

# Peace Lutheran Church

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

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# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 19, 2021

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, 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 sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### \*Invocation

- $\blacksquare$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

## **\*Opening Sentences**

Luke 1:49–51, 54, adapt.

- $\mathbf{\overline{P}}$  The mighty Lord has done great things and holy is His name.
- **C** We thank You, O Lord!
- $\mathbf{P}$  The Lord's mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.



 $\mathbf{P}$  The Lord has shown the strength of His arm.

We praise You, O Lord! С

- **P** The Lord has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.
- **C** We worship You, O Lord!

## \*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- ▶ O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives with hope, peace, joy, and love. 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** 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.

## \*Absolution

C

Amen.

All four Advent candles are lit.

## \*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.



■ 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.



**P** 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.





#### **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.""

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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



Hebrews 10:5–10



<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

Luke 1:39-45



#### \*Nicene Creed

**C** 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 Notes:

 Anthem (8:00 and 10:30 am)
 John A. Behnke

 Cries A Voice
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 Give comfort, Lord, we beg of you; with tender words announce your plan.
 To grant us pardon from our sin and make us pure and whole within cries a voice!

 Cries a voice in the wilderness!
 Cries a voice

A highway fair your Son prepares, the curving road all straight shall lie. The hills bow down, the valleys rise; God's pow'r revealed before our eyes cries a voice! Cries a voice in the wilderness!

Glad tidings then we shout aloud, from mountains high we lift our song. For through God's gift new life's restored, salvation's sure forevermore cries a voice! Cries a voice in the wilderness!



\*Prayer of the Church

\*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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## \*Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



#### **\*Proper Preface**

P We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord 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.









- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

**Distribution Anthem** (8:00 and 10:30)

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for ev'ry sinner slain; Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of His train: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

*Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him robed in glorious majesty; Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced and nailed Him to the tree, Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall their true Messiah see.* 

Those dear tokens of His passion still His dazzling body bears, Cause of endless exultation to His ransomed worshipers. With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne; Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom as Thine own. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!







## \*The Dismissal



#### \*Benediction

■ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





## \*Silent Prayer

## **Closing Voluntary**

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#### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher:	Pastor Jon C. Furgeson	
Liturgist:	Pastor Robert M. Brown	
Organist:	5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman	
KFUO-YouTube Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: W. Schuessler/B. Dressel/B. Uthoff		
Choirs:	Chancel Voices and Chancel Singers	
Choir Director:	Burnell Hackman, DMM	
Elders:	5:00: Alan Hopfer, Stephen Kienstra; 8:00: Dave Carlson, Rick Goodman;	
	9:20: Aaron Baese, John Hooss; 10:30: Kyle Hopfer, Ken Werkmeister	
Ushers:	5:00: Stephen Kienstra, Art Conrad, Charles Reifschneider, Charles Rolf, Roger	
	Uhlig; 8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan	
	Hummert, Mike Wilke, Earl Yaeger; <u>9:20</u> : Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg	
	Hard, Bryan Richter; 10:30: Bryan Dressel, Bill Bryan, Lorin Dressel, Paul	
	Huddleston, Luis Palma, Jeff Teague	
Greeters:	8:00: Carol Gibbons; 9:20:Greg & Lois Ebmeyer; 10:30: Gerald & Marlys Iverson	
Altar Comm:	Saturday: Linda and Al Wentzel; Sunday: Diane Woehr and Tammy Goodman	

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

<u>Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary Hall)</u>: led by Pastor Furgeson and Rob Uthoff <u>Women's Bible Class (Commons Conf. Room)</u>: led by Janice McCreary <u>Sunday School</u>: Meets in the Gymnasium <u>Youth Bible Class (Youth Room)</u>: led by Christina Stackle

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

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

<u>FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK AT PEACE!</u> Volunteers are needed to help with the set-up on Saturday evening and clean-up on Sunday morning. In the past, the groups and organizations within Peace have volunteered to host this for a month. If you are a group or individual and would like to volunteer, we need your help! Please contact Dr. Heather Carlson at carlson.heather2010@yahoo.com.

<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>OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT PEACE CONCERT</u>, presented by the Winds of Peace, has one more performance, this evening, December 19, at 6:00p.m.

<u>NEW MEMBER CLASSES WILL BEGIN</u> on Sunday, February 6, 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.

<u>BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON</u>: 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 again until January 9, 2022.

<u>NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE TIME</u> is 7:00p.m. this year. Note the time change from past years.

<u>ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN</u> needs old medicine bottles. Place in the collection box in the Commons next to the Food Collection Bins. If donating old prescription bottles, please remove the label.

<u>PLASTIC MAT MAKING</u> will <u>not</u> meet this Tuesday, December 21. They will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

<u>A HUGE "THANK YOU"</u> to all who worked at, or purchased trees from, the Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot this year. We sold out early in the season....again!

INDUCTION OF ALL 2022 OFFICERS AND ELDERS will be held at the 8:00 and 10:30 services on Sunday, December 26.

<u>SAVE THE DATE – SUPER SUB SALES COMING IN JANUARY</u> Mark your calendars now for the annual Super Sub Sale by Boy Scout Troop 584. Sales will begin January 29 with orders due by February 6. Pickup will be after any service on February 12 and 13. More details and an order form are in the January newsletter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is this afternoon at 3:00p.m. in the Sanctuary.

<u>ATTENTION USHERS</u> The 2022 Usher Schedule is in your mail slot. Copies are also available in the usher's closet.

JANUARY NEWSLETTERS are in your mail slot.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday, December 19:	8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services
	9:15 – Sunday School and Bible Class
	3:00 – Sunday School Christmas Program
	6:00 – Christmas at Peace
Monday, December 20:	6:00 – Co-Ed Volleyball
	7:00 – Boy Scout 584 Committee Meeting
	7:00 – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 21:	9:00 – Quilters
	9:00 – Refit Exercise Class & Bible Study
	6:00 – DASA Youth Basketball
	6:00 – Property Management
	6:00 – Winds of Peace Rehearsal
Wednesday, December 22:	7:00 – Strings of Peace Rehearsal
	7:00 – Chancel Singers Rehearsal
	7:00 – Chancel Voices Rehearsal
Thursday, December 23:	6:00 – DASA Youth Basketball
Friday, December 24:	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	Noon/3:00/5:00/11:15 – Christmas Eve Worship Services
Saturday, December 25:	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	9:30 – Christmas Day Worship Service
	NO 5:00 SATURDAY SERVICE
Sunday, December 26:	8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services
	9:15 – Sunday School and Bible Class

<u>2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES</u> are in your mail slot if you have not picked yours up already. Envelopes for families with multiple boxes are on the Commons counter.

<u>IS YOUR PICTURE IN OUR DIRECTORY YET?</u> If it is, great! Thank you! If not, we would love for you to upload one soon. When your family gets together this Christmas, take a family photo. It will be perfect for our directory. Or find Sara Hopfer between services and she can take a photo for you. If you have a nice photo already, but can't upload it, please email it to Sara at sara.hopfer@att.net. We want to have a directory that is as full as possible! The hope is to begin printing and distributing copies after the new year. But even after that, photos can still be added at any time.



## **Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion**

Friday, December 24, 2021 Noon, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 11:15 pm

## **Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion**

Saturday, December 25, 2021 9:30 am (No 5:00 pm Saturday Service)

## New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion Friday, December 31, 2021

7:00 pm

## Epiphany Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:00 pm