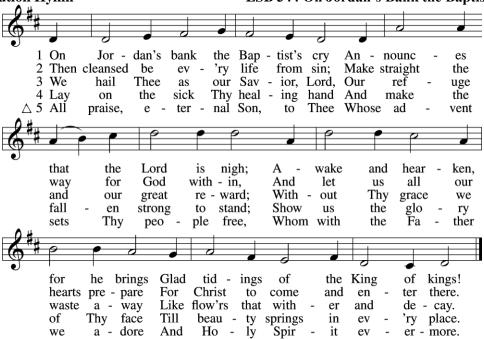
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



*Agnus Dei **C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have Lamb of God, You take a-way of the mer-cy on us. the sin world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way of the world; grant sin peace. us



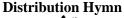
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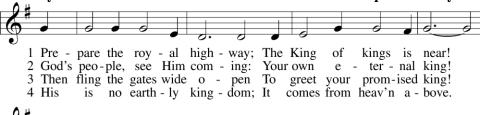
Distribution Anthem

Advent Meditation

Arranged: Dan Edwards

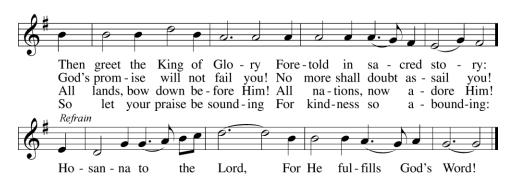


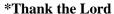
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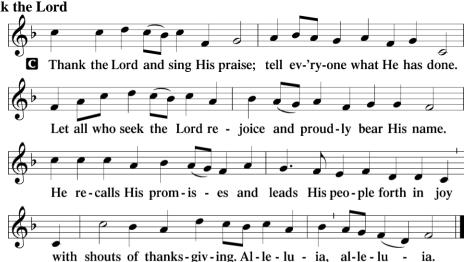




Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.

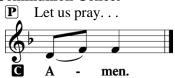






*The Dismissal

*Post Communion Collect

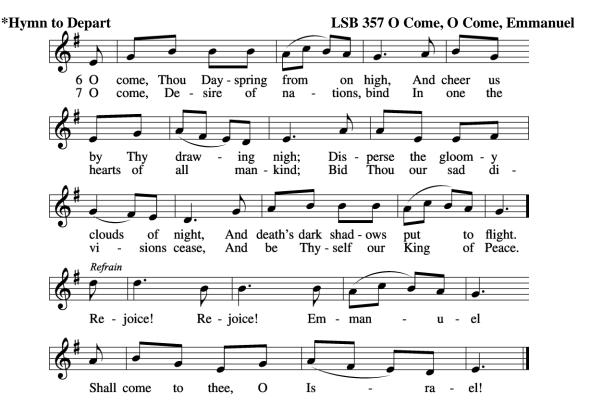


*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.





*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

'Twas In The Moon of Wintertime

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Arranged: John Atteberry

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson Liturgist: Pastor Robert M. Brown Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO-YouTube Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: J. McCreary/J. Mattingly/L. Palma

Choir: Bells of Peace

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Elders: 5:00: Stephen Kienstra, Bob Wolff; 8:00: Dave Carlson, Rick Goodman; 9:20: Aaron Baese,

John Hooss; 10:30: Alan Hopfer, Erik Lunsford

Ushers: 5:00: Dean Seyfert, Tony Cabanellas, Rick Cusumano, Craig Owen, Dean Rahn; 8:00: Mike

Renner, Vern Bollman, Tim Drier, Greg Hard, Joe Karasek, Mark Mullen, Doug Schlechte, Dale Watson; 9:20: Chris Hosty, Ben Lattina, Jeff Orf, Doug Verseman, Robert Wolff; 10:30: Jeff Nelson, Phil Cottrell, Bruce Herzog, Nathan Nelson, Luis Palma, Kyle

Sandersfeld, Tom Willmering

Greeters: 9:20: Sara Hopfer; 10:30: Steve & Kelly Pfund

Altar Comm: <u>Saturday</u>: Pauline Dowell; <u>Sunday</u>: Bonna Mayer and Tracey Roesch

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15-10:15a.m.

<u>Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary Hall)</u>: led by Pastor Furgeson and Rob Uthoff Women's Bible Class (Commons Conf. Room): led by Janice McCreary

Sunday School: Meets in the Gymnasium

Youth Bible Class (Youth Room): led by Christina Stackle

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

75TH ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENTS are available for purchase in the church office for \$6.

<u>ANGEL GIVING TREES</u> are up at Peace. Please take an angel ornament from one of the trees. Purchase the gift you have chosen and return it <u>unwrapped</u> to the tree outside of the church office by December 12. The gifts will be given to Feed My People. Thank you in advance for your support of needy families. Questions? Please contact Vicki McConnell.

