

ADVENT

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 314-601-1039 Rev. Robert M. Brown, Associate Pastor, 618-580-8817 The Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Kastens, Pastor Emeritus Burnell L. Hackman, Director of Music Ministry Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education Sue Velten, Director of Early Childhood

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

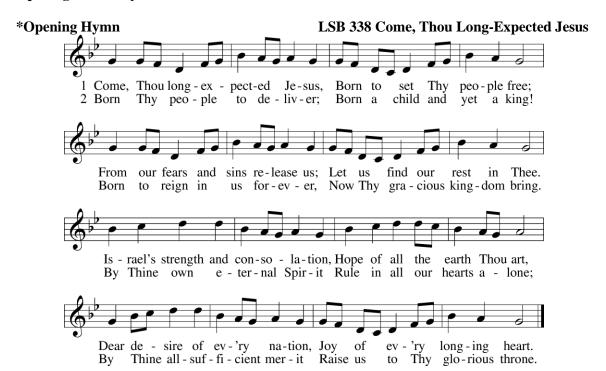
THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

<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.

P = Pastor * = Stand **C** = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

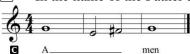


The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

*Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Opening Sentences

Psalm 80:1, 3, 14a, 17; 40:1, 3a

- P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see.
- But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!
- **P** I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
- **C** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

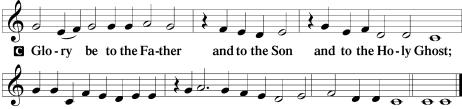
*Confession

- P O God, our Father, You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
- Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. We acknowledge our sinful nature and confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

*Absolution

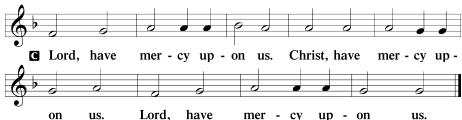


*Gloria Patri



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





*Salutation and Collect of the Day





Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And 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. ³And 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, ⁴but 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. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁵The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁵They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

Epistle Romans 15:4–13

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

⁸For 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, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

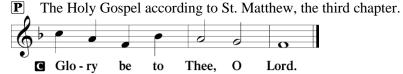
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May 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.

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

*Alleluia



*Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1–12



¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For 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.""

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

⁷But 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? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

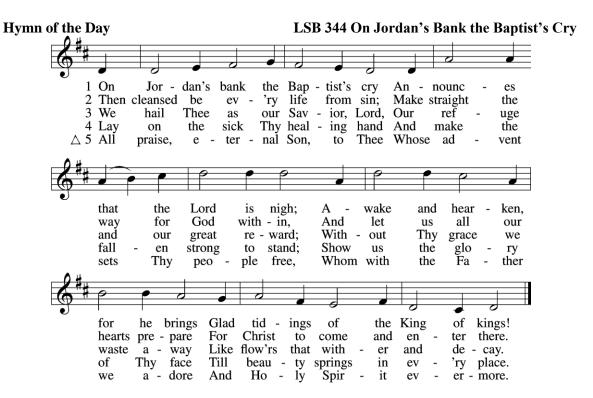
¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn,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



*Apostles' Creed

The Second Article & Catechism Meaning

- In the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, echoing the proclamation of John the Baptist, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God's promises.
- I believe 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.
- **P** What does this mean?
- I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.



Sermon

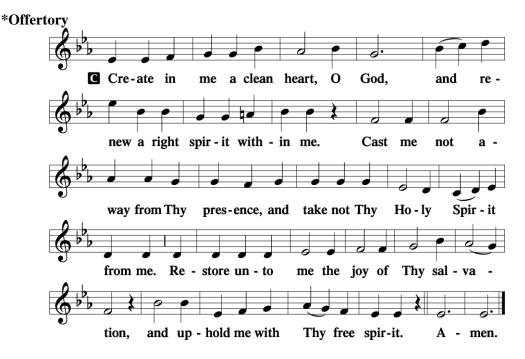
"John the Baptist's Call to You"

