



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

*Advent*

## Peace Lutheran Church

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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 SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 20, 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.

75<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

**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 † 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*

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

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>In 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?”’” <sup>8</sup>Now, 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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, <sup>11</sup>from 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.

<sup>16</sup>And 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*

<sup>25</sup>Now 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 <sup>26</sup>but 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—<sup>27</sup>to 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.

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

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

<sup>35</sup>And 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. <sup>36</sup>And 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. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And 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.



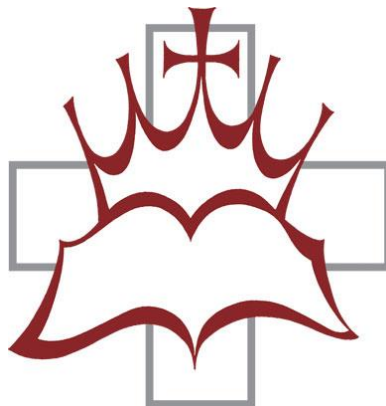
**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## \*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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. 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

## Anthem

“An Advent Acclamation”

Arranged: Stacey Nordmeyer

*Look to the light, prepare the way. Turn from night, embrace the day.*

*Let all creation praise with singing; set ev'ry bell in heaven ringing.*

*Raise ev'ry candle, shine the news; Christ, the Light, is coming soon!*

*Look to the dawn, prepare your heart. Waken your song, let worship start.*

*This is a day of celebration; join in the music of jubilation.*

*Raise ev'ry candle, shine the news; Christ, the Light is coming soon!*

*Look to the star that gilds the East, golden of heart and burning with peace.*

*See now the torch is rising yonder, lifting our hearts with glorious wonder.*

*Raise ev'ry candle, shine the news; Christ, the Light is coming soon! Prepare the way!*



**\*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,



bles - 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

**\*The Words of Our Lord**

### \*Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**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



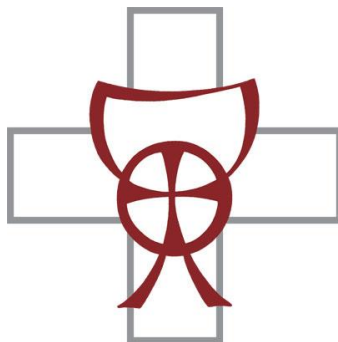
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



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 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



*Refrain*  
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

- 5 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
- 6 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
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 In one the hearts of all mankind;  
 Bid Thou our sad division cease,  
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

## Distribution Anthem

*“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”*

LLANGLOFFAN

*The night will soon be ending; The dawn cannot be far.  
Let songs of praise ascending Now greet the Morning Star!  
All you whom darkness frightens With guilt or grief or pain,  
God’s radiant Star now brightens And bids you sing again.*

*The One whom angels tended Comes near, a child, to serve;  
Thus God, the judge offended, Bears all our sins deserve.  
The guilty need not cower, For God has reconciled  
Through His redemptive power All those who trust this child.*

*The earth in sure rotation Will soon bring morning bright,  
So run where God’s salvation Glows in a stable’s light.  
As old as sin’s perversion Is mercy’s vast design:  
God brings a new creation— This child its seal and sign.*

*Yet nights will bring their sadness And rob our hearts of peace,  
And sin in all its madness Around us may increase.  
But now one Star is beaming Whose rays have pierced the night:  
God comes for our redeeming From sin’s oppressive might.*

*God dwells with us in darkness And makes the night as day;  
Yet we resist the brightness And turn from God away.  
But grace does not forsake us, However far we run.  
God claims us still as children Through Mary’s infant Son.*

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Distribution Hymn

LSB 362 O Sing of Christ



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,  
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred  
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;  
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.  
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.  
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.  
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.

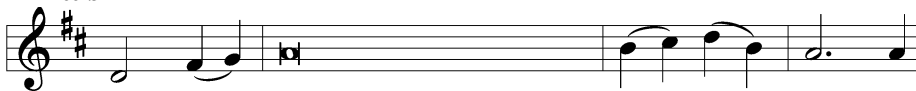


Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace  
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;  
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,  
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.  
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.  
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.  
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

\*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,

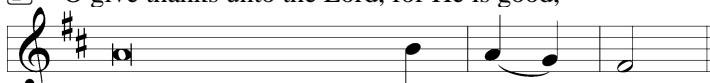


a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.


**\*The Dismissal**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.
- C** Amen.

**\*Thanksgiving**

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

- P** Let us pray.  
 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

**P** 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 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 - joice, 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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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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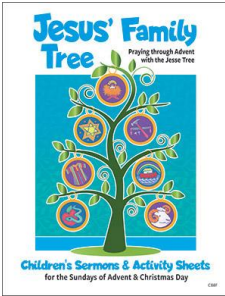


**SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:**

Preacher: Pastor Robert M. Brown  
Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson  
Choir: Chancel Singers  
Organist: 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler  
Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM  
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Jeanette Mattingly/Dennis Gerfen

**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 this afternoon, 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.

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.



**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