



SECOND SUNDAY OF

*Advent*

## 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.

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

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 6, 2020

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 this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions! Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

MEN'S CLUB would like to send a great big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time to unload the Christmas trees! Wow! Many hands make the burden light, and we are grateful! Volunteers are still needed to help with selling trees and as cashier. Sign-up in the Commons.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE Sunday, December 20. Both concert times are sold out. The 3:00 p.m. concert will be live-streamed on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Church Music Ministry.

ALL ADVENT DINNERS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED due to new COVID restrictions. Services at 6:15p.m. will go on as scheduled.

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.

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

GERMAN SERVICE is Sunday, December 13, 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Robert Kolb preaching.

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

**C** = Congregation

## Opening Voluntary

## Confession and Absolution

### \*Hymn of Invocation

### LSB 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



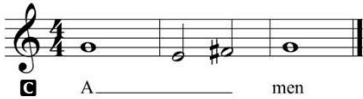
Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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

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



**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**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.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**\*Introit**

*Psalms 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7*

**P** Restore us, O God;

**C** let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**C** **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

**P** You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
**C** it took deep root and filled the land.

**P** Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**C** let your face shine, that we may be saved!

### \*Gloria Patri

**C** 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

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### \*Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let Us Pray. . .

**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Peter 3:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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

## \*Alleluia

*LSB 190*



## \*Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,  
<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## \*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.

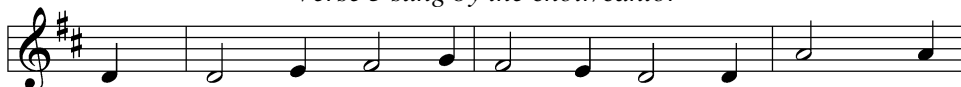
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and

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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

## LSB 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry

*Verse 3 sung by the choir/cantor*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 △ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

## Sermon

A Strange People, A Strange Salvation

Mark 1:1-8

## Anthem

*"And Christ Shall Be Our Peace"*

K. Lee Scott


*"And Christ shall be our peace," the prophet said of old, "His coming is from ancient days, the Shepherd to His fold. From Judah's tribe in Bethlehem shall come this King so long foretold."*

*And Christ shall be our strength; His own shall dwell secure; His kingdom spread through all the earth forever to endure. For His dear flock He conquered death, o'er sin and grave to be the cure.*

*And Christ shall be our hope through all our weary days. His rod and staff our feet direct to guide us in His ways. Though slow our steps and dark our paths, He shall our troubled hearts upraise.*

*And Christ shall be our joy; help us this joy to share with this, our lost and dying world. Help us Your grace declare, that all may know Your mighty pow'r and tender love beyond compare, Your love beyond compare.*

**\*Offertory**

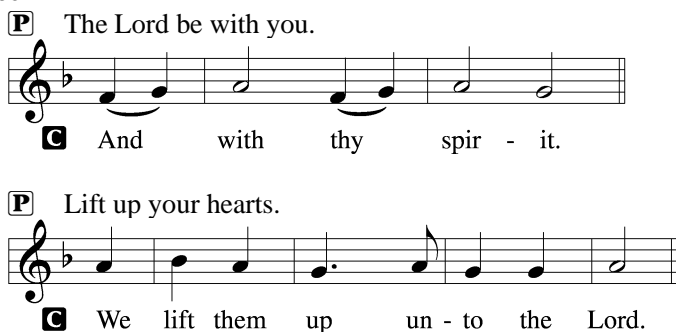


**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**\*Prayer of the Church**

## Service of the Sacrament

**\*Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that 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 saying:

### \*Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### \*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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