(Matthew 3:1-12)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering

Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate



*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



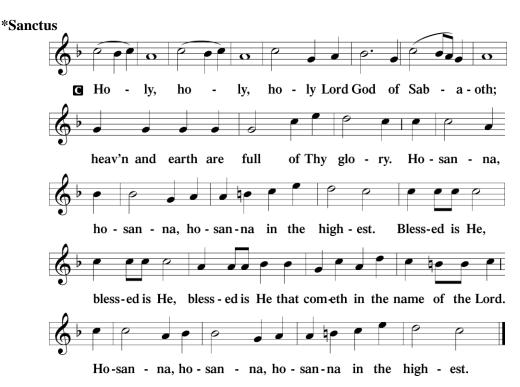






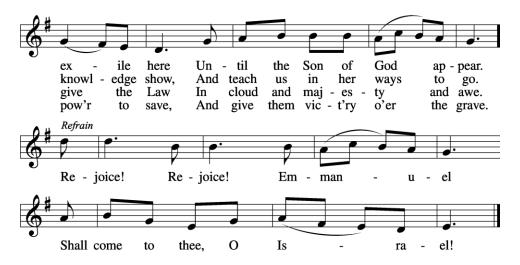
*Proper Preface

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

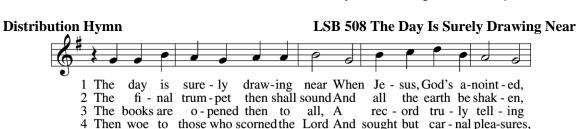


*The Words of Our Lord





- 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*
- 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*





In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap-And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a - What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was Who here de-spised His pre-cious Word And loved their earth - ly



- My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me; There is no condemnation!
- May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.

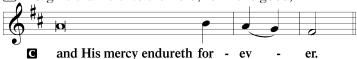
 Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.
- O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.





*Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,





The Lord be with you.



*Benedicamus

Bless we the Lord.



*Benediction

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.





LSB 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



*Silent Prayer

Acolytes:

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: <u>5:00 & 9:20</u>: Kendra Ruesler; <u>8:00 & 10:30</u>: Burnell Hackman

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: M. Thiel/J. Mattingly/L. Palma

Elders: <u>5:00</u>: Mark Maloy, John Rastorfer; <u>8:00</u>: John Roesch, Steve Shawcross;

9:20: Bob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister; 10:30: Rob Uthoff, Bob Uthoff

Ushers: <u>5:00</u>: Dean Seyfert, Tony Cabanellas, Rick Cusumano, Craig Owen, Dean Rahn;

8:00: Mike Renner, Tim Drier, Tom Johnson, Blake Karasek, Joe Karasek, Mark Mullen, Doug Schlechte, Dale Watson, Drew Watson; 9:20: Chris Hosty, Ben Lattina, Jeff Orf, Doug Verseman, Robert Wolff; 10:30: Jeff Nelson, Phil Cottrell, Bruce Herzog, Luis Palma, Andrew Sandersfeld, Kyle Sandersfeld, Tom Willmering

5:00: Jakob Beutelmann, Will Posadas; 8:00: Paige Keiser, Lucie Wildman; 10:30:

Addie McCarty, Marjorie Wolff

Greeters: 8:00: Joe & Diana Doskal; 9:20: Sara Hopfer; 10:30: Scott & Lisa Saberton

Altar Comm: Jeanne Hooss, Bonna Mayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

<u>NEW ATTENDANCE CARDS</u> are in the pews. The cards are two-sided, one side for members and the other side for visitors. Please place your completed attendance card in the plate during the gathering of the offering. Thank you!

<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 next Sunday, December 11. The gifts will be given to Feed My People. Thank you in advance for your support of needy families.

<u>THE BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL</u> is in progress this weekend. The railings are down, please remain standing when you come up for Holy Communion. Thank you.

 2^{ND} QUARTER DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS for preschool through 6^{th} grade are in family mail slots. If your child did not receive their devotional materials, please contact the church office.

STONIE'S SAUSAGE SALE CONTINUES Stop by the gymnasium now through December 18, between services, for delicious individually wrapped Stonie's Sausages! Christmas Sausage Gift Baskets are also available. Proceeds will benefit our Alaska mission work. For more information, please contact Jackie Hoeferlin.

<u>WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY</u> is taking a break for the holidays and will resume Wednesday, January 4, with a study on the book of Revelation.

<u>CALLING ALL KIDS AGED 3 YEARS OLD THROUGH 6TH GRADE!</u> The children of Peace will be leading the Advent Service on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30. They will tell the Christmas Story through songs, poems, and scripture verses. We would love for you to participate! Parents, if your child(ren) is interested in participating register them at https://tinyurl.com/2975hbsy. We will have one practice on Saturday, December 17, from 9-11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Brown or Christina.

<u>CHRISTMAS MUSICAL</u> this Friday, December 9, at Green Park Lutheran School. Come see the K-4 students present "Miracle on Main Street: The Little Pageant That Wouldn't Give Up!" at 2:00 a.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. in the evening in the Green Park gymnasium. JK3 and JK4 students will sing prior to the musical.

<u>PRESCHOOL NEEDS MILK JUGS</u> Our preschoolers would like to build igloos this winter with gallon jugs. Please bring washed, dried jugs and place them in the box in the commons. They will be collecting them through January. Thanks!

