



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

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DECEMBER 11, 2022

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

P = Pastor

***** = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

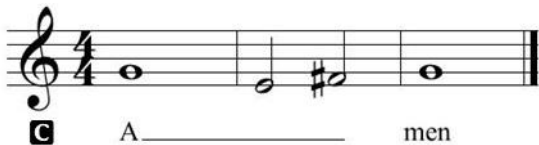


Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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 100; 118:24

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

P Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

C Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

P Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

C For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

*Confession and Absolution

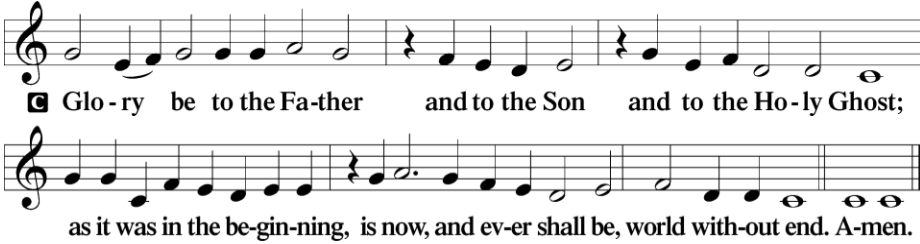
P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always made Your kingdom of first importance in our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P God is gracious and forgiving. He shows His kingly power in ways that are merciful. To each of us, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

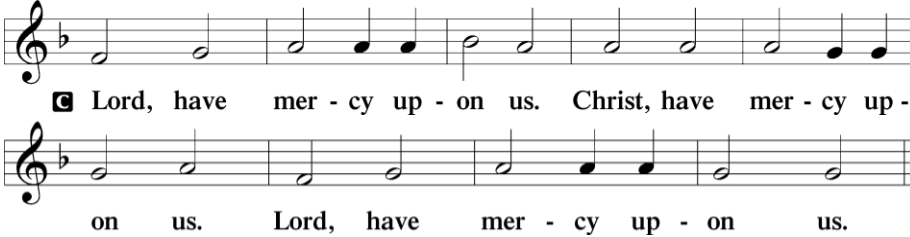


***Gloria Patri**



G 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**



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


***Hymn of Praise**

LSB 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
 Δ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the
 here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
 Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be
 That the Lord chose such a birth.
 All our ills of flesh and soul.
 Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1–10

- ¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
²it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return

and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 5:7–11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia



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

*Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in

kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Creed

The Third Article & Catechism Meaning

P The Third Sunday in Advent is a joy-filled Sunday in which we can thank God for His gracious plan for our salvation and for the Holy Spirit, who guides our lives of faith and joins us together in the community of the Church. We speak the words of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed with joyful confidence:

C **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.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn of The Day

LSB 331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
 And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
 The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

Sermon

“Be Patient Until the Parousia”

(James 5:7-11)

Gathering of the Offering

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

Offertory Anthem (10:30)

Come, Emmanuel

Don Besig/Nancy Price

*Offertory



■ 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**

***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 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

***Silent Prayer**

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown
Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00, & 10:30: Pastor Jon Furgeson; 9:20: Sem. Jonathan Zoch, Sem. David Evans
Organist: 5:00: Alice Kastens; 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30: Burnell Hackman
Choir: Chancel Choir
Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM
KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: K. Hopfer/B. Dressel/B. Hentchel
Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Steve Kienstra; 8:00: Jeff Akers, Ralph Wolters;
9:20: Aaron Baese, Dave Carlson; 10:30: Rick Goodman, Art Hoeflerlin
Ushers: 5:00: Greg Wirtel, Jakob Beutelmann, Greg Hard, Brett Santiago, Stephen Schultz, Todd Wessling, Ralph Wolters; 8:00: Barry Hammon, Aidan Furgeson, Ian Furgeson, Alex Jeffcott, Jack Jeffcott, Chuck Neff, Michael Suda; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell, Rick Horn, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jason Rainey, Jacob Schweiss; 10:30: Darrell Ewald, Jeremiah Andrews, Kurt Andrews, David Carlson, Joseph Kreidler, Mark Maloy, Mike Yaeger
Acolytes: 8:00: Marlee Michelsen, Holly Powell; 10:30: Vera Harrison, Payton Rutledge
Greeters: 8:00: Mary Suda; 9:20 & 10:30: Greg & Lois Ebmeyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

RECOGNITION FOR RICH BEHNKE will be held today, Sunday, December 11, during Fellowship Hour. 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 today in the gym. We hope you can join us!

USHERS NEEDED We are looking for men who are willing to serve on an usher team – one of the easiest ways to serve the congregation. You will typically serve only one Saturday/Sunday per month with the exception of months with special services (e.g., Lent, Advent, Christmas, etc.) A signup sheet is on the Commons counter with the usher needs by service time. For more information, please contact Barry Hammon at barry.hammon@wwt.com.

HOMEBOUND ENCOURAGEMENT CARD PROGRAM Beginning today, the Life Ministry Team invites the congregation to take part in the homebound encouragement card program. The information is in a white basket on the Commons counter. Please take a manila envelope which contains a greeting card, prayer, and an addressed envelope. Follow the directions on the manila envelope. Thank you for partnering with us as we stay connected with our homebound members.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES Just a reminder, please use your 2023 envelopes beginning the weekend of January 1, 2023.

ANGEL GIVING TREES are up at Peace. Please take an angel ornament from one of the trees. Purchase the gift you have chosen and return it unwrapped to the tree outside of the church office by TODAY, Sunday, December 11. The gifts will be given to Feed My People. Thank you in advance for your support of needy families.

2ND QUARTER DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS for preschool through 6th 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 Hoferlin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be Wednesday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m. The children of Peace will be leading the service and will tell the Christmas Story through songs, poems, and scripture verses. No Advent Dinner will be held that evening. PRACTICE for the service is next Saturday, December 17, at 9:00 a.m.

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

PRESCHOOL NEEDS MILK JUGS 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!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES begin on Sunday, January 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall and continue for six weeks. 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. 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. Vespers Advent worship is at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS now adorn our Sanctuary. A list of those who purchased poinsettias is displayed in the Commons.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE is next Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert will feature the Orchestra of Peace performing sacred Christmas music, with a special message by Rev. Dr. Jon Furgeson.

NEW BAPTISM CLASS BEGINNING IN JANUARY If you are planning to have your baby/child baptized, we are offering a one-time class for parents and/or caregivers. This class will cover the basics of baptism, along with the logistics of baptisms at Peace. The first time the class will be offered is Sunday, January 8, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Commons Conference Room. To register, go online to our Peace website, www.peacelutheranstl.org.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

- 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
- Monday, December 12: 3:30pm – Green Park Basketball Practice
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, December 13: 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Refit Exercise
3:30pm – Green Park Basketball Practice
6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball
7:00pm – BSA Eagle Scout Review
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, December 14: 4:00pm – Junior Confirmation
5:00pm – Advent Dinner
6:30pm – Advent Worship Service
- Thursday, December 15: 9:00am – Mary/Martha Bible Class
10:30am – Ladies Guild
3:30pm – Green Park Basketball Practice
6:00pm – Health & Safety Team Meeting
7:00pm – Boy Scout Pack 584 Meeting
6:30pm – Christmas at Peace Concert Rehearsal
- Friday, December 16: 3:30pm – Green Park Basketball Practice
- Saturday, December 17: 9:00am – Children’s Christmas Service Practice
- Sunday, December 18: 11:30am – Middle School Christmas Party
3:00pm – Christmas at Peace