

Peace Lutheran Church

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

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

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Burnell L. Hackman, Director of Music Ministry

Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting One

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Hymn of Invocation

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.

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.

C Amen.

Baptism (Saturday)

*Opening Sentences

Zephaniah 3:14a, 15b; 16b–17, 20

P Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart.

C **The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.**

P “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

C **The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;**

P He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love;

C **He will exult over you with loud singing.**

P I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

C **We worship You, O Lord!**

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Three Advent candles are lit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

***Confession of Sins**

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.**

***Absolution**

C **Amen.**

***Kyrie**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



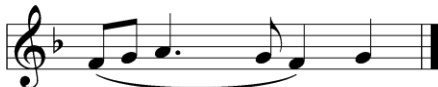
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your

oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia and Verse

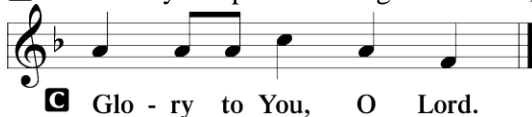


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18-28

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are

cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, 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? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

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

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, 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.

Children’s Message

Seminarian Jonathan Zoch



Hymn of the Day

LSB 349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Sermon

“Are You the One Who is to Come?”

(Luke 17:18-28)

Sermon Notes:

Anthem

Prepare The Way of the Lord

William Rowan

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord!
 Prepare the way! Make straight his path.*

*Every valley shall be exalted, every hill made low:
 And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.*

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
 And all mankind shall see it, shall see it together.*

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord!
 Prepare the way! Make straight his path.*

*Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C A - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins re -
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
leave us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Robert M. Brown

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20: Sem. Benjamin Ramthun

Organist: 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler; 9:20: Burnell Hackman

KFUO-YouTube Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: R. Goodman/T. Hutton/B. Hentchel

Choirs: Chancel Voices and Chancel Singers

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, John Rastorfer; 8:00: Steve Shawcross;

9:20: Bob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister; 10:30: Rob Uthoff, Greg Wirtel

Ushers: 5:00: Greg Wirtel, Doug Engle, Louis Goetz, Stephen Kienstra, Ralph Wolters;

8:00: Barry Hammon, Ian Furgeson, Alex Hammon, Josh Hammon, Jack Jeffcott,

Chuck Neff, Don Rotty, Michael Suda; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell, Rick

Horn, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jason Rainey; 10:30: Darrell Ewald,

Jeremiah Andrews, Kurt Andrews, David Carlson, Joseph Kreitler, Mike Yaeger

Greeters: 8:00: Mary Suda; 9:20 & 10:30: Greg & Lois Ebmeyer

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15-10:15a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary Hall): led by Pastor Furgeson and Rob Uthoff

Women's Bible Class (Commons Conf. Room): led by Janice McCreary

Sunday School: Meets in the Gymnasium

Youth Bible Class (Youth Room): led by Christina Stackle

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

END OF THE YEAR REMINDER All offerings and donations to church must be received on or before December 31 to be credited to the 2021 tax year. Questions? Contact Jacque McElroy.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK AT PEACE! Volunteers are needed to help with the set-up on Saturday evening and clean-up on Sunday morning. In the past, the groups and organizations within Peace have volunteered to host this for a month. If you are a group or individual and would like to volunteer, we need your help! Please contact Dr. Heather Carlson at carlson.heather2010@yahoo.com.

COAT COLLECTION from now until Christmas! St. John Lutheran Church in the city (Morganford and Chippewa) is collecting new or gently used coats (all sizes). There will be a collection box in the Commons if you would like to help a neighbor in need.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT PEACE CONCERT will be presented by the Winds of Peace on Friday, December 17 at 7:15p.m. and Sunday, December 19 at 6:00p.m. This is always a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season!

ADVENT SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY at 6:30p.m. Prior to the service, dinner will be served in the gymnasium from 5:00 to 6:00p.m. Our Advent services will follow the theme "Behold the Child". Preaching this week will be Sem. Jonathan Zoch. From 6:00-6:30p.m. each week, an Advent Music Concert will be performed. This week's concert features the Bells of Peace.

THE LUTHERAN SOUTH MUSIC DEPARTMENT invites you to attend *Christmas at the Chapel*, this afternoon, Sunday, December 12, at 4:00p.m. at the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at Concordia Seminary. The concert will feature the Jazz Band, Concert Band, Choir, and Wind Symphony.

REMINDER: LADIES GUILD/LWML is having their Annual Christmas Lunch next Thursday, December 16, at 11:00a.m. in the kitchen meeting room. Donation of \$10 is appreciated. RSVP to Julia. All ladies of Peace are welcomed to come for this time of fellowship and devotion from Pastor Kastens.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES WILL BEGIN on Sunday, February 7, 2022, and will continue for six weeks. Classes are held from 12:00-1:30p.m. Lunch is provided. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Commons.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: Mary/Martha Bible Study will not meet on December 23 or December 30. Wednesday Evening Bible Study will not meet again until Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Sunday Evening Catechism Class meets tonight, December 12, then will not meet again until January 9, 2022.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE TIME is 7:00p.m. this year. Note the time change from past years.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday, December 12:** 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services
9:15 – Sunday School and Bible Class
11:30 – Middle School Christmas Party
2:30 – German Service
7:00 – Catechism Bible Class
- Monday, December 13:** 3:15 – Green Park Basketball Practice
6:00 – DASA Youth Basketball
7:00 – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, December 14:** 9:00 – Quilters
9:00 – Refit Exercise Class & Bible Study
6:00 – Co-Ed Volleyball
6:00 – Long Range Planning Meeting
7:00 – Combined Choir Rehearsal
7:00 – Eagle Scout Review
- Wednesday, December 15:** 9:00 – TPL Assembly
4:00 – 5th-8th Grade Junior Confirmation
5:00 – Advent Dinner
6:00 – Advent Music Concert
6:30 – Midweek Advent Service
- Thursday, December 16:** 9:00 – Mary/Martha Bible Study
11:00 – Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon
6:00 – DASA Youth Basketball
6:00 – Security Team Meeting
7:00 – Christmas at Peace Dress Rehearsal
- Friday, December 17:** 3:15 – Green Park Basketball Practice
7:15 – Christmas at Peace
- Saturday, December 18:** 9:00 – S.S. Christmas Program Rehearsal (Pre-K – Kdg.)
9:00 – S.S. Christmas Program Rehearsal (1st-6th Grade)
5:00 – Worship Service
- Sunday, December 19:** 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services
9:15 – Sunday School and Bible Class
3:00 – Sunday School Christmas Program
6:00 – Christmas at Peace