<u>NEW MEMBER CLASSES</u> begin on Sunday, January 8, and continue for six weeks, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Sign up is available on our website and on the bulletin board in the commons. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, please contact the church office.

THE MEN'S CLUB TREE LOT IS OPEN NOW and will operate until Tuesday, December 20. Stop and purchase your Christmas tree for the holidays. Balsam Firs, Fraser Firs, and Blue Spruces, from 6 foot to 10 foot, are available. Also available for purchase are decorated wreaths, plain wreaths, pine roping (25 foot or 75 foot), branch bundles, and tree life (to keep your tree fresh). Cash, credit/debit, and checks (made payable to Peace Men's Club) are accepted as forms of payment. Shop soon as the trees go quickly!

JOIN US FOR ADVENT DINNER AND ADVENT WORSHIP this week, as the midweek Advent services continue. Dinner will be hosted by the Youth and begins at 5:00 p.m. in the gym. Advent Vespers Service is at 6:30 p.m.

<u>RECOGNITION FOR RICH BEHNKE</u> will be held Sunday, December 11. Rich will be stepping down from the leadership role in Property Management that he has held for 25 years. In thanksgiving for his many years of servant leadership, we will be honoring him during Fellowship Hour at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. We hope you can join us!

<u>CHRISTMAS CAROLING</u> is next Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Peace will be caroling in the surrounding neighborhoods. Song sheets will be provided. A light lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m., following the caroling. If you are interested in caroling, please sign up on the sheet on the Commons Counter. Questions? Ask Cindy Neff.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB will be Decorating the Church for Christmas this Friday evening, December 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be served afterwards. Also, they will have their Annual Christmas Party next Saturday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Cost is \$10 per person. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift to exchange. A prize will be given for the most festive attire! RSVP to Heather Carlson.

<u>OUR ANNUAL GERMAN SERVICE</u> is next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. English helps will be provided. The service will be re-broadcast on AM 850 KFUO radio on Sunday, December 18, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

<u>SURVIVING SPOUSES</u> meets this Thursday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the Denny's on Lindbergh.

<u>LADIES GUILD</u> is having their Annual Christmas lunch at 10:45 a.m. in the kitchen meeting room on Thursday, December 15. A \$12 donation is appreciated. Our luncheon will begin with a devotion led by Pastor Kastens. RSVP to Julia Petrovic.

<u>LIVE KFUO BROADCASTS OF THE 8:00A.M. SERVICE AT PEACE IN 2023</u> have all been reserved. Thank you to all who are supporting this outreach for our church!

CPH JOB OPPORTUNITIES are available. More information on the Commons bulletin board.

<u>THANK YOU</u> to everyone who helped with the Advent Dinner on November 30. Your assistance was truly appreciated! – Heather Carlson

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday, December 4: 12:00pm – Kinderchor Practice 2:30pm – Boar's Head Christmas Festival 6:00pm – Boar's Head Christmas Festival Monday, December 5: 3:30pm – Green Park Basketball Practice 6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball 6:30pm - Council 7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal Tuesday, December 6: 9:00am - Quilters 9:00am – Plastic Mat Making 9:00am – Refit Exercise 1:30pm – Evangelism Team Meeting 3:30pm – Green Park Basketball Practice 6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball Wednesday, December 7: 9:30am – Banner Committee 4:00pm – Junior Confirmation 5:00pm – Advent Dinner 6:30pm – Advent Worship Service Thursday, December 8: 6:00am – Men's Early Morning Bible Study 9:00am – Mary/Martha Bible Class 9:00am – Surviving Spouses Breakfast 3:30pm – Green Park Basketball Practice 5:00pm – Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball 7:00pm – Boy Scout Pack 584 Meeting 7:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal Friday, December 9: 3:30pm – Green Park Basketball Practice 6:00pm – Married Couples Club Church Decorating Saturday, December 10: 10:00am – Christmas Caroling 5:00pm – High School Christmas Party 6:00pm – Married Couples Club Christmas Party Sunday, December 11: 11:30am – Youth Board Meeting 11:30am – Life Ministry Book Club 12:00pm – Kinderchor Practice 2:30pm – German Service 6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play



Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2022 6:30 p.m. Dinner served at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas at Peace Concert

Sunday, December 18, 2022 3:00 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 6:30 p.m. Cookie Reception afterwards

Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday, December 24, 2022 Noon, 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 11:15 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25, 2022 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. (No Sunday School/Bible Class)

New Year's Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday, December 31, 2022 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 1, 2023 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, January 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.