



Peace Lutheran Church

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

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Midweek Advent Worship II

December 9, 2020

Service of Light

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Invocation

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

C Amen.

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

C and the day is almost over.

P Let Your light scatter the darkness

C and illumine Your Church.

*Hymn of Invocation

LSB 891 O Light Whose Splendor



1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens
2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,
3 In all life's bril - liant time - less mo - ments,



With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,
And lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,
Let faith - ful voice - es sing Your praise,



Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,
In eve - ning hymns we lift our voic - es
O Son of God, our Life - be - stow - er,



O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;
To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.
Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

P Let us pray.

C Amen.

***Psalm**

Psalm 105:1–11, 42–45

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

C Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

P Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

C Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

P Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,

C O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

P He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

C He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations,

P the covenant that He made with Abraham, His sworn promise to Isaac,

C which He confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

P saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance.”

C For He remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

P So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.

C And He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples’ toil,

P that they might keep His statutes and observe His laws.

C Praise the LORD!

Anthem

“Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace”

Diane Hannibal

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, come to us and stay.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, could this be the day?
Jesus, Prince of Peace, hope of all the earth; come,
O come, Emmanuel, we await Your birth.*

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, joy of heav’n come down.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, King without a crown.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, come to guide our way; come,
O come, Emmanuel, live in us today.*

*Come, O come, Emmanuel, Branch of Jesse’s tree.
Come, O come, Emmanuel, set Your children free.
Jesus, Prince of Peace, gentle as a dove; come,
O come, Emmanuel, Messenger of love,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

READINGS

First Reading

Genesis 12:1–7

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8–16

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

*Third Reading

John 8:48–59

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Office Hymn

LSB 798 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.
6 The good - ly land I see, With peace and plen - ty blest:
8 The God who reigns on high The great arch - an - gels sing,



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.
A land of sa - cred lib - er - ty And end - less rest.
And "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" cry, "Al - might - y King!



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore,
There milk and hon - ey flow, And oil and wine a - bound,
Who was and is the same And ev - er - more shall be:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
And trees of life for - ev - er grow With mer - cy crowned.
Je - ho - vah, Fa - ther, great I AM! We wor - ship Thee!"

Sermon

"Prepared with a Promise"

Hebrews 11:8-16



Canticle

*Magnificat

LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

Prayer

*Litany

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all our circuit pastors, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Principal Eggold, the staff of Green Park Lutheran School, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C **Alleluia.**

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

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C **To You, O Lord.**

***Collect For Peace**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

***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.**

***Benedicamus**

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

***Benediction**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.



C A - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Sem. Andrew Mussell
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Ushers: Mike Murphy, Caleb Mirly, Andrew Oster, Lynn Oster, Roger Rakers, Matt Thiel, Bob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister

GERMAN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY December 13, at 2:30p.m. with the Dr. Robert Kolb preaching. English helps provided. Invite others.

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 this Sunday, December 13. The gifts will be distributed by Feed My People to families in need during the Christmas season.

75TH ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENTS READY FOR PICKUP this weekend, outside after the drive-in services, and at the Welcome Center between Sunday services. Ornaments still available for purchase, if interested.

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 STL.

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.



Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday, December 24, 2020

12:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, December 25, 2020

9:30 am

New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday, December 31, 2020

7:00 pm

Epiphany Worship

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00 pm