



Fourth
Saturday of *Advent*

Peace Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 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 FOURTH SATURDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020

SATURDAY DRIVE-IN SERVICE Tune your radio to FM 90.1. Please be sure to record your attendance online.

75th ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENTS we hope everyone is enjoying their 75th Anniversary Celebration Ornaments. If you didn't get a chance to order, we still have blue and red ornaments available for \$6 each. If interested, please contact the church office.

SPECIAL THANKS to Marlene and Bob Wussler for setting up the Christmas poinsettias in our sanctuary, and God's blessings to them as Saturday, December 19 is their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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.

NEW FLOWER ORDERS may be placed for the coming year, starting with Sunday, January 10. To order, please contact the church office, 892-5610.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER is in your mail slot today.

THANK YOU to everyone in the congregation who supported the Peace Christmas Tree Lot this year. The Men's Club appreciated everyone who worked at the lot and/or purchased trees, wreaths, and mats.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.

Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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.



C A _____ men

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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

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

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 16:25–27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations,

according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia



G Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

Sermon

“Faithful Endurance”

Luke 1:26–38

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.

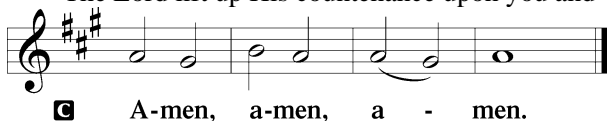
Prayer of the Church

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 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice



1 Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There - fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

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Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: Alice Kastens

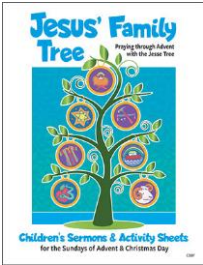
Cantor: Rachel Wildman

Elders: Stephen Kienstra, Greg Wirtel

Ushers: Greg Wirtel, Louis Goetz, Brett Santiago, Dr. Joseph Santiago, Ralph Wolters

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

- Sunday, December 20: 3:00/6:30 – Christmas At Peace
- Monday, December 21: 7:00 – Chancel Singers Rehearsal
7:30 – Noon and 3:00pm Winds of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, December 22: 9:00 – Quilters
7:00 – 5:00pm and 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:35 – Noon and 3:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
8:00 – 5:00pm and 7:00pm Winds of Peace Rehearsal
- Wednesday, December 23: 5:45 – Chancel Schola Rehearsal
7:00 – Chancel Voices Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 24: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
12:00 – Christmas Eve Service w/Comm
3:00 – Christmas Eve Service w/Comm
5:00 – Christmas Eve Service w/Comm
7:00 – Christmas Eve Service w/Comm
10:00 – Christmas Eve Service w/Comm
- Friday, December 25: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9:30 – Christmas Day Service w/Comm
- Saturday, December 26: 3:30 – Drive-in Worship Service
- Sunday, December 27: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services



JESSE TREE ADVENT DEVOTIONS were mailed to our Sunday School families. Advent videos are still available online for viewing. Go to the Sunday School page on our Peace website to view them. The devotions and videos are a wonderful way to prepare for the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES available in Commons. Please remember that the Building For Tomorrow campaign has ended. Any contributions made to Building For Tomorrow will be applied to the General Budget.



CHRISTMAS AT PEACE will take place tomorrow, 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 Church STL.



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

(The Prelude will begin 15 minutes before each service and 30 minutes at 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

6:00 pm

Epiphany Worship

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00 pm