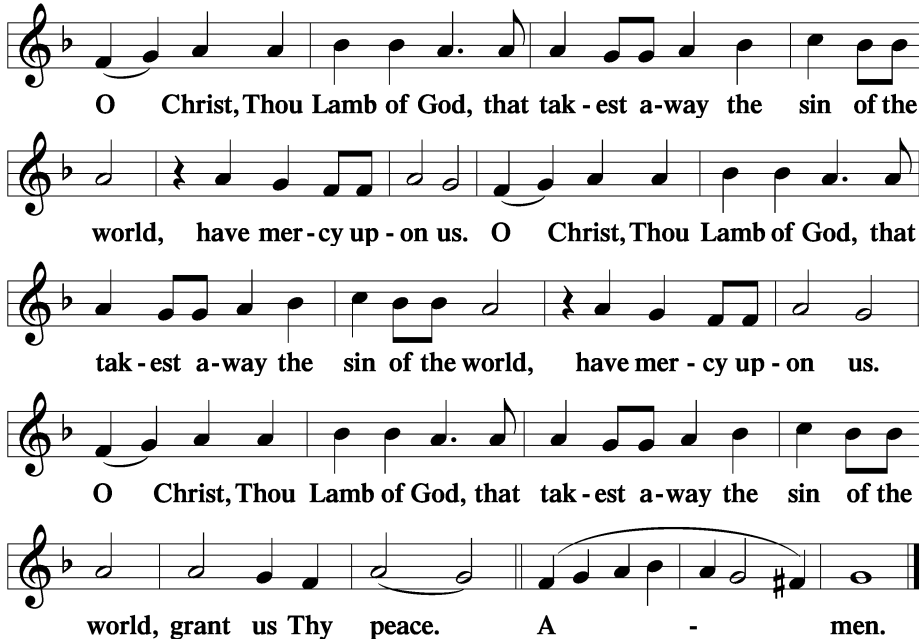
### \*The Words of Our Lord

#### \*Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** A - men.

#### \*Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymn

## LSB 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Be hold, the  
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -

near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly

va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.  
 Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
 E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

## Distribution Anthem

*What Hope! An Eden Prophesied*

CONSOLATION

*What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;  
 The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!*

*A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, A branch from David's line,  
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God's design.*

*As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,  
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.*

*Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel's flaming sword— Come, open heaven's door.*

## Distribution Hymn

## LSB 343 Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo-ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



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.

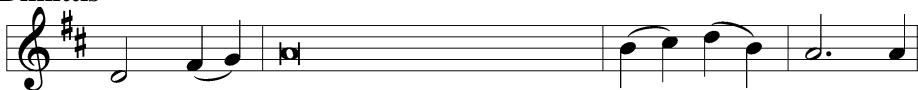


Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na-tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound-ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:



*Refrain*  
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

## \*Nunc Dimittis



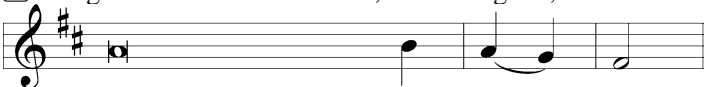
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-




cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

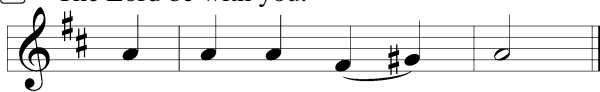
### \*Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### \*Benedicamus

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, 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: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson  
Liturgist: Pastor Robert M. Brown  
Choir: Chancel Voices  
Organist: Saturday: Alice Kastens; Sunday: Kendra Ruesler  
Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM  
Sat. Cantor: Rachel Wildman  
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Wayne Schuessler/Jeanette Mattingly

### **CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 6, 2020**

<u>Monday, December 7:</u>	3:30 – GP Practice 6:30 – Council 7:00 – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
<u>Tuesday, December 8:</u>	9:00 – Quilters 3:30 – GP Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 9:</u>	4:00 – 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 5:45 – Chancel Schola Rehearsal 6:15 – Advent Worship Service 7:00 – Chancel Voices Rehearsal
<u>Thursday, December 10:</u>	3:30 – GP Practice 6:00 – St. Trinity Cemetery Board 7:00 – Chancel Singers Rehearsal
<u>Friday, December 11:</u>	3:30 – GP Practice
<u>Saturday, December 12:</u>	2:00/3:30 – Drive-in Worship Services
<u>Sunday, December 13:</u>	8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services 2:30 – German Service