<u>OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT PEACE CONCERT</u> will be presented by the Winds of Peace on Friday, December 17 at 7:15p.m. and Sunday, December 19 at 6:00p.m. This is always a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season!

<u>COAT COLLECTION</u> from now until Christmas! St. John Lutheran Church in the city (Morganford and Chippewa) is collecting new or gently used coats (all sizes). There will be a collection box in the Commons if you would like to help a neighbor in need.

<u>ADOPT AN ISLAND AT PEACE</u> Would you like to help keep the grounds of Peace Lutheran Church beautiful? Please consider "adopting" one of the islands on our parking lot. If interested, please contact Rich Behnke.

<u>YOUTH NEWS</u>: Middle School and High School youth will have their Christmas parties next weekend (High School on Saturday, December 11 at 5:00p.m. and Middle School on Sunday, December 12 at 11:30a.m.). Youth should sign up on the sheet on the Commons bulletin board. Middle School youth should bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift valued at \$5 or less. High School youth should bring \$10 to use for shopping for their Adopt-A-Family family. Question? Contact Christina Stackle.

THE MEN'S CLUB TREE LOT NEEDS YOUR HELP! The Men's Club Tree Lot will operate through December 21. Volunteers are needed! Shifts are from noon-3:00p.m., 3:00p.m.-6:00p.m., and 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. every day, with additional shifts from 9:00a.m.-noon on Saturday and Sundays. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons.

<u>ADVENT SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY</u> at 6:30p.m. Prior to the service, dinner will be served in the gymnasium from 5:00 to 6:00p.m. Our Advent services will follow the theme "Behold the Child". Preaching this week will be Sem. Benjamin Ramthun. From 6:00-6:30p.m. each week, an Advent Music Concert will be performed. This week's concert features Peace instrumentalists.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY is next Saturday, December 11, at 6:00p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Please bring a snack or dessert to share and a wrapped "white elephant" gift to exchange. Beverages provided. If interested, wear your craziest Christmas sweater as there will be an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest. Please RSVP to Tammy Goodman.

<u>THE LUTHERAN SOUTH MUSIC DEPARTMENT</u> invites you to attend *Christmas at the Chapel*, on Sunday, December 12, at 4:00p.m. at the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at Concordia Seminary. The concert will feature the Jazz Band, Concert Band, Choir, and Wind Symphony.

<u>NEW MEMBER CLASSES WILL BEGIN</u> on Sunday, February 7, 2022, and will continue for six weeks. Classes are held from 12:00-1:30p.m. Lunch is provided. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Commons.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: Mary/Martha Bible Study will not meet on December 23 or December 30. Wednesday Evening Bible Study will not meet again until Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Sunday Evening Catechism Class will not meet tonight, and will not meet on December 19 or December 26.

<u>GERMAN SERVICE</u> is next Sunday, December 12, 2:30p.m. with Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. We hope you can join us.

END OF THE YEAR REMINDER All offerings and donations to church <u>must</u> be received <u>on or before</u> <u>December 31</u> to be credited to the 2021 tax year. Questions? Contact Jacque McElroy.

<u>IF YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP YOUR 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES</u> please do so soon. They are in the Commons by the mailboxes.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday, December 5: 11:30 – Life Ministry

3:00 – Music of the Boar's Head Christmas Festival 6:00 – Music of the Boar's Head Christmas Festival

Monday, December 6: 3:15 – Green Park Basketball Practice

6:00 - DASA Youth Basketball

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 7:</u> 9:00 – Quilters

9:00 – Plastic Mat Making

9:00 - Refit Exercise Class & Bible Study

6:00 – Co-Ed Volleyball

Wednesday, December 8: 4:00 – 5th-8th Grade Junior Confirmation

5:00 - Advent Dinner

6:00 – Advent Music Concert 6:30 – Midweek Advent Service

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 9:</u> 9:00 – Mary/Martha Bible Study

6:00 – St. Trinity Cemetery Board Meeting

6:00 – DASA Youth Basketball 7:00 – Combined Choir Rehearsal

<u>Friday, December 10:</u> 3:15 – Green Park Basketball Practice

6:00 - GP-Youth BB Practice

Saturday, December 11: 5:00 – Worship Service

5:00 – High School Youth Christmas Party 6:00 – Married Couples Club Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services

9:15 – Sunday School and Bible Class 11:30 – Middle School Christmas Party

2:30 – German Service

7:00 – Catechism Bible Class



MUSIC OF THE BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL CONCERT IS TODAY,

Sunday, December 5, at 3:00p.m. and 6:00p.m. Since we cannot have a full Boar's Head presentation this year, the Chancel Choir will sing music associated with the Festival, with narration and photos to explain what happens. We hope you can join us!